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Getting to know our teachers: Mrs. Castello, Mrs. Tjan, and Ms. Foster



Mrs. Castello

By: Marbella Jaramillo

How many years have you been teaching at Western?
This is my 13th year at Western.

Do you regret coming to Western Christian?

Absolutely not! I love it here. The people I work with are awesome and the kids are terrific!

Where do you go for the 4th grade field trips? Our big trip is Sacramento. We also do the Walk-Through California program and visit an estuary near Newport Beach.

What is your favorite thing about Western?

I'd have to say the warm friendly atmosphere. It just makes me feel good to be around everyone.

Do you have anything to say to your students to encourage them to do good in school?

Always give your best effort. You can do more than you think you can. Make God smile.

Mrs. Tjan

By: Thomas Salcido

What cities did you live in growing up? I was born in San Diego and then moved to Upland.

How old is your son, Krew? What is your favorite story about him?
Krew turned 3 on Jan. 31. I was brushing

Krew's teeth and he told me, "Hold on Mom", and turned around and farted.

What college did you attend, and what is your degree in? Cal Poly Pomona, Liberal Studies

Have you always been good at math and enjoyed it?
I've always enjoyed math, but not really in middle school and high school.

What do you enjoy doing during your free time?
Disneyland, dinner, and a movie.

Where is your favorite place to visit? I love Mammoth.

Mammoth.

Ms. Foster

By: Matthew Peters

When were you interested in working in computer labs? I have always enjoyed teaching. The opportunity came up to teach computers and I thought it would be fun and a new opportunity for me. I am thoroughly enjoying it!

When did you come to Western Christian Schools? I came here in February 2008.

Have you live anywhere else besides California? No. I have lived in California all of my life, but was raised in a small town in Central California.

What have you come to love about Western Christian? I love the people that I work with and the students that I teach. It is a family atmosphere here and I love that. We also have a beautiful campus.

Where did you work before Western Christian? I have taught in Santa Rosa, CA, Whittier, CA and also in West Covina, CA. This is my nineteenth year teaching!!

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2011 Fashions for Middle School Teens

By: Haley Scott

Are you looking to become more fashionable this year? If so, then continue to read and you will learn how you can make your 2011 more fashionable.



Jackets or sweaters: Animal print and retro colored sweaters are in. Cardigans are a must have this season. Worn over jeans, cardigans make a great fashion statement.



Boots or shoes: Military inspired lace up boots or any other type of boots make comfortable and fashionable shoes.

Hats: A very cute hat to be wearing this winter is the retro aviator, inspired “bomber”, hat with ear flaps. You also have the option of adding an additional faux fur flap above the eyes. Another popular hat to be wearing is the retro knit hat.

These look best in neutral, bright colors, or in a classic winter snowflake designs. This hat is also cute with a pompom on top.

Scarves: This year there’s a huge selection of cute inexpensive scarves. Faux- fur scarves are super trendy and warm! Plaid cable knits, and bright colors are also important this year.

Pants: Skinny jeans are the jeans to wear this winter. Plus they go great with everything.

Gloves: Look for long knit gloves that go almost up to your elbow. This winter fingerless gloves that double as mittens and double layered gloves are also appropriate.

History of St. Patrick's Day

This story begins when St. Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16, by pirates and was forced into slavery in Ireland. He worked as a shepherd and turned to religion for comfort. After 6 years of being a slave, he ran back home to Britain.



While home, Patrick studied to become a priest. He decided to go back to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He used to teach the idea of the Trinity of God by using the three leaves on the clover leaf. He stayed in Ireland for thirty years. It was said that he died on March 17, which is now the day that we celebrate.

In 1737, the very first St. Patrick's day was celebrated in America in Boston, Massachusetts.



Today we celebrate St. Patrick's day by wearing green. Ireland's flag has a green stripe. The northern country is also known for its rich landscape full of bright green shades of grass. The Irish shamrock is also green and a traditional St. Patrick's Day symbol.

Green Pet Rock Craft

By: Fernando Vargas

Here's what you'll need:

Smooth river stone

Green paint

2 Googly eyes

Pipe cleaner (optional)

Glue

Paint brush

Glitter, jewels, markers (optional)

Step 1: Paint the rock green and make sure it is completely covered in green.

Step 2: When the paint dries, glue the eyes onto the stone.

Step 3: Decorate your pet rock. Use pipe cleaner to make hair. Make it shiny with some glitter and jewels. Give it a face with some markers!

Step 4: Have fun with your new best friend!



2nd grade has been studying dinosaurs with some creative projects and field trips!



5th Grade demonstrating the rotation of the Earth and moon.



Around WCS...



LA County Sheriff visits Kindergarten!



Character Trait of the Month—March

By: Haley Scott

Willingness and Cooperation

Willingness: Cheerfully, consisting or ready. To do something by the will of your heart.

Cooperation: The act of working or acting together to achieve a common goal. To help provide by doing what is asked or required.

This month our character traits are willingness and cooperation. Willingness is being in constant state of cheerfulness and readiness. Willingness can be used to serve God.

Cooperation is the will to provide by doing something when you are required or asked. You can use cooperation to help your parents, or the people around you. If we can all use these traits, Western will continue to grow in our Christian witness.

Psalm 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



Enoch's Story

By Bernè Malekow

Have you ever gone to Heaven without experiencing death? I did, because of one day when I was talking with God. He told me that He was going to take me straight to Heaven, without death, because I walked with Him. God told me to go and tell my family what just happened, why, and that I had to leave at that moment. I was very excited to go to Heaven and to love with God, but I would also miss my family and friends. When my family first found out where I was going they were shocked. Then they said that they were happy for me and that they would miss me very much.

When my family came out with me to wait for God, everyone else from my neighborhood was curious about what was happening, so they came out to watch too. When the crowd heard about what was happening, they just stared in amazement at the sky, waiting for God to come. All of our neighbors were wondering why I got to go up to Heaven with God and they didn't. The answer was easy; I walked with God and they did not.

God came a few minutes later and took me up to Heaven with Him. As we went up to Heaven, I waved goodbye to my family and they waved back. I kept waving until they were out of sight. That is when I started asking the questions. I asked Him what Heaven looks like, if I get to see Him every day now that I would be living with Him. I also asked why He chose me out of all those other people who also walked with God. God shared with me that they were all very good questions and He knew that I loved Him a lot.

So that is my story of how I had faith and how I walked with God. I was able to go to Heaven without experiencing death.

For Sale

Yamaha upright piano. It is in fair/good condition. It needs a bit of work on two keys, and there are a few marks on the cabinet. We are asking \$200.00. If you are interested in purchasing it, you may come by the computer lab to check it out before you buy!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Schultz at (909) 624-8291 x243.



Movie Review:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Roderick Rules the Movie

By: Nathaniel Prince



Greg and his brother are at it again. One day they went to church and Greg sat on a candy bar. When he went into church a little girl said "he pooped his pants." This is only a little thing that happens to Greg in this movie. Will Roderick drive Greg insane? Will Greg survive 7th grade? Watch the movie to find out.

Coming to Theaters March 25, 2011 in 3-D!

TEENS FOR JEANS

By Haley Scott



As many students know, 7th grade girls Georgie Jackson and Madison Maynes have recently been collecting jeans for the new organization called Teens for Jeans. This organization encourages kids and teens from all over to help collect jeans for teens that are homeless and in need. The jeans collection ended on February 7th. Thanks to the help of everyone in the school, they collected approximately **535** pairs of jeans! That's enough jeans to help clothe a whole community of teens. If our school ends up collecting more jeans than other schools, we will receive a money prize. Western Christian Times will keep you updated on the results of the contest!



Congratulations to Our Coloring Contest Winners for February!



1st Place: Emily Yazell - Kindergarten



2nd Place: Johnny Ray - Kindergarten



1st Place: Alex Limones- 1st Grade



2nd Place: Lauryn Ureno - 1st Grade



1st Place: JJ Weith - 2nd Grade



2nd Place: Savannah Watson - 2nd Grade

Mr. Cannon's Farewell

By Marbella Jaramillo

We all know that a very creative and funny teacher, Mr. Cannon, moved to Dallas, Texas last month. We will all miss him very much. He has been with us for about 5 years as an English teacher for our middle school. Mr. Cannon came to Western because he liked the teachers, the administration, and all the students. He has good memories of field trips to AstroCamp, and he also said that it's very fun. His best advice for his students was, "Don't use Facebook as a diary." His favorite memory here at Western are all the people he has met over the years. We asked a few students in his class what their favorite memory with Mr. Cannon is:

Mr. Cannon's humor and jokes. - Patrick Kidwell

I liked how he thought 6th grade whines too much, 7th grades farts too much, and 8th grade thinks they know everything. - Nathaniel Prince

The way that he tells his jokes is the funniest thing to hear. - Scottie Novak

When we played the game "MASH". - Katie Weaver

When he told the story about when he and his friends convinced some girls that the movie Blair Witch Project was real. - Thomas Salcido

My favorite memory with him was the time I asked him about his lipstick. It ended up being Chapstick! - Marbella Jaramillo

When he told us about the time in college when he took golf carts and made donuts on the lawn with them. - Sue Hilo

Mr. Cannon says, "In Heaven, we have forever." These are the words he left us with, and these words will stay in Western Christian School's hearts forever. We all look forward to seeing him again someday!



Fun Facts

By Alicia Cole

According to U.S. FDA standards, 1 cup of orange juice is allowed to contain 10 fruit fly eggs, but only 2 maggots.

A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off; it dies from starvation.

20252 is Smokey the Bear's own zip code.

All babies are color blind when they are born.

A baboon named Jackie became a private in the South African army in World War I.

Rubber is one of the ingredients in bubble gum.

Dolphins nap with one eye open.

Giraffes are unable to cough.

McDonald's fast food chains employ over 1.5 million people around the world.

If a cat in an Egyptian family died, the family would shave their eyebrows.

Rabbits and parrots can see behind themselves without even moving their heads!

Most of the dust in your home is actually dead skin, yuck!

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