



# Woodland Hills Private School

*Where children gain love and knowledge*



## Fall & Summer Enrollment Forms DUE By March 6th

- Summer Preschool Program
- 2017-2018 Preschool and Elementary Fall Registration



### Elementary Group Tours – TK to 5th

Come see what the buzz is about! You have two chances to join us to learn what WHPS's individualized approach can do for your child this upcoming school year!

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Oxnard Campus @ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

### Donations and Birthday Books

- Krakauer Family – Books
- Foy Family – Birthday Book
- Krasny Family – Pop-up goals
- Okyay & Lopez Family – Wish list Toys
- Wood & Savary Family – Art & Crafts materials



Your donations are appreciated. Thank you for thinking of WHPS and helping to make a difference!

### “Our Barnyard” News | The WHPS Science and Nature Center

This March, our elementary students will be focusing on animal nutrition in the Science and Nature Center. This not only includes teaching our students what each animal eats, but also what nutrients they are getting from their food and why they need it. For example, rabbits in the wild will eat most vegetation that they find, including grass, leaves from trees, as well as fruits and veggies. However, in captivity they don't come by as much wild vegetation, so we need to make sure we give them a very specific type of hay, Timothy hay, because it is high in Vitamin C.



Over in preschool, we are encouraging our preschoolers to show us what they are interested in learning about so that we can better guide their experience in “Our Barnyard.” For example, while teaching the children about animal nutrition, we'll allow them to select which animals they'd like to learn about, as well as handle that animal's food and feed that animal, if possible. Happy Spring! - Mr. Matthew, Animal & Nature Specialist

### March Events Calendar

Both Campuses | Collins | Oxnard

- 1 Last day of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- 1 Dental Visit – Preschool
- 1 PAWS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 3 Elementary Assembly @ 8:00 am
- 3 PAWS Student Event – Mad Science
- 4 PAWS Fiesta & Auction
- 4 PAWS Babysitting Night @ 6-10 pm
- 6 **Fall & Summer Enrollment Forms DUE**
- 8 “Most Likely to Succeed” Screening @ Oxnard Campus @ 6:30 pm
- 10 Rooms 5 & 6 Visit @ Oxnard Campus
- 10 Camp Woodland Hills Open House @ 3:30-5:30 pm
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 14 PAG Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 15 Elementary Group Tour @ 10:00 am
- 15 Farmers Market – Room 6
- 15 PAG Restaurant Night - Islands
- 16 Preschool Mini March for CF
- 17 PAWS Student Event – Bagpipers
- 21 PAWS Restaurant Night – The Stand
- 25 PAG Silent Dinner Auction
- 28-29 Spring School Pictures
- 31 Farmer's Market – Rooms 9 & 12
- 31 PAWS Big & Small 80's Ball

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

## Preschool News



### Oxnard Campus

*Ms. Tracy and  
Ms. Christine*

### Collins Campus

*Robin and Ms. Ailin*

Spring is almost here, and very soon, WHPS will come alive with the sights and smells of blossoming trees and flowers. This month, the children will explore the possibilities of springtime, agriculture, and gardening. The rainforest and farm animals have also sparked an interest for some of the classrooms. We will also discuss ways we can build empathy and bring helpfulness to our classrooms.

The wonderful, yet rainy weather this season allows us to extend our program and curriculum to the outdoors. It gives the children the opportunities to play games with each other where they can build cooperation, problem solving, and gross motor skills.

Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?  
We sure do! March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Dr. Seuss'

birthday and both campuses will be celebrating in their own special way. The children will also be searching for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow on St. Patrick's Day, as well as try to catch a glimpse of those mischievous Leprechauns.

Summer camp and fall enrollment forms are due **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not already returned your forms, please do so as soon as possible in order to reserve a place for your child(ren). For our Pre-K families, we invite you to join us for this month's elementary group tour on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Oxnard Campus.

We hope to see you all at either the PAWS Fiesta or the PAG Silent Dinner Auction this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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## Elementary News

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it has been one of the most event-filled to date! We had our Jump for Heart fundraiser where the students learned about getting healthy and taking care of their bodies. After learning about being healthier, we celebrated Valentine's Day! The classes were abuzz with love, laughter, and a *reasonable* amount of chocolate. February ended with excitement as our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders took their annual overnight trip to Astrocamp! This was an amazing trip filled with space exploration, hands-on experiential science, and team-building activities.

Our BEARS athletes are continuing their basketball season and having a blast! Their next home game is Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and show your support. Go BEARS!

It is hard to believe two-thirds of the school year is already over. We finished off the second trimester on February 17<sup>th</sup> and we held our second round of Student-Led Conferences. The students are doing an excellent job and working very hard. It's amazing to see the progress in their Leadership Binders. As parents, you should be very proud! We will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Awards Assembly on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please make sure to turn in your fall enrollment paperwork by **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be holding group tours of our elementary program on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. If someone you know would like to learn more about our award-winning program and individualized approach, please invite them to RSVP here: [WHPS Elementary Group Tours](#). Also, enrollment for Camp Woodland Hills has started! Join us for our first Camp Open House & Carnival on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.

Thank you to the students, the parents, and our beloved, dedicated teachers for making Woodland Hills Private School a special place to be. Look forwarding to seeing everyone at the Fiesta!



*Ms. Jacey Dexter  
Elementary Principal*

## Special Edition: Student-Led Conferences (SLCs)

As part of the Leader in Me program, our Elementary Division launched Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) this year. This Leader in Me program is designed to help children develop leadership skills and competencies, as well as foster initiative, critical thinking, and communication skills. While the exact format of the SLC varied slightly by grade level, the key ingredient was our students' Leadership Notebooks.

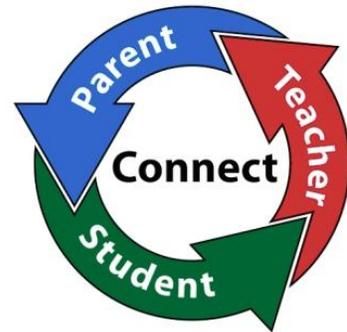
### Leadership Notebooks

Every student in the school has his/her own Leadership Notebook which is designed to capture and represent information about each student's individual learning profile (a hallmark of the WHPS program). The Leadership Notebook has a section to identify and explain personal and academic strengths and a section for a variety of assessment data. Assessment data include the student's reading level, developmental spelling level, published writing samples, graphs and charts showing progress over time, and other artifacts that reflect growth.

### Parent Survey Results

We are proud of the work our students and teachers have done this year to begin to develop a long term portfolio and learning profile for each student. We also take your feedback seriously and wanted to know how parents felt after the second round of conferences in this new format, so we surveyed parents after the second round of SLCs. Of the parents who responded to our survey, 95% said they appreciated the SLC process over the traditional parent-teacher conference format. Parents said:

- *It involved and empowered students, holding them accountable and helping to build self-confidence.*
- *They were well planned. I loved hearing about my child's goals and achievements.*
- *I really like that the students are having a say in their own goals. This is a necessary life skill for the children to develop.*



We also received some great constructive feedback, which we take to heart. 12% of respondents said that they would still like a separate opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. Parents are welcome to request conferences at any time throughout the school year. We will also create a more defined time to meet with any families who wish to have a formal sit-down prior to SLCs in the fall. In addition, we hope you won't hesitate to reach out if you would like to have a more formal meeting with the teachers at any time during this final trimester of the 2016-2017 school year. And of course, if you didn't fill out the SLC survey, I welcome any other feedback you might have about our Leader in Me program.



*Mr. Seth Pozzi*  
*Asst. Head of School*

### Friendly Reminders

- ✓ Please be patient, slow down, and watch out for pedestrians in the parking lots.
- ✓ Please do not park in staff parking spots or fire lanes.
- ✓ Please do not leave children or pets unattended in parked vehicles.
- ✓ Please lock your car and take any valuables with you.
- ✓ WHPS does not send monthly tuition statements.
- ✓ WHPS has a no-nut policy, which includes coconuts!