

WVMS Newsletter



Action Day Primary Plus
March 2010

Notes from the office

- ☘ Dine's Out fundraiser at Fresh Choice in Westgate on the 2nd from 4 – 9 pm.
- ☘ All school field trip to the DeYoung Museum on the 4th. Please contact the office if you would like to chaperone.
- ☘ Dance tickets go on sale online on March 6th at 10:00 am. Watch for flyers with more information.
- ☘ 15th – 22nd is our Book Fair.
- ☘ 15th – 18th is our Science Fair.
- ☘ Our spring Open House will be on the 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
- ☘ Non-academic day on the 19th. We will be open for childcare.
- ☘ The 8th grade leaves for their DC/NY trip on the 29th!!!



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Looking Ahead in April

2nd End of 3rd Quarter
5th – 9th Family Life Education
12th – 16th Spring Break
20th 3rd Quarter Assembly
22nd Rainforest Assembly
24th Public Open House
28th – 30th SAT9 Testing



Classroom News

Fifth Grade will be very busy this month. We have a field trip on March 18th to see Willy Wonka at the Mt. View Center for the Performing Arts. The students will be completing *Number the Stars* for our novel study. In Mathematics we will study Chapter 7 – Algebra: Integers and Equations. In Science we will study Chapter 10: Properties and Structure of Matter and present our Science Fair Projects (due on the 12th). In Social Studies we will study Unit 5: Life in a Growing Nation. Our artist of the month is Georgia O'Keefe.

History

6th Grade will be finishing up their unit on Egypt and will begin to learn about Ancient India and Ancient China.

7th Grade will be going to Hakone Gardens and out to lunch at a Japanese Restaurant on the 3rd. They will also learn to make sushi rolls at the conclusion of their unit on Japan.

8th Grade students are learning about the Industrial Revolution in the North and the antebellum in the South. They are also getting very excited for their trip to DC and NYC. The students will be gone from March 29 – April 3.

Language Arts

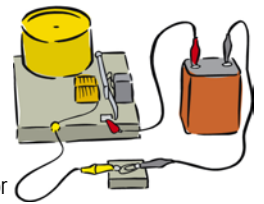
6th Grade will be finishing up their study of *The Giver*. This book has been a great springboard for discussions about many important topics including the idea of utopia, the importance of personal choice, and the use of language in various societies. As a final project, the students will be creating "perfect" societies of their own!

7th Grade will continue their fantasy genre study this month, focusing on the students' writing. We are getting closer and closer to publishing our fantasy short stories.

8th Grade students will continue their study of the novel *Milkweed* and to discuss the theme of identity. The students will be doing a little research of their own into their family's history.

Science

As March rolls in, all of West Valley's science students will be focused on making their Science Fair Projects sparkle! From testing out different metal coils by making a super-electro magnet, to the power of different fluids on dissolving your teeth, to which material will decrease your momentum as you fall of a building – the students are digging deep into the scientific method. Come out on the evening of March 16th and see what the students have accomplished. I have a feeling some of their finds may intrigue, surprise, or even disgust you!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
	Dine's Out fundraiser @ Fresh Choice - Westgate		All school fieldtrip to the DeYoung Museum	
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
Science Fair begins Book Fair begins	Spring Open House 5:30 – 7:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day	5 th Grade Field trip. Science Fair ends	Non-academic
22	23	24	25	26
Book Fair ends	Family Life Education parent preview 6-7 pm			
29	30	31		
8 th grade leaves for DC/NY				