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Blue Ribbon School 2005

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### Toy and Clothing Drive: Dec 7 - 11



The holidays are rapidly approaching, and it's time for our **Annual Toy & Clothing drive to benefit Shore Acres Elementary School!**

This is a great opportunity for us to reach out and support the larger community. Please take the time to set aside gently used clothing and toys to donate. We will be accepting donations from **Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11**. Please leave your donations in the boxes outside the school office.

### Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

### Dates to Remember

Dec 7 - 18:  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal

Dec 7 - 11:  
Toy and Clothing Drive

Tues, Dec 8:  
PFC Holiday Party

Wed, Dec 16:  
4th Grade Performance  
The Nutcracker

Dec 21 - Jan 1:  
Winter Break

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

### Enews Release Dates

**Next Enews Release**  
Monday, December 14

**Articles Due**  
Wednesday, December 9

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

Submit articles to

We also need volunteers to help sort donations during that week, and drivers with large SUV's or Mini Vans to help deliver the donations on Friday, December 11th at 1:00.

More information on the [PFC Community Service](#) link.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences December 7 - 18



Teachers have sent, or soon will send, home times for you to register for your conference(s). Please respond promptly so they can set their appointments. Each parent-teacher meeting is a golden opportunity to support your child's growth and achievement.

We will have **early dismissal** during the two weeks of conferences. The early dismissal schedule is as follows:

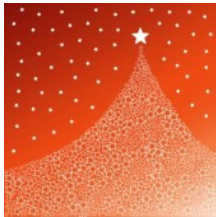
**Kindergarten** 12:38 p.m. Every day

**1st - 3rd grade** 12:59 p.m. Except Wednesdays (Pick-up is 12:29 p.m.)

**4th - 5th grade** 1:06 p.m. Except Wednesdays (Pick-up is 12:33 p.m.)

Please remember to arrange for your child to be picked up after school in a timely fashion during this shift in our dismissal routine.

### PFC Holiday Party



Please join the PFC Board  
**Tuesday, December 8th**  
**7:00 - 9:30 pm**

as we celebrate the Holidays at the lovely home of Christina and Cesar Contreras (320 Las Lomas Way).

All Walnut Acres parents are welcome! Bring a friend, and an appetizer, dessert, or special beverage to share. You can RSVP and sign up to bring something on [Konstella](#).

We encourage parents of the 4th and 5th grade music students to join us after the music recital.

Contact [Christina Contreras](#) or [Marita Louw](#) if you have any questions.

### Shop and Earn for Walnut Acres

Support Walnut Acres by taking advantage of the holiday

[enews@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto: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](#)

[Special Thanks To](#)

### Ongoing Fundraisers



[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



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[Labels for Education](#)



**Box Tops 4 Education**

Earn cash for our school!  
Collect Box Tops and drop them in

shopping deals! All of the businesses featured are financial supporters of Walnut Acres and businesses where you already shop!

the collection bin in the office.

## Become a Basemateer at Sports Basement!

Our longtime partner, Sports Basement, is spinning the traditional "loyalty" program into a win-win for their loyal customers and our community. Basemateers receive 10% and give 10%: 10% off every item every day; 10% of profits back to your favorite local charity like Walnut Acres Elementary.

Beginning January 1, 2016, there will be a \$25 fee to join the Basemateer Program, so **be sure to sign up before December 31, 2015**. On your

next visit to Sports Basement, register as a Basemateer and select Walnut Acres Elementary as your beneficiary. Please note that the ongoing Partner and School discount programs will be phased out as Sports Basement switches over to the Basemateers Program. If you opt not to join Basemateers, you will no longer receive the 10% discount and Walnut Acres will no longer get its 10% profit from your purchases.

Sports Basement just sent the PFC a check for \$5200 from the 2014 profit sharing program so this really is a profitable relationship! Sign up now to continue to earn for our kids!



The graphic is a green-themed advertisement for Sports Basement's Basemateers program. At the top, it says 'Introducing Sports Basement's BASEMATEERS'. Below this, a woman in a Sports Basement apron holds a sign that says 'SB' and 'S'. To the right, it lists the benefits: '10% off of every item, every time' and 'and 10% of profits to your favorite local charity or school'. At the bottom, it says 'JOIN TODAY for \$25!' with a small note 'Or join for free through Dec. 31 if you already have a group discount!'. A tagline at the very bottom reads 'We do better. you do better. our local communities do better.'



### Do You Amazon?

Are you an Amazon PRIME member? Use our link!

If you are an Amazon Prime member, you can effortlessly earn money for Walnut Acres Parent Faculty Committee. Walnut Acres is part of the Amazon SchoolRewards Associates program, a simple way for you to help us fund raise by shopping as you normally do at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

There is no sign up involved - just click on our school shopping link to get to Amazon and then shop! Each month, Amazon will donate between 4%-10% of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through this special [WAPFC link](#). Click this link, bookmark it, and share it with friends and family!

If you are not an Amazon Prime member, you can use the [Amazon Smile](#) page to designate the "Parent Faculty Club of Walnut Acres Elementary School" as your charity of

choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase to the PFC. Every little bit helps!

### **Target Take Charge of Education (TCOE) Donation Program**



If you are a Target REDcard member, you can sign up for the Take Charge of Education Program. It's a win-win situation - you will receive 5% discount off your purchases and FREE SHIPPING from target.com and Walnut Acres PFC receives 1% of your purchase from Target!

Visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, and then use your REDcard whenever you shop. Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to Walnut Acres. You can view our school's progress anytime at [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe).

Thank you for supporting Walnut Acres and happy shopping!

### **Seeking Gift Cards and Wine for the 2016 Auction**



We are in particular need of gift cards to local restaurants and businesses, frequent flyer miles and a cabin in the Tahoe City area for a snow vacation near our spring break. To donate, you may drop your gift card or other small donation and donor form in the box marked "Auction" in the office. We will leave blank donation forms in the box for you to fill out or you can complete the donor form online

at [www.walnutacres.schoolauction.net/auction2016/](http://www.walnutacres.schoolauction.net/auction2016/)

Many retailers are offering gift card promotions that enable you to get extra gift cards when you make a purchase. Why not donate those extra gift cards to the auction? Check out this site of some retailers providing these promotions: [\*\*Holiday Promotions\*\*](#)

The wine bar has been hugely successful due to the enthusiasm and generous donations from the Walnut Acres community. We ask that each bottle has a minimum retail value of \$20. Please deliver donations by January 15, 2016. If you are stocking up on wine for the holidays, please consider picking up an extra bottle or two to donate to the Auction! Check out BevMo - they offer the second bottle of wine for 5 cents when you purchase certain wines!

Thank you for your continued generosity!  
Your 2016 Grape Gatsby Auction Team

## Jaguar Fund



### Congratulations!

68% of our Walnut Acres families have contributed to the Jaguar Fund. That is tremendous support from 322 out of 477 families. But we can do even better! If you haven't had the chance to give yet, please [click here](#) to make your donation today.

These funds pay for everything from classroom aides to computer teachers, from choral music to science lab. We really are supporting EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY.

The recommended amount is \$450 per child, but every single donation of any amount helps. Even \$20 really adds up for our kids, and if we reach 100%, that helps our grant writing to be able to say that 100% of parents have contributed.

And don't forget to ask if your employer matches donations - this is FREE MONEY that doubles the impact of your donation!

Thank YOU for investing in our kids.

All donations to the Jaguar Fund are tax deductible (tax id # 94-2398637).

### Open Enrollment: 2016-17 Intradistrict Transfers

The Student Services Department is preparing for the 2016-17 Intradistrict Transfer Process to begin.



The Open Enrollment period will be from October 15, 2015 and will end on January 15, 2016 for students in grades 1-12. For students entering TK and K, the process begins on Kindergarten registration day, Tuesday, February 2, 2016, and ends on March 1, 2016. Forms will be available to the schools by October 12, 2015, available [online on the District website](#), as well as at the District Office.

### Seeking Lunch Patrol Volunteers

Do you miss your kids during the day? Then volunteer for Lunch Patrol! **We ask that each family volunteer for Lunch Patrol at least 3 times over the course of the**



**school year.**

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 out the school.

Sign up on [Konstella](https://www.konstella.com) or email [lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net).

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

## Community Announcements

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Community Announcements](#) on the PFC Website give details about the latest events happening in and around our community.

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.

