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No PFC Meeting in December

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Dates to Remember

12/9-12/20 - Conference
Schedule
12/18 - 4th Grade
Performance
12/23-1/3 - Winter Break
1/14 - PFC Meeting
1/15 - Science Fair forms due

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

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release

1/13/14

Articles Due

1/6/14

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

Due to the busy time of year, there will not be a PFC Meeting this month. Our next meeting will be **January 14, 2014**.

The PFC would like to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule

Don't forget - Conference Schedule continues next week.

Kindergarten

8:15 AM - 11:17 AM (Early Slip)

9:36 AM - 12:38 PM (Late Slip)

Grades 1-3

7:55 AM - 12:59 PM (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

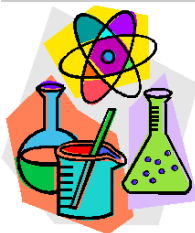
7:55 AM - 12:29 PM (Wed)

Grades 4-5

7:55 AM - 1:06 PM (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

7:55 AM - 12:33 PM (Wed)

Science Fair



The 2014 Science Fair is coming on February 6!

Professor Whizbang visited your children's classrooms on Friday, December 6th, to get them excited about science. Ask your students about the experiments he performed and encourage them to participate in this year's fair. Winter break is a great time to brainstorm ideas and get started on your project.

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

Submit articles to enews@walnutacrespfc.org

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with parent judges.

A flyer was sent home with your child. All information is also posted on the [PFC website](#).

The deadline for submitting entry forms is Wednesday, January 15. Please submit forms to the Science Fair box in the school office.

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.

If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact science fair coordinators Emily Johnson or Terri Lindeman at sciencefair@walnutacrespfc.org

Winter Enrichment

Walnut Acres will be offering the Winter Session + enrichment classes beginning the week of January 27th. We have added several new and exciting classes as well as some of our most popular classes too!

Coming in January, your child can enroll in **Cartooning by the Art Room of Lafayette, Sara's Science, Flag Football, Black Dragon Chess, Scratch with Ms. Galindo, Tiny Techs Robotics, Rainbow Loom, Kids in the Kitchen and more!**

Registration has changed and each vendor will now handle their own class signups and payment collection. Please check the [PFC Website](#) later this month to sign your child up for these popular classes as they are sure to fill up fast!

Looking forward an exciting 2014!

Questions? Email enrichment@walnutacrespfc.org.

Read-A-Thon

SHOP AND EARN FOR SCHOOL

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

for Walnut Acres



Yo-ho-ho! Congratulations to all the lads and lassies who participated in Read-a-Thon this year. You did a great job reading and commandeering riches for Walnut Acres. The money raised through Read-a-Thon supports science, art, music and technology programs as well as provides salaries for grade-level aides. Thank you to the sponsors for their generosity and support. And a big thank you to all the Pirate moms and dads who helped out.

Grand prize winners, top readers and other prizes will be announced as soon as we finish tallying the reading logs and counting the doubloons.

Auction 2014

A bottle of red? A bottle of white? Can YOU donate Wine for Auction night?



Make space in your home bar, while giving to Walnut Acres, and donate your extra holiday wine for Auction night's wine bar! Thanks to the Walnut Acres community's generosity and enthusiasm, the annual wine bar is a very successful part of Auction night. We are asking for donations of various wines with values of at least \$20. Please see the January Enews for more details - Cheers!

Star light, Star bright...I wish I had tickets for Auction night!

Make your wishes come true and purchase your tickets for a glamorous night of dinner, drinks dancing and exciting Auction fun! You can pick up a ticket order form in the school office or we will sell tickets at school January 29- 31. Stay tuned for January's Enews or check the [PFC Website](#) for details.

New this year - ONLINE AUCTION! February 24th through March 8th.

Bid on and purchase fabulous Auction items before Auction night!

Jaguar Fund Supporting Every Child - Every Day



Walnut Acres
**JAGUAR
FUND**

Thank you once again to those that have contributed to the Jaguar Fund. Your tax -

deductible contribution is doing amazing good, every day, at Walnut Acres. If you missed out on receiving a Jaguar Fund car sticker, please pick one up in the Jaguar Fund box in the office.

To date, we have a 72% contribution percentage, which is fantastic but we need that number closer to 100%! It is never too late to contribute to the Jaguar Fund, and any amount makes a difference. Get your contribution in for a 2013 tax deduction! Donation forms are in the office and on the [PFC website](#). Donations can be left in Jaguar Fund box in the office (and don't forget to take your "thank you" car sticker!).

And don't forget many companies offer a corporate contribution match. If you think your company offers a match, email jaguarfund@walnutacrespfc.org and we will follow up. There's likely thousands of dollars out there for our school!

Toy and Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, and delivered donations for our Toy and Clothing Drive. We had a great turn out, and the Shore Acres community created a wonderful welcome for us when we delivered the donations. I'm amazed and grateful to be part of a community so generous with their time, energy and resources.

Thanks,
Leigh-Ann Andrada

Teacher Appreciation Thank You

Thank you Kinder's Meats Deli BBQ & Catering for donating delicious sandwiches to the teachers and staff on November 20th. Also, a very big thank you to the parents who brought salads, sides, desserts, drinks and ice! We really appreciate our teachers and staff at Walnut Acres!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee

Lunch Patrol

We Need YOU!! - The final week before winter break has very few volunteers!

January and beyond are also 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.

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.

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!

Community Announcements

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Need more time to prepare for the holidays this last week before break? Walnut Acres Daycare can help. [Click here](#) for more info.

Walnut Creek Arts & Rec is offering some fun classes over winter break. [Click here](#) for details.

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

Warriors Basketball Camp is offering winter break sessions. [Click here](#) for details.

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.