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**Walnut Acres Elementary**  
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Blue Ribbon School 2005

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## February 16, 2016

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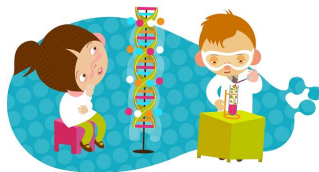
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### What an AMAZING Science Fair!

Walnut Acres students did a wonderful job on 180 different Science projects in this year's Science Fair. Each child or group explained their work and answered questions posed by parent judges. This is no small task and the judges really enjoyed learning from the kids. Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up, judge and take down. The top two from grades 3, 4, and 5 will go one to compete at the MDUSD Science



### Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

### Dates to Remember

Feb 9 - 19:  
Pennies for Patients

Feb 19 - 29:  
Grape Gatsby Online Auction

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

Fri, Feb 26:  
Movie Night, 6:30 pm in the MUR

Fri, March 4  
Auction 2016: The Grape Gatsby

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](#)

Fair on February 27th .

### **Fifth Grade:**

1st Place: **Elise Bohlander**, "Driver Behavior at the Stop Sign"

2nd Place: **Meera Chakradeo**, "The Circulatory System Wars"

3rd Place: **Eliana Wilson**, "Bacteria"

### **Fourth Grade:**

1st Place: **Ankit Chatrik**, "Boat Bridge"

2nd Place: **Carmen Kawakami, Harrison Ridge, Owen Hansel, & Bennett Krueger**, "The Clean Sweep"

3rd Place: **Alexandra Bunik, Ellie Mitchell, Conner Blodgett & Elijah Neil**, "Mango Lights"

### **Third Grade:**

1st Place: **Noah Wilson & Owen Eyerly**, "Does Mint Actually Cool Things Down?"

2nd Place, **Molly Gray & Naomi Lee**, "Crystals!"

3rd Place, **Branden Magee & Reid Lawrence**, "Paper Airplanes"

### **Pennies for Patients: February 9 - 19**



Keep digging in those couch cushions because we are still collecting spare change for

### **Pennies for Patients benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**

Collection boxes went home with the students last week and should be returned to the classroom by Friday, February 19. 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!

Questions? Contact [Dara Schwartz](#).

### **Submit Box Tops by February 19**

Did you know you can save your box tops and help Walnut Acres PFC earn some money?



**Our next big submission of Box Tops is due by Friday, February 19.** Please send in any box tops you have to your child's teacher or put them in the box in the office. Our fall submissions earned over \$600 for

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### [Special Thanks To](#)

### **Ongoing Fundraisers**



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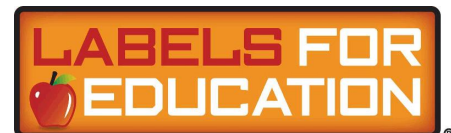
### [Jaguar Fund](#)



[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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### [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.

Walnut Acres.

If you wish to attach to a sheet, you can get one in the school office. You can also just put your box tops in an envelope or baggie with your child's name and class on it. Just drop them in the Box Tops Bin in the Office.

There will be a small prize awarded to one lucky person chosen at random.

### **Grape Gatsby Auction: Volunteers Needed and Online Auction**



Not planning to attend the Auction but a curious what it's all about? Maybe you can help!

**Auction Night Volunteers** help make the night a success. Volunteers are needed for shifts between 5:00 pm and midnight on **Friday, March 4.**

As a volunteer, you do not need to buy a ticket but you will be fed and will be able to bid on auction items. It's a great way to experience the auction and help the PFC at the same time!

To sign up to volunteer, please [click this Konstella signup](#) or email Anna Halverson at [anna.halverson@gmail.com](mailto:anna.halverson@gmail.com) by **February 20.**

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The **Online Auction** starts this **Friday, February 19** and runs through **Tuesday, February 29.**

You don't want to miss these deals at stores and services you already use.

- \* Summer camps
- \* Gift cards
- \* Event tickets

Also, grab your spot at Grade-Level and Adult Buy-In Parties before they sell out. Or, purchase special experiences for your child from their teacher. The Online Auction has something for everyone!

All proceeds benefit our Walnut Acres kids!

***Uncork the Fun!***

**February PFC Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 23rd at 7pm in the Library.**



All parents and guardians at Walnut Acres are members of the PFC, so please join us at this month's meeting!

Find out the latest scoop of the fabulous Grape Gatsby event, gold tournament, Safe Routes to School, and how your valuable donation dollars are hard at work funding school staff and programs.

Your kids are welcome to come sit and read in the library during the meeting too.

We hope to see you there!

### **Movie Night at Walnut Acres**



Walnut Acres Student Council  
presents  
**The Good Dinosaur**  
Friday, February 26  
6:30 pm in the MUR

Please bring your low chairs and sleeping bags - we want all of our movie goers to be comfy.

The Student Council suggests a donation of \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Snacks and waters will be sold at the event.

Check our new marquee for the ticket presale date. We hope to see you there!

### **Safe Routes to School**

**Would you like to see our streets safer for kids to walk/bike to school?**

# SafeRoutes



Last Fall, we posted a petition on [Change.org](http://Change.org), and the city of Walnut Creek responded with a plan for crosswalk improvements at Wiget and Cedro Lanes, scheduled for this Spring and into 2017.

**Want to get involved?** Sign the petition [here](#) and you'll receive updates and action alerts, including plans for [Bike/Walk to School Day](#) on **Wednesday, May 4th!**

### **Golf Tournament**



Save the Date and get your foursome together for the

**Walnut Acres Annual Golf  
Tournament  
"Fore the Kids!"**

Friday, May 6th  
Boundary Oak Golf Course

Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

18-Hole: \$125 (early bird-registration before March 4th; \$150 thereafter)

Ladies 9-Hole: \$75

Family hole sponsorships available for \$50!

Registration and sponsorship information available in the school office. For more information, contact Meghan Pariso at [meghanpariso@gmail.com](mailto:meghanpariso@gmail.com).

## Yearbooks

### 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, especially playground and Spirit Day photos, email them to [yearbook@walnutacrespfc.net](mailto:yearbook@walnutacrespfc.net) or download them to Konstella. The last day the Yearbook committee is accepting pictures is Friday, March 25.



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 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.

