

What's Happening at Walnut Acres - August 31, 2021



Mark Your Calendars!

- TBD 3rd Grade Back to School Night
- TBD 1st/2nd Grade Back to School Night
- 9/6 **LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- 9/20 After school enrichment starts
- 9/21 PFC Meeting on Zoom- 7pm
- 10/5 Picture Day
- 10/6 Walk/Bike to School Day
- 10/7 Ice Cream Social 6-8pm

For the entire calendar, please see: PFC Key Dates 2021-2022

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Still haven't donated to the Jaguar Fund? We need your support! Through parent donations, the PFC is able to fund many of the things that make our school unique. Our fundraising goal this year is \$160,000 and we are currently almost half way to our goal. The suggested donation is \$65 per month, or a one-time donation of \$650, per child. If we could achieve 100% participation, regardless of dollar amount, together we can truly make a difference for our school this year!

Where Do The Funds Go? With your generous donations, we are able to fund:

- Math and Reading Intervention Teachers
- Instructional Aides

- Science Lab Instructors
- STEM Lab staff and On-Site Technology Support
- Art Awareness Program
- Classroom learning materials

Check out the [PFC website](#) for more information. The only donation too small...is no donation at all. Please contribute what you can! [Donate Now](#)

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EMERGENCY KITS ARE DUE TODAY!



Every student at Walnut Acres needs an Emergency Preparedness Kit that is kept in the classroom and would be used in case of an emergency.

Please deliver your emergency kit to your child's classroom by today. For more information and to find a copy of the form that needs to be included with your kits, check out [Emergency Guidelines](#) on the PFC website.

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SPIRIT WEAR– Get it While You Still Can!

The deadline to order Spirit Wear is **TOMORROW, September 1st**. Get it before it is too late. Click **HERE** to order now!

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL - New Date!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

All Walnut Acres students and families are invited to the FREE ice cream social on **Thursday, October 7th** from 6pm to 8pm. We are once again grateful for the generosity of the Walnut Acres Children's Center for their donation of all the ice cream! Come to the Walnut Acres courtyard for ice cream, toppings, and live entertainment by Walnut Acres parent DJ Ivan Garzon and

a performance by the Northgate High School Marching Band (many of them are Walnut Acres Alums!). The band should arrive around 6:30-6:45. Watch for the Konstella sign-up for volunteer scoopers and toppings servers. If you're looking for a super fun volunteer opportunity - this is it! Guaranteed smiles all around. Masks are required when not eating and extra safety measures will be in place. More details to follow!

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Buy your 2021-2022 Walnut Acres Yearbook NOW for \$25! Price



goes up to \$35 after October 31st

Go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter school code: 10053

Want to share your amazing pictures for the yearbook?

1. Go to: www.hjeshare.com; Enter school code **walnutacres**
2. Click "select images for upload". Click "Browse for Images".
3. Locate our images, click on them, then click "Open".
4. Enter the information for each image. Please include "grade(s) of students" and provide the teacher's name if known. For "student(s) shown", type N/A.
5. Click "upload images".

The Yearbook team is searching for two people shadow and train to take over as yearbook leads for the 2022-2023 school year. If interested, please contact: yearbook@walnutacrespfc.net.

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5th Grade Parents- September is Your Month to Host Drive Thru

Thank you to those parents who have stepped up to open doors and greet our students at the Drive Thru during the first few days of school. Each month, a different class level is responsible for helping at the Drive Thru. September is the 5th grade parents!

Click [HERE](#) for 5th Grade Drive Thru sign-ups.

We need 4 parents per day, Monday - Thursday. Fridays will continue to be Father Fridays with our awesome dads greeting the kids in the morning.

Please sign up now - it's a short commitment - just 20 minutes from 7:40 - 8:00am, but it makes a huge difference in getting our school days off to a good start!

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Drive Thru Procedures

- **Pull up** to a volunteer for assistance getting your student out of the car
- Do **NOT** get out of your car
- Have your child **ready** (goodbyes said, backpack ready) to **exit curbside**
- Do **NOT** go around other cars if you are "empty"
- Do **NOT** park in the drive thru line

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill the Drive-Thru Coordinator position. It is a small time commitment organizing volunteers, and it can be done from home. Please contact Susan Heffran at vpactivities@walnutacrespfc.net for more information.

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After School Enrichment

Fall enrichment is back! Offerings will include Curtains Up Youth Theatre, Basketball, Flag Football, and more. We are working to finalize contracts with our vendors, so be on the lookout for a Konstella email with additional information and sign-up details later this week.

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Lunch Duty volunteers needed



The **sign-ups** for lunch duty volunteers have been extended through November. We need parents daily to help supervise students during lunch and on the playground to make sure they play safely, as well as assist in cleaning the tables between student lunch shifts. A **sign-up** for **Wednesday** shifts was also added on Konstella.

A reminder that to volunteer on campus, you must be fingerprinted with a current TB test. TB tests are good for four years. Parents of 4th & 5th graders - it may be time to redo your TB test! The Minute Clinic at CVS Pharmacy on Bancroft Rd. does walk-in TB tests. As of September 1, 2021 - all on-campus volunteers must provide proof of full COVID vaccination to the school office. For more information on volunteering [check out the MDUSD website.](#)

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SAY IT IN LIGHTS!

Support the PFC and put a smile on your child's face! For \$25.00, the greeting "Happy Birthday 'Your Child's Name'" will be on display on the Walnut Acres' electronic Marquee from 7am-9pm on your date of choice.

The deadline for submitting an order is one week prior to your child's birthday.

Questions? Email Pat Mitsch at marquee@walnutacrespfc.net.

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Teacher Appreciation



Want to make our teachers feel special this year? The teacher appreciation team is working hard to plan monthly events for our awesome teachers. Be on the lookout for Konstella sign-ups, and contact Alecia and Amy at teacherappreciation@walnutacrespfc.net with ideas or to volunteer to help.

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Wanted: Tax Accountant

The PFC is looking for a Tax Accountant to help prepare our taxes for the October deadline. If interested or have any questions, please contact Treasurer, Stacey Henley at treasurer@walnutacrespfc.net