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1/24 - PJ Day  
1/27 - Teacher In-Service Day (no school)  
2/6 - Science Fair

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

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## January PFC Meeting

1/20/14



Happy New Year!

You're invited to the first PFC meeting of 2014 scheduled for tomorrow, **January 14th at 7:00 pm**, in the Walnut Acres Library. At every PFC meeting we discuss important school topics and upcoming events and it is a great opportunity to ask questions. At the January PFC meeting, in addition to hearing Dr. Dowd's State of Our School presentation, Lisa Ackerman, a Walnut Acres parent, will provide her perspective on Common Core. The PFC also welcomes Dr. Tyson from the county district office to answer any questions on the new curricula. Additionally, as our Hot Topic, the PFC will discuss the current state law and school district policy on Field Trip donations and financing options. All parents are welcome to attend and we hope to see you on January 14th!

For meeting agendas and minutes, [click here](#).

### Kindergarten Registration

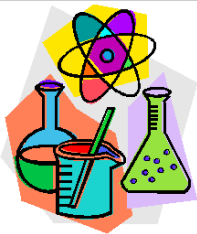
Packets for Kindergarten registration for the 2014-15 school year will be available in the office

**after January 21st.**

An informational meeting will be held on **Monday, February 5th** in the MUR. Parents will sign up for registration times at the meeting.

Kindergarten registration will be **Tuesday, February 4th.**

### Science Fair



**The 2014 Science Fair is coming on February 6!**

The deadline for submitting entry forms is **Wednesday, January 15**. Please turn in forms to the Science Fair box in the school office. If you would like to order a display board, please check the appropriate box

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

Submit articles to [enews@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:enews@walnutacrespfc.org)

### Quick Links

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on the form. This year, no checks are necessary as the display boards have been donated to Walnut Acres.

Mark your calendars for the **Family Open House, Thursday, February 6, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.**

Project ideas are unlimited - whatever interests your child! Projects may be displayed and explained using the scientific method, photos, pictures, models, etc. On Science Fair day, participants will discuss their project with parent judges.

Further information and entry forms are posted on the [PFC website](#).

We still need volunteer judges! No experience is necessary.

If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Science Fair coordinators Emily Johnson or Terri Lindeman at [sciencefair@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:sciencefair@walnutacrespfc.org).

### Winter Enrichment Classes

The PFC is pleased to present an exciting enrichment program beginning January 28th! There are many new and exciting classes that continue to enhance the 21st century learning experience at Walnut Acres!

Registration has changed so visit the [PFC Website](#) for detailed instructions on how to register for these new, fun and exciting classes! Many will fill up fast so be sure to register early!

Questions? Email [enrichment@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:enrichment@walnutacrespfc.org).

### Read-A-Thon



Well done Jaguar Pirates! 380 lads and lasses participated in Read-A-Thon this year. This hearty crew read a collective 6791 hours and raised over \$19,000 for Walnut Acres. The money raised during

Read-A-Thon goes to sustain programs and positions such as grade level aides, science aides, the vocal music program and technology at our school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Garcia-Roy's 2nd grade class, Mrs. Bangs' 3rd grade class and Ms. Clark's 5th grade class for 100% participation. Grand prize winners and



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Earn cash for our school!

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

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for Walnut Acres

top readers from each class will be posted in the school office. And for the Read-A-Thon finale, the top readers and fundraisers will get to silly-string "Cap'n Dowd" on Tuesday, January 14, at 2:25 pm. (Isn't she such a good sport!)

Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children's participation in Read-A-Thon. We were pleased to hear from more than one parent that their child's reading really took off during this period. Thank you to the sponsors for your generous financial support. Please remember that donations are tax-deductible and eligible for employer-match programs. If you need documentation of your donation please contact [Anna Halverson](#). And lastly, thank you to all the able-bodied volunteers who answered the cry of "All Hands on Deck!" and helped make this fundraiser a success.

### Auction 2014



**Help Make This Year's Auction Award Winning - Get Your Tickets, Donate or Volunteer!**

#### **Wine Donations Needed.**

The wine bar is an important auction fundraiser. Starting Jan. 13, wine donations can be dropped off at Marita Louw DeJaguar's house at 2900 Hurlstone Ct. We ask that each bottle have a minimum value of \$20. There will be a purple container for wine bottles on the front porch along with blank donation forms. To be acknowledged in the program, wine donations must be received by **January 27th**.

#### **On Campus Ticket Sales Coming - Don't miss out!**

We will be selling tickets before and after school

on: **Wednesday, January 29th** (12:15 - 1:30)

**Thursday, January 30th** (2:20 -3:15 & 5:15 - 6:15)

**Friday, January 31st** (7:45 - 8:15 and 2:20 PM - 3:20 PM).

Ticket forms are available on the [auction page](#) or in the office.

#### **Auction Night Volunteers Needed!**

Play a "behind the scenes" role on auction night. Volunteers are needed to work a variety of 2 hour shifts at the event. Please email [Paula Parker](#) if you are interested in helping out. It's fun!

Questions? Email [auction@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:auction@walnutacrespfc.org).

### Noon Supervisor Needed

Walnut Acres is in need of employing a noon supervisor. If you are interested in applying for the position, please see Denise or Dr. Dowd in the office. The position pays approximately \$11 an hour.

### Lost and Found

There were several jackets and sweatshirts left in the Lost and Found that were not donated because they had names written in them. Please double check the lost and found today, before it gets filled up again, to find your child's items.

### Student Council News



Happy New Year from the Student Council!

We have some fun Spirit Days coming up soon! One is on **January**

**17th...Favorite Team Day!** Favorite Team Day is a great day to dress for school in your favorite Team shirt! Wearing your shirt will also count as spirit in your class! Some teams can include professional Sports teams, your swim/soccer/baseball teams, or college teams.

On **January 24th**, parents and children get a little break in the morning... **It's P-J Day!** So rise and shine, roll out of bed, and head to school in your P-J's (well of course eat breakfast, brush teeth, and all those things too!)

### Lunch Patrol

**We Need YOU!! - January and beyond are in desperate need of help.**

Please visit the Lunch Patrol [calendar](#) and sign up today! The shifts are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. We ask all parents to volunteer for a minimum of 3 days a year - you choose your volunteer days -- perhaps your child's birthday or other special day or sign up for the same day as a friend and volunteer together. The kids love to see you on campus! All the information on how to help with Lunch Patrol and First Aid will be provided.



The kids need you and the safety vest is quite the fashion statement.

Questions? Email [lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.org).

### eScrip Changes



Just a reminder of the change to the eScrip program that was **effective November 1st:**

**Payment with credit cards will NOT earn for Walnut Acres.** Accepted payment types that WILL earn for Walnut Acres are: debit card, check, cash, Fast Forward Debit Card and SmartCheck, gift card, WIC, CalFresh. Details can be found at [www.escrip.com/safeway](http://www.escrip.com/safeway).

For a crafty way around this change, you can purchase Safeway gift cards with your credit card then use the gift cards to purchase your groceries at Safeway. Gift cards also earn eScrip credit and you can still use your credit card!

### Labels for Education



**Cold Weather = Soup = \$ for Walnut Acres**

With the cold weather upon us, soup will be a good source of warmth and nutrition for our bodies. Please be sure to check your **PROGRESSO SOUP CANS** for Box Tops and your **CAMPBELL'S SOUP CANS** for **Labels for Education**. Clip them and turn them into the Box Top bin in the office.

\* Labels for Education supports Walnut Acres' Art Awareness program.

### Community Announcements

#### CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!



There will be an E-Waste recycling day at Walnut Acres, sponsored by past students, on February 22nd. [Click here](#) for more info.

Baseball and Softball sign ups are going on now. Check out [Community Announcements](#) to find out more information.

Contra Costa Children's Chorus is taking sign ups. [Click here](#) for more info.

Walnut Creek Arts & Recreation is offering a variety of classes this winter. [Click here](#) for details.

Visit [Community Announcements](#) on the PFC Website for details about events and activities happening in and around our community.

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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