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PFC Monthly Meeting

Our next PFC meeting is TOMORROW, Tuesday, October 20th, at 8:15 AM in the school library.

Please note the new meeting time and stop by the library after drop-off for snacks and a **Cup o' Joe with Jo!**

Our school counselor, Joanne Finn, will present our Hot

Report an Absence

Click here to report an absence

Dates to Remember

This Week is Red Ribbon Week!

Mon: Wear Red Tue: Wear Sunglasses

Wed: Wear Favorite Team Thu: Crazy Hair Day Fri: Wear Pajamas

Tues Oct 20:

PFC Meeting - 8:15 am - Library

Oct 22 - 24:

The Lion King Kids

Sun, Oct 25: School Carnival

Visit the Walnut Acres online **calendar** for future dates.

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release Monday, November 2

Articles DueWednesday, October 28

Visit the **PFC website** for Enews guidelines and schedule.

Submit articles to **enews@walnutacrespfc.net**

Topic for the meeting: How our Kids are Learning vital Social Skills and Mediation Techniques.

You'll also hear teacher and principal news, get the scoop on the Carnival and the Auction, and see our fundraising progress.

All Walnut Acres parents are encouraged to attend!

The Lion King Kids



Curtains Up Youth Theatre presents

The Lion King Kids

performed by Walnut Acres 3rd and 4th graders.

Show times and dates are:

Thursday, October 22 at 6:30... meet and greet the actors (in costume) after the show!

Friday, October 23 at 7:00 Saturday, October 24 at 7:00

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8/ticket (general seating). The box office will open 1 hour prior to the show time and the doors to the theatre will open approximately 20 minutes before the show.

Come watch our tremendously talented kids!

Fall Carnival - Sunday, October 25



Join your friends for a funfilled family day at the **Walnut Acres Carnival!** October 25th from 12 - 4 pm

Our day will kick off with a **costume parade** at 11:45 led by Dr. Dowd.

Buy your wristbands early and save! The Unlimited Play Wristband is just \$12 pre-sale or \$15 the day of the carnival. Wristbands include unlimited carnival game play, one pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, and choice of cotton candy or popcorn. Individual meal and game tickets are also available for sale. Individual game tickets are \$1 each. Kid meal tickets are \$3 and include a slice of pizza, chips and a drink. Adult meal tickets are \$5 and include 2 slices of pizza, chips and a drink. The Class Pumpkin Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6

Quick Links

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Walnut Acres School Calendar

Enews submission deadlines

Community News: sign-ups, teams & local events

Lunch menu

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CLICK HERE to learn more details about how you can SHOP and EARN for Walnut Acres



Labels for Education



Box Tops 4 Education
Earn cash for our school!
Collect Box Tops and drop them in the collection bin in the office.

Pre-sale wristbands can be purchased online now or this week on campus on Tues & Wed, October 20 & 21 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in front of the office. Please note: pre-sale wristbands will be available for pickup starting at 11:30 on the day of the Carnival in the Will Call line.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help out the day of the event. Check out Konstella or email carnival@walnutacrespfc.net for a list of volunteer opportunities. And, if you signed up to work at your child's booth, check in with your room parent(s) to make sure you know when and where to go.

We would also appreciate donations of gently used books that will be used as prizes for one of the carnival games. You can leave your donated books in the boxes that are outside the school office.

Lastly, **we need pop-up tents** to provide shade for all the games and activities. If you have a pop-up tent that you can loan us for the day, please drop it off at the school the morning of the carnival. Please be sure your it is marked with your name so it can be returned to the correct family.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your family at the Carnival!

Auction Tickets on sale NOW!

The Grape Gatsby Auction Tickets are now on sale on the **Auction website**.

Tickets will also be available at the Fall Carnival on October 25th! If you purchase your tickets online prior to the Carnival OR in person at the Carnival, you will be entered into the raffle for a free hotel night at the Concord Hilton on the night of the event!



Community Service Day at Walnut Acres



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to ALL who participated in this year's City of Walnut Creek Community Service Day at WA. Every single person (adult, teen, and child) who attended the event this year made a huge impact on our school and we thank you SO much for giving our school your time and hard work!

Event Highlights:

- Approximately 12 huge lawn bags of compost/weeds were collected.
- Every single outdoor lunch/picnic table was hand scrubbed and washed down.
- The walls above the drinking fountains were hand scrubbed & washed down.
- The wood WA school name sign on the corner of Cerezo & Wigit was repaired and the shrubbery was trimmed down so now the sign is more visible and no longer wobbly.
- The school library got a huge jump start on the new leveling/labeling project as well as the cleaning of books.
- All the bag/coat hooks around campus were checked & screwed in tighter as needed. Thanks Boy Scouts!

Special shout-outs to:

- Dr. Dowd for all her support with helping plan the event as well as attending the day of and giving us her encouragement.
- Our wonderful school Custodial Engineer, Consuela, who came to school and joined the work force on her day off!
- The Girl Scouts who made the fantastic signs that were hung around the school to help promote the event.
- The students who continuously walked around campus passing out water, snacks, sunblock & first aid to the volunteers.
- Thank you to our PFC President, Cherise Khaund for all her help & support.

We thank you all for a truly wonderful & productive day! See you next year!!! **Dara Schwartz Buzzard** and **Courtney Wasserman**, Co-Chairs representing Walnut Acres.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Thank you to all Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser participants! Your efforts paid off and we exceeded our fundraising goal!



Orders and prizes will be delivered to Walnut Acres in mid-November. Pick up details to be announced at a later time.

Questions? Email **giftwrap@walnutacrespfc.net**

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 Volunteers for School Safety Committee

We need parent volunteers for the Walnut Acres Comprehensive School Safety Committee.

If you are interested in being part of this very important committee, please e-mail **Dr. Dowd** by Friday, November 9, 2015. We appreciate parent input regarding the safety of our children and our school.

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** or email **lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net**.

Details about Lunch Patrol responsibilities can be found on the **Lunch Patrol page** of the PFC website.

Community Announcements



<u>Community Announcements</u> 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.**

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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