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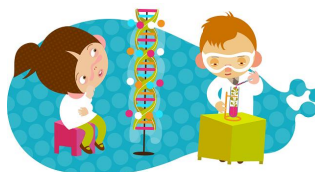
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Science Fair is here!

**Thursday February 4th
is the big day!!**

A few quick reminders:

Project drop off/set up: Wednesday, February 3rd from
11:30am - 1:30pm and 6:30 - 7:30pm



Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

Dates to Remember

Mon, Feb 1:
TK and K Orientation

Tues, Feb 2:
TK and K Registration

Thur, Feb 4:
Science Fair

Mon, Feb 8:
Lincoln's Birthday - NO SCHOOL

Mon, Feb 15:
President's Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb 9 - 19:
Pennies for Patients

Mon, Feb 15:
Last Day to purchase tickets to The
Grape Gatsby

Tues, Feb 23:
PFC Meeting, 7pm in the Library

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

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release

Tuesday, February 16

Articles Due

Wednesday, February 10

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

Submit articles to enews@walnutacrespfc.net

Quick Links

[Walnut Acres Website](#)

[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



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Judging: Thursday, February 4th 8:00am - 12:00pm

Open house to view the projects: Thursday, February 4th from 2:30 - 4:00pm and 6:30 - 8:00pm

Pick up your project: Friday, February 5th from 2:30 - 4:30pm (forgotten projects will be delivered to your child's classroom.)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Your efforts are going to make this a great event!

If you have last minute questions, contact science fair coordinators Janine Brown or Lissa Biddle at sciencefair@walnutacrespfc.net.

Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten Registration



Monday, February 1: TK & K Orientation Meeting from 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Multi-Use Room (MUR)

The Mt Diablo Unified School District representative, Kim Koppenhaver-Klute, and our Walnut Acres TK and Kindergarten teachers will share information pertaining to our Walnut Acres TK & K programs. **Time slots for Registration day will be issued at this meeting.**

Tuesday, February 2: TK & K Registration in the Library

9:00am - 11:00am by appointment

1:00pm - 3:00pm by appointment

Please bring all Registration materials as specified in the Registration Packet. More information is available on the [Walnut Acres website](#).

After School Enrichment Classes

There are still spaces open in many of our Winter Enrichment classes which begin this week. If you're still looking for some after school activities, check them out:

[PFC Enrichment page](#).



As in the past, no forms should be sent to, nor checks made payable to the PFC; **registration forms and checks should be sent directly to the class vendors.**

If you have questions, please email enrichment@walnutacrespfc.net.

Get Your Pennies Ready!



Dig deep under your couch cushions and get ready for a school-wide student giving opportunity...

Pennies for Patients benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

From February 9 through 19, students will be collecting change to donate. This is a great opportunity for students to see how they can help others. They can search the couch cushions and under the car seats, or they can find other creative ways to collect pennies such as hosting a hot chocolate stand in the neighborhood. The classroom that collects the most pennies wins a pizza party!

More information will be posted on Konstella soon.

Questions? Contact **Dara**.



Box Tops 4 Education

Earn cash for our school!

Collect Box Tops and drop them in the collection bin in the office.

Ticket Sales: Grape Gatsby Auction

The countdown to March 4th is on!

There are 14 days left to buy your Grape Gatsby Auction, Dinner, and Dance tickets! **The last day to purchase tickets for this amazing party is February 15.**

Don't forget about the Live Auction Raffle Tickets. You could win a thousand dollar prize for just \$50!



Dress is cocktail attire, and we hope you will get into the spirit with some roaring 20's fashions.

Tickets at:

<http://walnutacres.schoolauction.net/auction2016/>

Uncork the Fun!

Get Ready for Read-a-thon



Light Up Your World with Reading! March 23 - April 14

New this year - we are excited to launch online fundraising via 99pledges! We'll use our data from Konstella to generate a 99pledges page for each student, sorted by classroom. This will simply include the student first name and last

initial, and the specific link to each student page will be emailed directly to each parent when Read-a-thon starts. The main school 99pledges page will show our progress only by classroom and list the top donors. Envelopes will still be provided with reading logs and for students to collect cash/checks.

We'll export the data from Konstella next Monday Feb 8. So, **before Feb 8 please:**

- check your Konstella account to make sure each child is linked to their particular classroom/teacher.
- if you'd like to "opt out" and ensure your student does NOT have an online page for Read-a-thon, email readathon@walnutacrespfc.net.

Company Sponsorship Opportunity - your company logo/link can be featured on the new Read-a-thon 99pledges webpage!

Email readathon@walnutacrespfc.net to become a sponsor.

We can't wait to start reading with you!

Anna, Michelle and Tricia

Art Show 2016



Save the Date
Thursday, April 14th

The MUR will be transformed into a **Museum of Modern Art** featuring our very own Walnut Acres student artists!

All are encouraged to submit their creations.

For information and to register, go to [Art Show](#).

If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Arsinoe Ferry at 510-206-0712 or arsinoe66@gmail.com.

Teachers' Aides, Science Lab, Computer Lab

What do these three things have in common?



All of these vital educational resources (and many more!) for your child are **100% paid** for through PFC fundraisers. If it weren't for your help, these resources wouldn't exist.

To date, we are at 57% of our annual fundraising goal of \$348,256. We have \$151,109 to go! We can do it! And you can help. How?

- [Attend the Auction!](#)
- [Contribute to the Jaguar Fund!](#)
- [Shop and Earn for School!](#)

Together, we can continue to provide the vital educational resources our children need. Check out our new [PFC Infographic](#) to see where your money goes.

We're off to a great start. Let's keep it going!

Drive Thru Thanks and Student Safety



Thank you! to all the parents who have volunteered at the Drive Thru this year. We have had a lot of enthusiastic help even on our rainy days. A special thanks and shout out to our Friday morning dads - you are awesome and so appreciated!

Gentle reminders regarding safety:

Please remember to have children exit cars on the side where parent volunteers can open the door. Kindly let kids out where there are parent volunteers as other cars behind you are waiting and appreciate your courtesy. This is especially important if your child is not able to exit the car independently. Please don't be tempted to drive into the teachers' parking area to drop off kids as walking across the parking lot or in front of Drive Thru cars is very unsafe for you and your children. Using the crosswalks is always safest.

Thank to everyone for making the Drive Thru as smooth and safe as possible!

Spirit Wear and Year Books

Yearbooks

The yearbook team is snapping away, capturing our students' best moments, and working hard to get the 2015-2016 yearbook ready! If you have photos you'd like to share, please check out the [Yearbook page](#) on the PFC website.



If you have not ordered a yearbook yet, 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.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is finally sold out! Thank you to the The Shirt Girlz for helping us design this year's logo.

Don't forget that **every Friday is Spirit Day**. Wear your Jaguar shirt or sweatshirt to show your school spirit!

Shop and Earn for Walnut Acres

Support Walnut Acres by taking advantage of the holiday shopping deals! All of the businesses featured are financial supporters of Walnut Acres and businesses where you already shop!

Become a Basemeteer 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. Basemeteers receive 10% and give 10%: 10% off every item every day; 10% of profits back to your favorite local charity like Walnut Acres Elementary.

As of January 1, 2016, there is a \$25 fee to join the Basemeteer Program. On your next visit to Sports Basement, register as a Basemeteer 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 Basemeteers Program. If you opt not to join Basemeteers, you will no longer receive the 10% discount and Walnut Acres will no longer get it's 10% profit from your purchases.



The graphic is a green-themed advertisement for the Sports Basement Basemeteers program. At the top, it says 'Introducing Sports Basement's BASEMETEREERS'. Below this, a woman in a dark vest and sunglasses holds up a sign that says 'SB' and has a heart and a smiley face. To the right of the woman, it says '10% off of every item, every time' and 'and 10% of profits to your favorite local charity or school'. At the bottom, it says 'We do better, you do better, our local communities do better.' and 'JOIN TODAY for \$25! one time fee'. Below that, it says 'Or join for free through Dec. 31 if you already have a group discount!'.

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!

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You shop. Amazon gives. 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 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.

Thank you for supporting Walnut Acres and happy shopping!

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](#).

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.

