



WALNUT ACRES
Jaguars

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Walnut Acres Elementary
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Blue Ribbon School 2005

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Get Ready for School to Start!



School starts on
Tuesday, August 25
and there are many things to do next
week to ensure you and your kids are
ready for a smooth first day!

If you have not already done so,
review the [Jaguar Day page](#) on the school website. It
has information on school supplies and other important

Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 18:
New Parent Orientation
6:00 pm in the MUR
First PFC Meeting of the School Year
7:00 pm in the MUR

Wednesday, August 19
TK/Kindergarten Playdate
9:00 - 11:00 am at Arbolado Park

Thursday, August 20:
Jaguar Day
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the MUR

Friday, August 21:
New Students Brown Bag Lunch for
Grades 1 - 5
12:00 pm at the Picnic Tables

Saturday, August 22:
Kindergarten Playdate
10:00 am - noon at Arbolado Park

Tuesday, August 25:
First Day of School!!
Parent Breakfast in the Courtyard

Back to School Nights:
Wed, Aug 26: 4th Grade 5:45-7pm
Thur, Aug 27: 5th Grade 6-8pm
Tues, Sept 1: 3rd Grade 5:45-7pm
Thur, Sept 3: 2nd Grade 5:45-7pm
Tues, Sept 8: TK/K 5:45-7pm

things to know.

Please take note of these key dates so you don't miss out on important activities:

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 pm: [New Parent Orientation in the MUR.](#)
This meeting is for all parents (Grades TK-5) who are new to the Walnut Acres community.

7:00 pm: [Parent Faculty Club Meeting in the MUR.](#)
ALL parents are members of the PFC and your presence at monthly meetings is welcome and needed.
For information about the PFC check out the FAQs on the [PFC website](#).

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 - 11:00 am: [TK/Kindergarten Playdate at Arbolado Park.](#)
Come meet at the park to meet some new friends! The group will meet under the trees between the upper and lower playgrounds.

Thursday, August 20

2:00 - 6:00 pm: **JAGUAR DAY!**

Get your child's class assignment, find out about the activities that are planned for the school year, purchase spirit attire and yearbooks, sign up for volunteer positions, pick up school supplies you may have pre-ordered through PFC, and contribute to the Jaguar Fund.

For more information about what to bring please review this site and note your arrival time below:

Last Names **O-Z**: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Last Names **H-N**: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Last Names **A-G**: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
ALL **(A-Z)**: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Questions? Contact vpactivities@walnutacrespfc.net

Friday, August 21

12:00 pm: [Brown Bag Lunch for Students New to Walnut Acres, Grades 1 thru 5, in the Courtyard.](#)
New students entering grades 1-5 will be paired with a buddy in their grade for an informal get-to-know you picnic and tour of the school. Questions?
Email newfamilies@walnutacrespfc.net.

Saturday, August 22

Wed, Sept 9: 1st Grade 5:45-7pm

Visit the Walnut Acres online [calendar](#) for future dates.

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release
Wednesday, August 26

Articles Due
Friday, August 21

Visit the [PFC website](#) for Enews guidelines and schedule.

Submit articles to
enews@walnutacrespfc.net

Quick Links

[Walnut Acres Website](#)

[District Website](#)

[Walnut Acres PFC Website](#)

[Walnut Acres School Calendar](#)

[Enews submission deadlines](#)

[Community News: sign-ups, teams & local events](#)

[Lunch menu](#)

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Ongoing Fundraisers



Walnut Acres
**JAGUAR
FUND**

[Jaguar Fund](#)



[Register with eScrip today](#)

SHOP AND EARN FOR SCHOOL

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more details about how you can SHOP and EARN for Walnut Acres

10:00 am - noon: Kindergarten Playdate at Arbolado Park.

Another opportunity to meet some incoming Kindergarteners before school starts. Meet at the lower playground - look for our sign! Questions? Email [Brooke Giddings](mailto:Brooke.Giddings).

Tuesday, August 25

7:55 a.m. **First Day of School**

Parents, please join us right after drop off for a **Back to School Breakfast for Parents** in the Courtyard.

Back to School Nights:

Wednesday, Aug 26: 4th Grade 5:45 - 7 pm

Thursday, Aug 27: 5th Grade 6 - 8 pm

Tuesday, Sept 1: 3rd Grade 5:45 - 7 pm

Thursday, Sept 3: 2nd Grade 5:45 - 7 pm

Tuesday, Sept 8: TK/Kindergarten 5:45 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Sept 9: 1st Grade 5:45 - 7 pm

JAGUAR FUND Supporting Every Child. Every Day.



Walnut Acres
**JAGUAR
FUND**

The Jaguar Fund is the Parent Faculty Club's primary source of funds used to bridge the gap between public school funding and the additional educational support we, as a community, provide for our students including:

- hands-on science labs
- top-notch choral music instruction
- creative art classes
- innovative technology
- 21st Century computer skills training
- recreational Noon League and PE sports
- essential instructional aide assistance
- excellent reading-support specialists
- valuable counseling and guidance
- enhanced language arts and writing curriculum
- coaching and professional development for teachers
- vital campus material support (instructional supplies, office copier maintenance, First Aid supplies, etc.)

It is your generous support that makes these programs possible!



Box Tops 4 Education

Earn cash for our school!

Collect Box Tops and drop them in the collection bin in the office.

We ask that a contribution of \$450 per student be made to the Jaguar Fund. However, any amount is accepted and appreciated. Making your contribution is easy. On Jaguar Day, simply fill out the "All-in-One" form indicating your contribution amount. Together we can make a difference for our Jaguars!

Questions? Email jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.net

Seeking Room Parents

Interested in nurturing the connections in the classroom?



The Room Parent position is the lead contact for your child's classroom and the main source of communication between the PFC, your teacher, and the parents in your class. If interested, please stop by the Room Parents table at Jaguar Day or email roomparents@walnutacrespfc.net.

All room parents will be confirmed as soon as possible after Jaguar Day. Please note that there will be a room parent meeting prior to the first day of school.

Student Buddies Needed



Friendly 1st through 5th graders needed to help out at the New Student Brown Bag Lunch on August 21st at noon! Their role will be to show new students around and to help them feel welcome at Walnut Acres.

Contact newfamilies@walnutacrespfc.net with your student's name and grade.

Lunch Patrol

Miss your kids during the day? Then volunteer for Lunch Patrol!



Lunch Patrol volunteers assist at lunch and recess between 11:20 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and it's a great way to visit with the kids while helping out the school.



Please contact lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net or stop by the table at Jaguar Day.

Spirit Wear



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Show your school spirit with
Walnut Acres Spirit Wear!

The PFC will be selling hoodies &
short-sleeve tees with the new
2015-2016 Walnut Acres
Elementary design at Jaguar Day.

This is the perfect way to show your school spirit and
support the PFC!

Spirit Wear will be available for purchase from Jaguar
Day through the Friday, September 11 at the Ice
Cream Social.

Prices:

T-shirts from \$15
Zip-up Hoodies \$25

Sizes available:

Youth Small (6/8)
Youth Medium (10/12)
Youth Large (14/16)
Youth X-Large (18/20)
Adult (S, M, L, XL)

GO JAGUARS!

Let's Make Drop Off a Safe and Fun Experience

Please be familiar with these
guidelines for dropping off your
children to ensure a safe experience
for all:

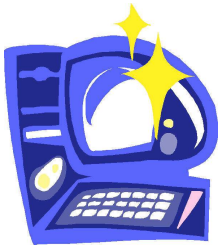


- * Drive carefully and slowly. Respect and follow the directions of the volunteers.
- * There is to be NO pedestrian traffic in the drive-thru. Parents are not allowed to walk their children from Cerezo Drive through the staff parking lot. This is extremely hazardous.
- * Drop off children curbside only and ONLY where there is a volunteer. Children should be ready to exit the car when you pull up. (Backpack ready and goodbyes said, then exit for a great day).
- * If you have already dropped off your student, please don't pass cars which are still dropping off or drive through the staff parking lot. We've had many near-accidents from people doing this.
- * Do not park in the staff parking lot, red zones or cross-walks. Cars parked illegally may be ticketed.
- * Stop at the stop signs. Remember pedestrians have the right-of-way especially when they are our children.
- * Do not leave vehicles unattended in the drive-thru.
- * When approaching and departing the school area, pay attention to the Crossing Guard's signals.

* Be patient!

If you are interested in volunteering for the drive-thru, please email drivethru@walnutacrespfc.net. It only takes about 15 minutes of your time.

Tell your friends about Enews



If you know of families who are new to Walnut Acres, tell them about Enews. The Enews is sent bi-weekly with updates about school events and activities. Our incredible Principal, Dr. Dowd, also sends a monthly letter to all Enews recipients.

Sign up here:

<http://www.walnutacrespfc.net/news/enews>

Don't miss out on important Walnut Acres communications!

If you no longer have students at Walnut Acres, you can also opt out of these communications by clicking on the link at the very bottom of this page.

Foothill Enews

Attention new 6th Grade Parents...

Is your student attending Foothill Middle School this year? If so, be sure to register today to receive Foothill's Enews.

Sign up to get all the latest news and information so you are in the loop and ready to go.



Volunteer Fingerprinting Information



Volunteers are a vital part of Walnut Acres, but only authorized volunteers are able to participate in classrooms and on campus. The MDUSD website offers more [volunteer information](#).

If you have not been fingerprinted yet, please call 682-8000, Ext. 4153 to schedule an appointment. Download the [volunteer form](#) from the MDUSD site.

Bring your TB test results and cash or check to your appointment.

Community Announcements

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements on the PFC Website give details about the latest events happening in and around our community. Swim season is coming!

To learn how to advertise your activity or event, go to the **PFC website**.

Mt. Diablo Unified School District welcomes the participation of all students, parents, and community members in all District sponsored activities conducted on campuses or off-site. The District will work diligently to see that these activities are not limited by physical access barriers, thereby ensuring the opportunity for participation by all in these activities.

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