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**Walnut Acres Elementary**  
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Blue Ribbon School 2005

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### School Picture Day - tomorrow!



Lifetouch will be taking student pictures and class pictures on **Tuesday, September 22nd.**

### Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

### Dates to Remember

Tues, Sept 22:  
School Picture Day

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PFC Meeting 7pm in the Library

Sept 21 - Oct 9:  
Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Sat Oct 10:  
Community Service Day

Sun, Oct 25:  
School Carnival

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

### Enews Release Dates

**Next Enews Release**  
Monday, October 5

**Articles Due**  
Wednesday, September 30

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

Submit articles to  
[enews@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:enews@walnutacrespfc.net)

Information is being sent home on how to go online and order pictures for your child. That information is also being provided below.

1. VISIT [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com)
2. ENTER Picture Day ID - #CJ925258Q0
3. Please place your order by midnight, Monday, September 21st.

Lifetouch is trying to go green and paperless, but if you have any difficulties, payment flyers will be available in the office.

If payment is not made on or prior to picture day, a proof of your child's photograph will be sent home and you will have an opportunity to go online at a later date to order your pictures.

### **PFC Meeting: September 22**

Our next PFC Meeting is TOMORROW, Tue, September 22nd, at 7pm in the Walnut Acres library. Please come!



Curious about Carnival, after school activities, or fundraising? Join us to find out more. Our Hot Topic is an interactive brainstorm of Auction trips and parties - come share what you'd enjoy winning! Principal Dowd and teachers will give us their insight on school happenings as well. See the full agenda on [our website](#). We hope to see you all there!

### **Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser**



**September 21 thru Friday, Oct 9**

The Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser has begun! It's time to stock up on high quality gift wrap, gift bags, fun gifts and more for the holidays and throughout the year. Be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors! This is a great opportunity to support Walnut Acres - **50% of product price goes to the Walnut Acres PFC.**

Catalogs and orders forms will be sent home with your child this week. Additional catalogs are available in the office. Remember, out of town family and friends may order online so spread the word!

New this year: a simple ordering process! Just take orders, collect payment and turn in to the school office. That's it! Pick up items, including incentive prizes, at Walnut Acres in November.

## **Quick Links**

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[District Website](#)

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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



ARTS • ATHLETICS • ACADEMICS

[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.

Questions? Email [giftwrap@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:giftwrap@walnutacrespfc.net)

## Community Service Day at Walnut Acres

# Community Service Day

**Sign up now... several spots at  
Walnut Acres are still available!  
Saturday, October 10!  
9:00 am - noon**

The City of Walnut Creek's Community Service Day is just around the corner 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 events: under Libraries, look for WA School Library Book Cleaning AND under Schools, look for WA Gardening and Campus Spruce-up. You will have to scroll down to find them.**

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

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.



### Student Emergency Food Kits

Every student must have an Emergency Food Kit available in their classroom. If you did not order a pre-made kit, or have not provided your



child's own kit already, please deliver a home-made emergency snack kit to the student's classroom as soon as possible. Please do not leave kits or money in the EPrep box in the office.

The kit should contain 4 or 5 non-perishable sealed food items, that can withstand being stacked on top of each other in a box, last through June 2016, and can all fit together into 1 quart size zip lock baggie with the student name in view. Please include a completed Request Form (available in the school office) containing the student name, teacher, & classroom info, parents names, & emergency contacts names & phone #'s.  
" One kit required per child, per class.

Please note: The option to purchase a \$5 pre-made Student Emergency Food Kit is no longer available.

### 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](mailto:lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.net).

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

### After School Music Enrichment for 4th and 5th Grade

There is still time to enroll for the After School Music Enrichment Program for 4th and 5th Graders. This program is in addition to the Music Program that is provided during school hours.

Classes begin Wednesday September 30 and run from 12:45-1:45pm.



Please complete the form found on the [PFC website](#) and deposit in the enrichment box in the main office.

### Fall Enrichment Classes

Fall Enrichment Classes begin this week!

Enrichment Classes are held after school hours and are



available on a first come/first serve basis for all Walnut Acres students, grades K - 5. 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](mailto:enrichment@walnutacrespfc.net).

### Shop and Earn for Walnut Acres

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

#### Box Tops for Education

Please check your child's backpack or binder this week for the Back to School Box Tops sheet. Please attach 25 box tops (or as many as you have!) and **return to school by October 1st**. All those box tops add up to easy money for Walnut Acres, so please check those boxes before you recycle!



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 WANUT ACRES!

#### Sports Basement

When you check out at Sports Basement, tell them you are a Walnut Acres family. You will get a 10% discount off your purchase and Sports Basement will donate another percentage to the school



#### 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 [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

### 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](mailto:escrip@walnutacrespfc.net).

### JAGUAR FUND Supporting Every Child. Every Day.



Walnut Acres  
**JAGUAR  
FUND**

THANK YOU to the Walnut Acres families who have already contributed to the Jaguar Fund. Your commitment to supporting our children's education is phenomenal. If you haven't yet contributed, please [go online](#) and make your donation today. Remember that no gift is too small and every dollar makes a difference.

Another important source of funding is corporate matching. Remember that MOST corporations have matching programs; they are happy to support their employees in their charitable giving, and they get a tax break! Even if you think your company doesn't provide this benefit, it's worth finding out for sure. Ask your HR contact or search your company's intranet. It takes only a minute to submit a matching request and it will double the impact of your gift. Our tax ID# is 94-2398637.

Questions? Email [jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.net)

### School Arrival Safety

Children's safety is a priority at Walnut Acres. There is no adult supervision prior to 7:45 am so children should not be dropped off at school before that time.

The side gate to our campus on Wiget is now open in the mornings to ease some of the traffic congestion during drop off.





All Walnut Acres volunteers (parents, grandparents, etc.) must sign-in at the office and obtain a visitor badge prior to volunteering in the classroom or for lunch patrol.

It is very tempting to want to park in an empty parking spot once you enter our campus. Please do not park in the staff parking spaces. We do not have enough room for our own staff members, some of whom already have to park off campus. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are available to volunteer for the drive-thru drop off, please email [drivethru@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:drivethru@walnutacrespfc.net). It only takes about 15 minutes of your time.

### [www.walnutacrespfc.net](http://www.walnutacrespfc.net)



If you haven't bookmarked it already, please bookmark the [Walnut Acres PFC website](http://www.walnutacrespfc.net).

This site is run by WA parents and is a great source of up to date information about all of the activities at Walnut Acres!

### **Konstella - Online Parent Directory**

Don't forget to sign up for **Konstella**, our new, private [Online Parent Directory](#).



Room Parents, please make sure to invite all parents in your class, so they don't miss out on important school and class information. Parents, be sure to click to join in order to have your contact info listed in the directory.

Join by [clicking here](#) today! And, we highly recommend the **free Konstella phone app**. It brings your classroom and school signups, announcements, and directory all to one at-a-glance spot, and you can ask quick questions in your class Chatroom.

### **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.

### [Forward email](#)



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