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PFC President's Message

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Dates to Remember

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

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

Friday, Sept 11: Ice Cream Social

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

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release

Tuesday, September 8

Articles Due

Wednesday, September 2

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

Submit articles to
enews@walnutacrespfc.net

Quick Links

[Walnut Acres Website](#)

[District Website](#)

Check out the [latest message](#) from Cherise Khaund, your PFC President.



Konstella - Online Parent Directory



This year, instead of creating and printing a school directory, we are introducing **Konstella**, a new **Online Parent Directory**

available to all Walnut Acres families. It is a private and secure service that includes a directory, events, signups and photo sharing, and even free mobile apps.

Join by [clicking here](#) today! The signup process is pretty easy to follow, but if you would like some step by step instructions, please see the [HowTo document](#).

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* parents of the 2nd/3rd combination should attend the Back to School night corresponding with their child's grade.

Seeking Drive Thru Volunteers



The Drive Thru needs volunteer greeters, especially on Thursdays. It's easy... just come open doors and greet students from 7:40 - 8:00 am.

Sign up on [Konstella](#) (go to Upcoming Activities) or email Bobbi Clark at drivethru@walnutacrespfc.net.

Seeking Lunch Patrol Volunteers

Do you miss your kids during the day? Then volunteer for Lunch Patrol!

Lunch Patrol/First Aid 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



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



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Earn cash for our school! Collect Box Tops and drop them in the collection bin in the office.

out the school.

Sign up on [Konstella](#) or email lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net.

Details about Lunch Patrol responsibilities can be found on the [Lunch Patrol page](#) of the PFC website.

Seeking Art Awareness Volunteers



Thank you to everyone who signed up to be an Art Awareness teacher or helper at Jaguar Day!

We are still in need of several parents to fill positions as either teachers or helpers in every grade level. You can learn more about this wonderful parent-led program at <http://www.walnutacrespfc.net/activities/art-awareness>, or email us at artawareness@walnutacrespfc.net.

Art Awareness is another great opportunity to interact with your children in the classroom, and every child at Walnut Acres benefits from learning about and participating in art at school.

We will confirm with everyone who has already signed up shortly, and hold an **Orientation on Friday, September 4th at 8:10am in the new Art Room, Room C-2.**

Ice Cream Social

The Annual Walnut Acres Ice Cream Social is on Friday, September 11 from 6 - 8 pm.



All Walnut Acres families are invited to join fellow Jaguars and families for a fun evening of ice cream and friends.

The ice cream is free! And, the 2015-16 Walnut Acres t-shirts and hoodies will be available for purchase.

Spirit Wear



Show your school spirit with Walnut Acres Spirit Wear!

The PFC will be selling the 2015-16 short-sleeve tees and pullover hoodies at the Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 11.

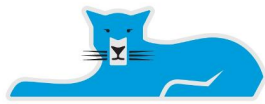
This is the perfect way to show your school spirit and support the PFC!

Prices:
T-shirts from \$15
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!

JAGUAR FUND Supporting Every Child. Every Day.



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FUND**

A huge thank you to all the families who have contributed to Jaguar Fund already. We had a great start on Jaguar Day! With your generous support the PFC will be able to continue to fund vital programs such as music, technology, science, creative writing and art at Walnut Acres.

It's not too late to contribute to the Jaguar Fund! You can now donate online through our [secure online donation site](#). If you prefer to pay with a check, donation forms are available in the office.

Our goal is for every Walnut Acres family to contribute what they can to the Jaguar Fund. No amount is too small and every dollar makes a difference for our kids.

Don't forget, if you or your spouse work for a large employer chances are they will have a charitable giving matching program. This is an easy way to double the impact of your gift. Some companies will even donate for your volunteer hours! To find out about your company's policy, search for "matching gifts" on your company intranet, or contact your HR department. It only takes a minute to submit the matching form and it makes a really big difference for our school. The information you will need is simply our name, Walnut Acres PFC (or Parent Faculty Club of Walnut Acres Elementary), our tax ID number 94-2398637, and the date and amount of your gift

Questions? Email jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.net

Shop and Earn for Walnut Acres

Thanks for supporting Walnut Acres Elementary! Together, we can make a big difference!



Keep clipping **Box Tops and Labels for Education** and drop them off at the school office so we can mail them in and earn cash.

Now Supporters can go directly to the **eScrip Online Mall** and earn for Walnut Acres. Anyone can earn for our school - even if they are not enrolled with eScrip - they can click on the link, shop or download AutoEARN, and earn anonymously!

Please note that Safeway has ended their participation with eScrip as of August 1st, 2015. We still have other ways to SHOP and EARN for WALNUT ACRES!

Amazon Smile

Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Parent Faculty Club of Walnut Acres Elementary School** when you shop at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com). Just log into your account and it will automatically donate every time you purchase from Amazon.

Target Red Card

Target's Red Card program allows its customers to earn a 5% discount and raise money for Walnut Acres on all purchases. Signing up is easy. Just go to <http://www.target.com/redcard/main>.

Please visit the [Shop and Earn page](#) on the PFC website for more information about more ways to we can shop and earn for our school. If you have any questions, please email Monica Chang or Erin Roeder at escrip@walnutacrespfc.net.

Fall Enrichment Classes



Enrollment for the Fall Enrichment Classes will begin on Monday, August 31 and classes begin the week of September 21st.

Enrichment Classes are held after school hours and are available on a first come/first serve basis for all Walnut Acres students, grades 1 - 5. (Abacus Math is also available for Kindergarten students.) There are a variety of classes this year, including a few new choices. The Enrichment page on the PFC website shows dates, times, prices, and enrollment procedures. All registration is done directly through the vendors.

Click the link to the [Enrichment Programs](#) page to see the incredible options available for our students.

Questions? Please email Kathy Ringot or Lia Bush at enrichment@walnutacrespfc.net.

Community Service Day at Walnut Acres

Community Service Day

Save the Date... Saturday, October 10!

The City of Walnut Creek's Community Service Day is coming soon and you can help out by signing up to do your community service right here at Walnut Acres Elementary School!

Registration is open at the [City of Walnut Creek website](#). Jobs are available for adults and kids - some indoors and some outdoors. To sign up to work specifically at Walnut Acres, look for our school's two events: Walnut Acres Gardening and Campus Spruce-up and Walnut Acres School Library Book Cleaning.

7:30 am: Check in and free pancake breakfast at Heather Farm Park Community Center

8:45 am: Meet at Project Site

9:00 am: Work begins. Some project sites offer afternoon shifts.

More information is available [here](#). Sign up now to join our Jaguar Community in giving our wonderful school a little TLC!

Dara Schwartz Buzzard and Courtney Wasserman, Co-Chairs representing Walnut Acres.

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 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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