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January PFC Meeting

Welcome to 2016!

The next PFC meeting is on **Tuesday, January 12 at 8:15 am in the Library**. Please note the morning meeting time... head over after drop-off to hear what the PFC has planned for the new year.



Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

Dates to Remember

Tues, Jan 12:
PFC Meeting 8:15 am in the Library

Jan 12 - 15:
Auction Ticket Sales

Wed, Jan 13:
Deadline to register for Science Fair

Mon, Jan 18:
No School - MLK Holiday

Wed, Jan 20:
3rd Grade Performance: Go Fish!

Fri, Jan 22:
No School - Teacher In-Service Day

Thur, Feb 4:
Science Fair

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

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release
Tuesday, January 19

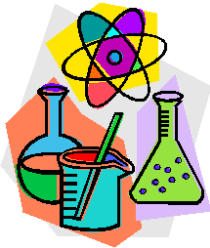
Articles Due

Wednesday, January 13

We will share the results of our parent survey and you can help us decide how we will use that data to lead the PFC in 2016.

We'll even take your extra gift cards and wine off your hands to donate to the Auction!

Science Fair: February 4



The 2016 Science Fair is coming on February 4th! Please register by January 13.

Welcome back! We hope that amongst all the holiday hustle and bustle you had a little time to brainstorm ideas and help your child get started on their science fair project. If not, no worries! Project ideas are unlimited and there is still time!

A flyer was sent home with your child in December detailing all you need to know about the science fair. If you didn't get it, all information is also posted on the [Science Fair page](#) of the PFC website.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, January 13th. Please click [this link](#) to register online or request a paper form from your child's teacher and submit it to the "Science Fair" box located in the office.

This year, display boards are free, thanks to a grant submitted by our science teachers. So just check the box yes if you'd like one and we'll deliver to classrooms in January. Since we are not selling boards this year, it does mean we have no income to cover the costs of ribbons and supplies for science fair, so please consider donating \$2 to the science fair box in the office. We appreciate your help.

We need volunteer judges! We especially need parents with children in younger grades who are able to judge 4th or 5th grade projects. No experience necessary. To volunteer, indicate that on the registration form or sign up on [Konstella here](#).

Do you have questions? Please contact science fair coordinators Janine Brown or Lissa Biddle at sciencefair@walnutacrespfc.net.

After School Enrichment Classes

Winter Trimester is here and we have some great After School classes lined up for your kids. From chess to

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

Submit articles to enews@walnutacrespfc.net

Quick Links

[Walnut Acres Website](#)

[District Website](#)

[Walnut Acres PFC Website](#)

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[Lunch menu](#)

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Ongoing Fundraisers



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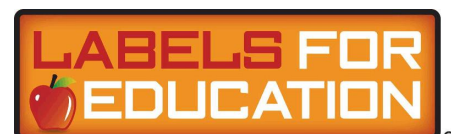
[Jaguar Fund](#)



[Register with eScrip today](#)

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[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more details about how you can SHOP and EARN for Walnut Acres



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science, cooking to Spanish, medicine to math - there's something for everyone!



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

The Winter session will run from February 1 through March 24.

Registration is open now! The PFC website has been updated and the complete schedule and registration forms can be found on the [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.

Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten Registration



Please help us spread the word about **Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration** for the 2016-2017 school year.

Tuesday, January 19: Registration packets available in the school office.

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](#).

Ticket Sales: Grape Gatsby Auction

The annual PFC Auction will be here before you know it! **The Grape Gatsby Gala** is on **Friday, March 4 at the Concord Hilton.**

Tickets will be on sale outside the school office next week: Tuesday, January 12 through Friday, January 15. Tickets will be available from just before pick-up until about one half hour after pick-up. This event sells out quickly every year so be sure to get your tickets right away! You can also buy your tickets **online**. It promises to be a fun-filled evening!



Did you save a special bottle of wine from the holidays to donate to the Auction? Wine donations are going on now until the end of January. You may drop off wine bottles at Erin Eyerly's house at 520 Dover Drive in a box that will be on her porch. Tags will be available for you to note your donation. Wine should be at least \$20 in value.

We are still in need of lodging donations in Lake Tahoe and San Diego. If you have any possibilities, please contact Janelle Webster at auktiondonations@walnutacrespfc.net. Remember too, that gift cards and any unwanted items from gift baskets are welcome for donation!

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Your 2016 Grape Gatsby Auction Team

Jaguar Fund Donors Circle

The Jaguar Fund Donors Circle list will soon be published to the PFC website to thank all our wonderful donors. If you have any preferences about how you are listed, please contact jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.net.



We did our best to list names as written on the Jaguar Day form, and to catch all who checked the "anonymous" box there, but, we are happy to confirm your listing or make any changes you may need.

Helping Konstella work for YOU!

Konstella private parent community **Is your Spouse missing from our Directory?**

Many families have only one parent listed in Konstella, our school directory. Did you know you can add your spouse? Here's how:

Sign in on your computer to konstella.com and click your name in the top right. Click on My Children. Next

to Family Members, click Invite More to add your spouse and other caregivers for each child.

Getting too many emails from Konstella?

No problem! Simply change your email Notifications. Log in to konstella.com from your computer. Click your name on the top right and go to My Settings. Scroll down to Notifications and turn off the ones you want. Remember that if you have the mobile app, all your announcements, signups and events are already there in one place.

Spirit Wear and Year Books

Spirit Wear

It's not too late to show your Jaguar spirit! We have just a few items still available for sale:

Large youth hoodie \$25

Large youth t-shirt \$15

Medium youth t-shirt \$15.



Email spiritwear@walnutacrespfc.net, if interested.

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.

Seeking Lunch Patrol Volunteers

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.

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.

JOIN TODAY for \$25!
one time fee
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!



Do You Amazon?

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](#).

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!

Parking Lot and Drive Thru Reminders

Parents, teachers and staff are complaining about parents using the staff parking lot for pick-up and drop-off.



Again, we ask you to please not park on campus (staff numbered slots). We do not have enough spots for our own staff or for district personnel who visit our campus. It is very tempting when you see an open spot, but we ask that you park off campus and walk your child(ren) to their classroom. You may park in the drive thru during school hours **ONLY** if you are dropping off for late arrivals or picking up your child for appointments during school hours.

Our morning parent volunteers are here to help your child(ren) out of your vehicle safely. They are reporting

that parents are dropping their students off and then waiting to watch them as they walk across campus. This slows the drop off process and causes terrible congestion in the drive thru. Please help us get all students to their classrooms on time by keeping the drive thru traffic flowing.

Thank you!

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.

