

2017

Greetings WLA Parents/Guardians,

New Year New Goals

Let's accomplish a lot this school year!

As we leave 2016 and enter 2017, the staff and faculty at WLA are busier than ever! We have been in meetings and trainings to develop enhanced learning opportunities for your students. Beginning in 2017, the focus of our school will be on building the academic and socio-emotional skills in the entire WLA student body. Additionally, we are preparing for the next school year. Our school will be on the path to begin a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math program. These areas will also include students creating projects in their classes. In order to accomplish this we will need your help. From time to time, there will be emails and text messages sent to you asking you to send items that you have at home with your child to school. Items may include newspaper, shoe boxes, empty water bottles, etc. Your students will be creating innovative projects with these items. We will also look for all of you to get involved with your school.

Parent volunteers are always appreciated at Woodward. If every parent volunteered just two hours per month at the school, just imagine what could be accomplished. You can make telephone calls, copy work for teachers, help organize areas in the school, etc. WE NEED YOU! We also have some needs for supplies. As you shop this Christmas season, please add Woodward Leadership Academy to your list. Items that we need are:

1. Copy Paper
2. Lined Paper
3. #2 Pencils

Any donation you make will be a HUGE help!

Finally, I want to thank all of the parents and guardians who attended the meet and greet the new principal breakfast and evening meeting! Just to give you an update, we have completed and submitted a grant to offer a comprehensive after school program along with a grant to enhance our library. We are also submitting a grant application for a playground. One major project we desire to complete this year is to paint the interior of our building.

On behalf of the staff and faculty of Woodward Leadership Academy I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and productive 2017!

Dr. Yvette M. Harris
Principal



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WLA News

As Christmas approaches, we can look back on a very busy and successful year at Woodward Leadership Academy.

Despite the general downturn and struggles with Common Core in schools, our students are striving and doing well and our enrolment is increasing.

Our goal is for WLA to be the first choice of school for students, and over 20 years. WLA has continued to offer an excellent learning experience. We have refined our curriculum, in the process of upgraded our facilities, increased our student support and offered more activities. We are also looking to become a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) School for the 2016-17 school year (which would make us the only STEAM elementary school in San Bernardino). We are looking at providing a laptop computer for every student and becoming a school of technology.

Our surveys show 99% of students are very pleased they chose WLA. That's good news for us and for them!

This year WLA is celebrating its 5 year anniversary and a few highlights of this year so far have been the academic and social growth of our students and the Saturday Academic Enrichment Breakfast Math program. As we continue to prepare the students of WLA, we are looking forward to many more highlights and milestones as we celebrate

5 years of service to the San Bernardino Community.

Woodward Leadership Academy will continue to meet the needs of our students, families, community members by providing a quality education for ALL of our students and continue to close the educational gaps.

The holiday season for our students should be one that is memorable lasting, because they have many reasons to be excited and thankful. The students who came into this year not being able to read, are now reading, the students who came to us not knowing how to spell are now spelling. Our students have made a number of strides and we look forward to their continued success both academically and socially.

From our Woodward Leadership Academy Family, we would like to wish you and your families a relaxing and safe holiday and we look forward to working with you again in 2017.



Our **LADY LIONS**

As the year comes to an end, WLA cheerleaders have been working very hard, doing local events representing Woodward Leadership Academy in a positive way. On December 3rd, our cheerleaders participated in San Bernardino annual Christmas parade, bringing home WLA second trophy!

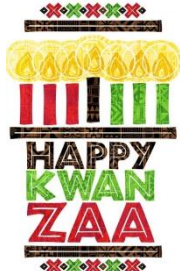


Keep up the good work Lady Lions!



Different Cultures Holidays in December

All December Long



Happy Hanukkah



- December 6th through December 14th Hanukkah - a Jewish festival, lasting eight days in December and commemorating the rededication of the Temple in 165 BC by the Maccabees after its desecration by the Syrians. It is marked by the successive kindling of eight lights.
- December 25th Christmas - the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth held on December 25 in the Christian Churches.
- December 26th through January 1st Kwanzaa - a festival observed by many African Americans from December 26 to January 1 as a celebration of their cultural heritage and traditional values.

Welcome to WLA

WLA would like to welcome our new students:

Jazzmyn S. Jordynn S. Calvin M. Elisha H. Steven D.



~Crysandra H.	12/2
~Emery S.	12/13
Charlee M.	12/17
~Destiny M.	12/25
~Neveah M.	12/25

WLA Upcoming Events

Winter Break Monday, December 19 through Friday, January 6th
Minimum Day – January 9th with dismissal at 1:00 PM
No School- January 16th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Parent Conference- January 17-20
Minimum Day- January 23
Minimum Day- January 30

****Parents please be sure to check your students backpack and class folder every day for news on what is going on in their classroom and in the school.****



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Quote of the Month:

The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.
 Henry A. Kissinger