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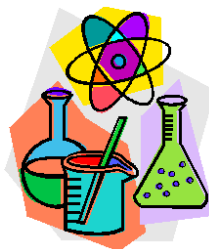
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### **Spring Enrichment Classes**

Spring Trimester is here, and we have some great After School Enrichment classes for the kids. **Classes start today and there is still room for new registrants.** The complete schedule and registration forms can be found on the [PFC Enrichment page](#).



### **Report an Absence**

[Click here to report an absence](#)

### **Dates to Remember**

March 24 - April 14:  
Read-A-Thon

Wed, April 6:  
Superintendent's Community Meeting

Fri, April 8:  
Last day to order Year Books

April 11 - April 15:  
Food Drive

Thu, April 14:  
Art Show

Tues, April 19:  
PFC Meeting, 7 pm, Library

Wed, April 20:  
2nd Grade Performance

April 25 - April 29:  
Book Fair

May 2 - May 6:  
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wed, May 4:  
Walk/Bike to School Day

Thur, May 5:

As in the past, all registration forms and checks should be sent directly to the class vendors. If you have questions, please email [enrichment@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:enrichment@walnutacrespfc.net).

### PFC News



Your PFC Executive Committee would love your input...

**Before April 7th**, please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts on budget and roles for next year:

1. **Click here** to answer a 2 question survey about your budget priorities for PFC funds.
2. **Click here** to state your preferences of possible PFC positions that may match up with your skills and interests. (don't be shy, you're not committing to anything, just letting us know some possibilities. No experience necessary!)

Also, save these dates:

- \* The **next PFC meeting**, Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm in the Library.
- \* The **Volunteer Appreciation Sing Out**, Friday, May 6th at 8:00 am in the MUR.

### Read-A-Thon

**Light Up Your World With Reading!**  
**March 24 - April 14, 2016**



Did you know our Read-A-Thon online site says **we've already raised over \$5300 towards our \$20,000 goal?** Keep up the great work, readers! Keep sharing, soliciting sponsors, and reading!

#### How does the Read-A-Thon work?

Students set a reading goal (hours or minutes/day) for the 20-day reading period, and they solicit sponsors to support that goal, via a personal webpage or in person with the white envelope. They record minutes read each day on their white envelope reading log, and turn that in on **April 14th**. Prizes are based on hours read and money raised.

**New This Year:** We are using **99 Pledges** for online fundraising! See our **school main page here**. Each student can choose to use a personal Readathon webpage, created from our Konstella directory. If you did not receive an email with a link to your child's page

Eukel Teacher Trust nominations due

Fri, May 6:  
Volunteer Appreciation Sing-Out and Golf Tournament

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

### 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](#)

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### Ongoing Fundraisers



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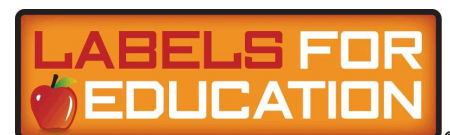
[Jaguar Fund](#)



[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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and would like a page for your child, just email [readathon@walnutacres.net](mailto:readathon@walnutacres.net).

### **Can I change my child's \$ goal on their 99**

**Pledges page?** 99 Pledges software automatically set each child's goal to \$100, and unfortunately that goal amount cannot be changed. It's set by classroom and cannot be different for students within one class 'team.' But, feel free to share your own personal goal with friends and family in your messages or Facebook posts instead.

Questions? email [readathon@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:readathon@walnutacrespfc.net).



### **Box Tops 4 Education**

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

## **Superintendent's Community Meeting**



Throughout the 2015/2016 school year, Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer has hosted a series of Community Meetings to converse with parents, staff and community about the District's progress on the

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Common Core State Standards.

The final school-site Community Meeting is

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

6:00 pm

Northgate High School

425 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek

We hope you are able to attend.

## **Art Show 2016**

We hope your student is getting their creations ready for

**Art Show 2016**  
**Thursday, April 14th**

**ART**  
**SHOW**

The MUR will be transformed into WAMoMA, the Walnut Acres Museum of Modern Art, featuring our very own Walnut Acres student artists!

**Monday, April 11**  
**Final Artwork Due**

**Thursday, April 14**  
**WAMoMA Gallery Tours and Reception**

For more information, go to [2016 Art Show](#). This event is run by parent volunteers so **if you are able to help**, please sign up on [Konstella](#) or contact Arsinoe Ferry at 510-206-0712 or [arsinoe66@gmail.com](mailto:arsinoe66@gmail.com).

## Yearbooks



If you have not yet ordered a Yearbook, its time! To order, submit a check for \$30 made payable to WAPFC, and drop it (in a sealed envelope) in the box labeled "Yearbook" in the front office. Make sure to include your child's name, grade, and teacher. **The last day to order a yearbook is Friday, April 8.**

## Community Service: Food Drive

We will be holding our Annual **Food Drive** benefitting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties beginning next Monday, April 11.



## Food Drive Shopping List

Help the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano provide nutritious, nonperishable food items like the ones listed below.

- Natural Peanut Butter
- Whole Grain Cereals
- Hearty Low Sodium Soups
- Beans and Lentils (dry or canned)
- Canned Tuna and Chicken in Water
- Canned Fruit in Juice
- Nonperishable Low Sodium Ready to Eat Meals (chili, ravioli, etc.)
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables
- Brown Rice
- Whole Wheat/Grain Pasta
- Canned Tomato Products



[www.foodbankccs.org](http://www.foodbankccs.org)

Drop off food in a collection barrel near you or bring food to either Food Bank warehouse  
4010 Nelson Ave, Concord, CA 94520 or 2339 Courage Drive, Suite F, Fairfield, CA 94533  
Find a collection barrel at [www.foodbankccs.org/ongoingdrives](http://www.foodbankccs.org/ongoingdrives).

Students will receive a bag to take home to fill up and return to their classroom by Friday, April 15.

## Golf Tournament

Save the Date & Sign Up for the

## Walnut Acres Annual Golf Tournament



## "Fore! the Kids"

Friday, May 6th  
Boundary Oak Golf Course  
Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

18 Hole: \$150  
Ladies 9-Hole: \$75  
Golf cart, boxed lunch, and  
after-tournament social included

for all participants.

Business (\$100) and Family (\$75) hole sponsorships  
are available.

Register to participate or signup for your hole  
sponsorship at school on Wednesday, April 6 from  
12:00 to 1:15 and Friday, April 8 from 2:15 to 3:15

Or, sign up online: [PFC Golf Tournament](#) or find  
forms in the school office.

Questions? Contact Meghan Pariso  
at [meghanpariso@gmail.com](mailto:meghanpariso@gmail.com).

It's sure to be a great day on the course!

### News from the School Office

The green **STUDENT INFORMATION FORM** will be available in the office on  
Monday, April 4th and the deadline for  
submitting is Friday, April 22nd.



**Spring pictures** will be taken by  
Lifetouch on **Tuesday, April 5,  
2016**. Forms were sent home with students before  
break. The money from student pictures supports our  
Student Body Account that is managed by our Student  
Council. Last year students decided to use these funds  
to help purchase the Walnut Acres School Marquee.

**Please be courteous... don't park in the staff  
lot.** Parents are still parking in the staff parking lot at  
pick-up and drop-off times. This is very disconcerting  
for our staff as we do not have enough spaces for  
current staff to park on campus. Please park off  
campus when picking-up or dropping-off your students.  
If there is a spot that is available, it needs to be utilized  
by District personnel. We so appreciate your  
cooperation.

### Nominate a Teacher for the Eukel Teacher Trust

Would you like to uniquely honor your child's teacher?



**The Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust** is seeking outstanding teachers to celebrate. The award includes a monetary grant of \$10,000 to be used by the teacher as the recipient chooses.

The Trust website is [www.eukeltrust.org](http://www.eukeltrust.org) and nomination forms are available on the site or [click here](#) . Completed forms are due **May 5, 2016**, and may be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the committee.

The Trust members are seeking teachers who show excellence in the classroom and an inspirational attitude toward students. If you appreciate your child's teacher for excellent practice and positive attitude, please consider this request.

### **Auction 2016: The Results!**

The Grape Gatsby Auction is over and the results are in! We raised a **total of \$95,320** to help support the programs and teachers that make Walnut Acres great!



The **Fund A Need** portion of the auction proceeds amounted to **\$26,080.00** and will be spent specifically to reinvent the computer lab and library spaces.

The **remaining \$69,240** of income goes towards our budgeted expenses for the year such as science, computers and art, and **exceeded our \$65,000 goal** in our budget!

**Thank you** to all the parents, families, and friends who helped to make this year's auction a huge success! Your donations, volunteerism, and participation raised money for our school and created an incredibly fun, community-building party!

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Looking toward the 2017 Auction, we are currently looking for multiple volunteers to lead next year's event. No experience necessary! If you want to be a part of this amazing and worthwhile experience, please contact Anna Halverson or click **Preference** on [this Konstella form](#).

### **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.



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