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**Dates to Remember**

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Council Mtg in MUR @  
6:30 PM  
10/14-10/18 - Book Fair  
10/15 - PFC Mtg @ 8:15  
AM  
10/20 - Carnival  
10/22 - Peace Path Meeting  
10/21-10/25 - Walker  
Creek  
10/28-11/1 - Red Ribbon  
Week

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

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**From the Principal**



**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**Calling all parents!** - We have a unique opportunity to participate in a joint meeting between the MDUSD Board of Directors and the Walnut Creek City Council **TONIGHT - Monday, 10/7, at 6:30 PM** in our very own Walnut Acres MUR. There is an agenda for the meeting posted on the district website and in our office window. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance the communication and collaboration between the district and Walnut Creek. Hope you can join us for this event!

**Common Core Information** - The district's SASS dept. (Student Achievement & School Services) is providing a presentation on the Common Core State Standards for all parents interested in learning more about the new academic standards. The presentation will be offered four times.

The dates, times, and meeting locations are:

|       |               |                     |
|-------|---------------|---------------------|
| 10/7  | 6:00-7:00 PM  | Willow Creek Center |
| 10/9  | 9:00-10:00 PM | Willow Creek Center |
| 10/15 | 6:00-7:00 PM  | El Dorado MS        |
| 10/22 | 6:00-7:00 PM  | Riverview MS        |

The flyer for the meeting is on our Walnut Acres website ([click here](#)).

**Fieldtrip Donations** - If you decide to write a donation check for a fieldtrip, please make out that check to Walnut Acres, not PFC or MDUSD.

**Drive safely around our school community!** You probably all heard about the terrible tragedy in Byron in which a student lost his life after being hit by a parent dropping a child off at school. We don't want that to happen here! Please drive slowly and cautiously.

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**Articles Due**

10/14/13

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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**Ongoing Fundraisers**



[Jaguar Fund](#)



[Register with eScrip today](#)

**SHOP AND EARN FOR SCHOOL**

Thanks for your work on behalf of our community!

### Gift Wrap Sale Extended



Innisbrook

*It's not too late to help!*

### WE ARE EXTENDING THE SALE!

Due to popular request, and in order to try and reach our fundraising goal, we are extending the sale to **Monday, October 14th!** Every order supports our school. Please help by placing an order. A big "Thank You" to the families who already ordered.

Here's what you need to know:

Visit: [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com)

**School Code:** WALNUT ACRES ELEMENTARY

**School Number:** 106114

Envelopes can be turned in anytime on or before Monday, October 14th. Turn in envelopes with payment (checks made out to WAPFC) and order forms to the Gift Wrap box in the Office.

THANK YOU!

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

### Retirement Gift for Andreas

### ANDREAS IS RETIRING

Our beloved janitor, Andreas, is retiring. There will be a luncheon for him this **Friday, 10/11**, with the staff. Stacy Laborough and Denise Calbeck are collecting monetary donations and will present them to him on Friday along with a plaque. Andreas had hoped to be back at school/work from his Workers' Compensation leave but much to our sadness that never happened. This is very, very difficult for him to leave Walnut Acres and he requested not to have a large party with parents as it would just be too emotional for him.



If you would like to contribute, donations can be

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



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

dropped off in the office no later than the morning of Friday, 10/11. If donating by check, please make payable to Denise Calbeck. Donations will receive a receipt acknowledging the contribution.

We will miss Andreas' smiling face and wonderful spirit around campus.

### Book Fair



#### COME TO THE BOOK FAIR!

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, we appreciate your support at the Book Fair. Happy Reading!

#### Store Hours:

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Monday, Oct. 14th   | 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, Oct 15th   | 2:30 AM - 8:00 PM  |
| Wednesday, Oct 16th | 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM  |
| Thursday, Oct 17th  | 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Friday, Oct 18th    | 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM |

**Help is still needed!** To Volunteer, please check our schedule and sign up for a shift. No experience necessary. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

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

### PFC Meeting

#### PFC MEETING - NEW TIME!

We are happy to take your feedback and apply it to the next PFC meeting which will be held on **Tuesday, October 15, at 8:15 AM in the Library**. This new time is for this meeting only, in the hopes that we can accommodate more PFC participation.



#### A few things:

- If you are new to WA, this is a great opportunity to hear what's in store for the 2013-2014 school year. As a parent of WA you are a part of the PFC so please

join us.

- If you would like to be on the Agenda for the PFC meeting please let the PFC Secretary know by sending an email to [secretary@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:secretary@walnutacrespfc.org).

- Agendas and past meeting minutes can be found on the [PFC Website](#).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

**From the District Office**



### **VOLUNTEER FINGERPRINTING**

Parents wishing to serve as volunteers in the classroom must be fingerprinted and cleared by Personnel Services.

Parents wishing to volunteer need to call the Personnel Office 682-8000 (ext. 4153) to schedule an individual appointment. Additional evening and Saturday appointment times are now available on the following dates:

**Saturdays:** October 12th and 26th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Evenings:** October 17th, 22nd and 29th from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Remember to have your TB test results and payment of \$32 (check or cash only) when you have your appointment. Forms can be found on the [MDUSD website](#).

### **Carnival**

#### **IT'S CARNIVAL TIME**



The Walnut Acres Carnival is coming **Sunday, October 20**. See your room parent for what booth your class has been assigned and how you can help! We need people to staff class booths, set up before hand, and run last minute errands.

We are looking for book donations for the annual

book walk. Please stop by the office and **donate your gently used books.**

**Ticket Sales:**

Tickets can be purchased before and after school on **Thursday, October 17th and Friday October 18th.** Cash and checks only please.

For questions or to volunteer, email [carnival@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:carnival@walnutacrespfc.org).

**Peace Path Parent Orientation**



**LEARN ABOUT THE PEACE PATH**

Your children are learning all about I-messaging and Clean-up as they solve problems at school. Want to learn the lingo to implement at home?

Join Mrs. Spring, Dr. Dowd, and our Soul Shoppe facilitators on **Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 PM in the MUR** for a **Peace Path Parent Orientation.**

Child care will be provided through [WADC](#). Please register for child care at least 1 week prior to the event.

**Lunch Patrol**

**WANT TO HELP AT SCHOOL?**



If you'd like to see your child(ren) at lunch and help keep them and other kids safe during recess, we need you for Lunch Patrol. The shifts are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

We ask all parents to volunteer 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.

We currently have no parents signed up for October 7 or October 14. And most other days in October have only 1 parent on duty, we need 3 each shift. Please visit the [Lunch Patrol calendar](#) and sign up today! The kids need you and the safety vest is quite the fashion statement.

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

### Office Reminders



#### FROM THE OFFICE

Please remember that **excused absences** are the following: illness, death in the immediate family, and religious observances. Doctor and/or dental appointments are excused when a note from the doctor or

dentist is brought in. **Unexcused absences** include going out of town or on vacation. A student can go on an Independent Study when an absence will be 5 or more school days. Arrangements must be made at least a week in advance but, not more than 30 days ahead of the leaving date.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Community Service Day

#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

More than 60 volunteers turned out to help beautify Walnut Acres at the Community Service Day.



Our main projects included painting the Map of the USA and the checkerboard on the playground, creating a sitting area outside the A-wing/Kindergarten classrooms, cleaning library books, and planting flowers in the planters at the front of the school. A huge thanks to our generous donors of time and of materials including: Tournesol Siteworks for donating benches, the Doggett family for donating

pavers, and Cresco for donating a trailer to haul the pavers. We still have many pavers left over if anyone has the time and expertise to continue the work on the A-wing/Kindergarten sitting area.

Read more about our fabulous volunteers on [Patch.com Walnut Creek](#).

Questions? Contact [Stephanie Denman](#).

### Earn Easy Money for Walnut Acres



### THREE EASY WAYS TO EARN MONEY FOR SCHOOL

#### 1. RENEW YOUR SAFEWAY CLUB CARD ESCRIP COMMITMENT

Last year the eScrip Program raised over \$16,000 for Walnut Acres!! Please remember to renew your Safeway Club Card online before November 1st so you can continue generating Safeway contributions for Walnut Acres. Renewing is quick and easy! Simply visit the [eScrip site](#), enter your phone number and click "YES! Renew."

#### 2. TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND E-LABELS

Remember to turn in your Box Tops and Labels for Education to the bin in the school office so we can keep earning money for our school! Our last submission raised \$204.30!

#### 3. SHOP & EARN THROUGH THE PFC WEBSITE

Click on the links from the [PFC website](#) to earn a % back for WA on purchases through Amazon, Pottery Barn Kids, Barnes and Noble and more.

#### Thought for the day: Pay It Forward

Auction Tickets





### **Did you hear the Buzz?**

You can buy Auction tickets at Carnival! Secure your spot for this glamorous night of dinner, dancing and auction fun! Visit the Auction booth and, while your children play our "Spin with the Stars" game, you can purchase tickets for \$70 each (cash/check only).

**Early bird gets...PAMPERED!** Purchasing Auction tickets at Carnival enters you into the "Celebrity Treatment" raffle worth almost \$500! The lucky winner receives transportation to/from Auction, manicure/pedicure and hair styling for two people, Arbonne beauty essentials, champagne and more! To win - Buy Auction tickets at Carnival or before (need not be present to win).

For additional information, please visit the [PFC website](#) or stop by the Auction booth and speak with our celebrity spokeswomen. Auction is the PFC's most important fundraiser; mark your calendar for March 14, 2014 and see you at Carnival!

### **Community Announcements**

#### **CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!**



- RSM Spook House
- Diablo Symphony Free Concert
- Turkey Trot
- WA Daycare Programs
- YMCA Flag Football

Visit [Community Announcements](#) on the PFC Website for details about all 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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