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News from the Westover Wild Orcas
May 10, 2008



It looks like some summer heat and humidity have arrived just in time for our **first practice on Monday, May 12th**. Don't forget to check the website for your swimmers' practice times (note: these may have changed since you last looked!). Also, if you need to purchase a team suit, remember that Lane 4 swim shop will be at practice on Monday, starting at 3:00. You can arrive early for practice and try on a suit while you're still dry.

Our **first meet** is coming up very quickly on **May 24th at Twin Creeks**, and I'll be sending out a dedicated email with information about what to expect, what to do and when to do it!

I'll be sending out the official list of **volunteer assignments** very soon via email, so please watch out for that! I'd like to especially thank everyone who's stepped up to lead a group!

Ellen Cartsonis
Pod Prez 2008

2008 Wild Orca T-Shirt Design



See page 2 for the full story behind this year's t-shirt design and the origin of our team name!



Coach's Corner

Hello Orcas —

We're hours away from the beginning of our 2008 Orca season. Something tells me that this is going to be our best year yet. Please dust off those goggles and get them adjusted. Make sure your fins fit. Mark your swim stuff with your name. And, remember to bring your fins to and from practices each day.

Beginning Monday, and for the next few weeks, we practice in the afternoon after school M-Th. The 4th week of practice we switch to mornings at the end of the week. All info is on the website. **Parents & Swimmers, please, please, check the website often for any changes or announcements.**

I look forward to seeing you on deck :)

Coach Sandy

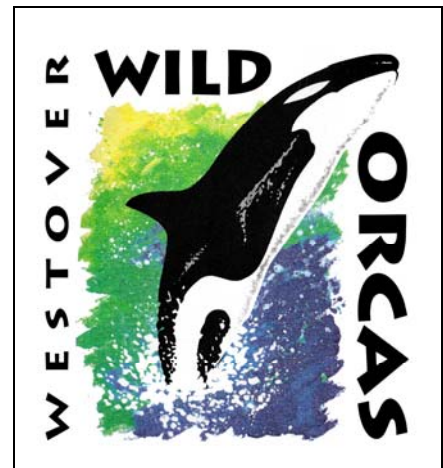


The Tale of the Whale

“How the **Westover Wild Waves** became the **Westover Wild Orcas**”

Roth Feeley was a student at Hill Elementary, Murchison Middle School and a member of the **Westover Wild Waves** Swim Team during the 1990's. He loved to swim, had an infectious personality, keen intelligence, an amazingly extensive knowledge of whales in general and an enthusiasm for Orcas in particular. In January of 1996 the Westover Wild Waves community lost Roth Feeley. Roth was the son of Kristen and Michael Feeley who were an intrinsic part of the Westover Hills Club; Kristen served in various volunteer positions on the Westover swim team. Roth's younger brother, Coleman, who was five years old and had just finished his first of many years as a swim team member at the time of Roth's death, is a 2008 graduate of Anderson High School and a past recipient of the "Roth Feeley Spirit Award."

In the summer of 1996, in honor of Roth Feeley, the Westover Swim Team was renamed the **Westover Wild Orcas**. Kristen Feeley designed the first Westover Wild Orca logo (the vintage design that will be our 2008 t-shirt). Every year the “Roth Feeley Spirit Award” is given to a Wild Orcas swimmer who best exemplifies leadership, enthusiasm, and most importantly, spirit.



Kristen says, " Our family was deeply moved by the honor bestowed upon our wonderful son, Roth, when the Westover family adopted the Orca as its mascot and established the "**Roth Feeley Spirit Award**." It was so perfect and Roth would have loved it. Roth's knowledge and love of whales, even as a kindergartener, was well-known in the community, partly because Roth was never shy to share. Our community embraced us, comforted us, and let us know that Roth would never be forgotten. We will be forever grateful. All the past recipients of the spirit award have renewed our pride and gratitude, for they are all outstanding young people of exceptional character and spirit. Every summer I see new swimmers and their families sporting Orca t-shirts and I smile and am grateful to the Westover family for the honor. Thank you all. Go Orcas!"

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