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Walk and Bike to School Day: Wednesday, May 4

This Wednesday, May 4 is **Walk and Bike to School Day** at Walnut Acres, Valle Verde, and Foothill Middle schools.



WHY bike & walk? It's fun, healthy, reduces traffic, it's pollution-free, it gives students responsibility, and builds independence!

See the map and [sign up here](#) to join a group near

Report an Absence

[Click here to report an absence](#)

Dates to Remember

May 2 - May 6:
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wed, May 4:
Walk/Bike to School Day

Thur, May 5:
Eukel Teacher Trust nominations due

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

May 9 - 13:
Darcie Jones Book Drive

May 17:
PFC Meeting, 7pm, Library

May 20:
WA Family Game Night. 6:30 pm

Thurs, May 26:
Open House Festival

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

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you.

Check in when you arrive at school to be counted and get a prize. We'll have pins, stickers, tattoos and pencils from StreetSmarts Diablo, and we'll even raffle off a few free bike bells to those who bike!

Students are reminded to use Street Smarts to stay safe while biking, skateboarding, riding scooters and walking:

- Wear helmets,
- Ride on the right side of the road (go in the same direction as traffic),
- Stop at red lights and stop signs,
- Make eye contact with other drivers,
- When walking: Use crosswalks and Stop, Look, & Listen before crossing streets!

Parents are reminded to use Street Smarts while driving in the 25 MPH school zone. Your children - and their classmates - are worth the extra time it takes to drive safely.

Golf Tournament



Walnut Acres Annual Golf Tournament "Fore! the Kids"

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

\$150 includes 18-hole round, boxed lunch, 2 drink tickets and post-golf social at Scottsdale Swim and Tennis Club.

\$75 Ladies 9-Hole includes 9-hole round, boxed lunch, 2 drink tickets and post-golf social at Scottsdale Swim and Tennis Club.

Don't Golf? Join us for the Post-Golf Tournament Social at Scottsdale Swim and Tennis Club: 6:30 - 10:00 pm.

\$30 Post-Golf Social with the El Rancho Taco Truck, Margaritas, Raffle Prizes and MORE!

Family Hole Sponsorships are still available for \$50!

Still need more info? [PFC Golf Tournament.](#)

Questions? Contact Meghan Pariso at meghanpariso@gmail.com.

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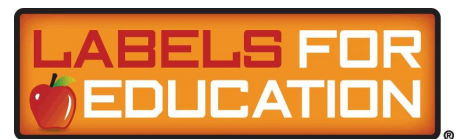
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Box Tops 4 Education

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

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

PFC News

Have you volunteered at school this year? Our fabulous students want to **THANK YOU** for all you've done to make 2015-16 a great year. Please join them...



Volunteer Appreciation Coffee and Sing Out THIS Friday, May 6th at 8:30 am in the MUR.

The kids will distribute thank you's and coffee & snacks will be served.

You are welcome to stay before or after for the student Sing Outs:

8:00 - 8:30 am: Sing Out for grades 3-5
8:30 - 9:00: Kids thank the volunteers
9:00 - 9:30 am: Sing Out for grades TK-2

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PFC Informational Coffee THIS Friday from drop off until 8:30 am outside the school office.

Want to see who will lead our PFC activities for next year? Stop by outside the school office and join us for coffee right after dropping off your kids. We'd love to meet you. Afterwards, we'll head to the MUR for Volunteer Appreciation. There are a few open spots left for next year that we can tell you more about, including New Families, Yearbook, and Community Service. See the full list here on the [nominating page](#) on the PFC website.

Questions? Contact Anna Halverson at nominating@walnutacrespfc.net.

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The May PFC Meeting is Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm in the Library!

Please add to your calendar our final PFC meeting of the school year. Come support your friends who have been nominated for lead PFC roles next year. We'll vote them in and they officially start that night. We'll also vote in our 2016-17 budget, as well as hear from our principal and teachers. We'd like to thank our PFC Board from this year, for all your time and efforts that make this school great!

Darcie Jones Book Drive: May 9 -13



We will be collecting new or gently used books for the

Darcie Jones Book Drive May 9 - 13

This book drive was named after Darcie Jones, a Walnut Acres parent who started a book drive in the Spring of 1994 to benefit Meadow Homes Elementary School in Concord.

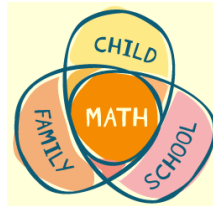
There will be a collection box in front of the school office for your donations.

Questions? Please email

communityservice@walnutacrespfc.net.

Walnut Acres Family Game Night

Come and bring the whole family for our first ever



Walnut Acres Family Game Night!!

When: Friday, May 20th

Time: 6.30-8pm

Where: Walnut Acres MUR

It will be a FUN-packed evening with enjoyable math games for all ages, including adults. There will be a FREE raffle draw with some exciting prizes, including a "desirable electronic device"!!

Water will be provided and there will be cookies for sale. This event is free. We hope to see you there!

This event is sponsored by [Mathnasium](#), a local math-learning center.

Open House Festival: May 26



The Walnut Acres Elementary Open House Festival

Thursday, May 26th
5:00-7:15 pm

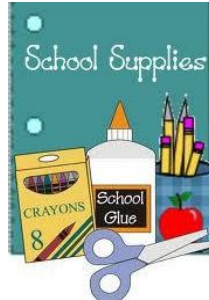
Please save the date for this fun family event that takes place at Walnut Acres before your student's classroom is opened for tour. It will feature live musical performances by Walnut Acres students along with a complete dinner available for purchase.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with set-up and serving dinner between 4:15 and 6:15 pm (30-minute shifts are available so you won't miss out on any of the activities). If you are available to volunteer or have questions, please contact Lindsay Fryer at openhouse@walnutacrespfc.net.

School Supply Boxes: Pre-Orders Coming Soon!

Back by popular demand

Pre-Packaged school supply boxes!



School Supply boxes for the 2016-17 school year will be available for pre-order in May/June (exact dates in upcoming Enews articles). We will once again be using **SchoolKidz** to give parents the option to purchase all of the recommended grade-level classroom supplies in one convenient pre-made kit. These kits will be available for purchase online this Spring, and they will be delivered to Walnut Acres for Jaguar Day in August.

Not only are they convenient for parents, but the PFC gets a percentage of sales so it's a win-win for our school! Please spread the word!

Stay tuned for exact sale dates and links to the order website. Please direct any questions to Terri Lindeman at secretary@walnutacrespfc.net.

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 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.

Readathon Results



WA Readers really Lit up our World with Reading!

Together, we raised over \$27,000 with Readathon this year! Three classrooms had 100% participation and won a pizza party: Team Clark, Team Cattalini and Team Diebel.

Our top readers and fundraisers for the school were:

Top Readers

- TK-1: Russell Mitchell
- 2-3rd grades: Sophia Mitchell
- 4th-5th grades: Meera Chakradeo

Top Fundraisers

- TK-1: Milo Evans
- 2nd-3rd grades: Jackson Ferry
- 4th-5th grades: Iris Khaund

See the full list of student winners by classroom [here](#).

Congratulations Readers!

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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