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12/2-12/3 - RAT Prize Collection

12/3 - Holiday Party

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12/23-1/3 - Winter Break

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

**Enews Release Dates**

**Next Enews Release**

12/16/13

**Articles Due**

12/9/13

## Read-A-Thon

Avast me hearties! Read-A-Thon Prize Week is here. Collect your donations and **return your envelopes** to your classroom teachers by **Tuesday, December 3**.



Prize distribution will begin for all grades after dismissal on **Wednesday, December 4**. Grades 1-5 can also receive their prizes in the MUR at lunch on **Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6**.

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

## Holiday Party



Please join our Walnut Acres staff, parents, and friends in Celebrating the Season! Our Annual Parent and Teacher Holiday Party is tomorrow, **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM** at the Muraoka Home (2563

Chinook Dr). Please bring something sweet or savory to share. We hope to see you there.

For questions or to RSVP please email Yelena Shaw or Tina Pucci [social@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:social@walnutacrespfc.org)

## Toy and Clothing Drive

The holidays are almost here, and with that comes the opportunity to reach out to the larger community. Please take the time to set aside gently used clothing and toys for our annual drive to benefit Shore Acres Elementary School. **We will be accepting donations THIS WEEK (December 2-6) in front of the office.**



All sizes and types of clothing (except undergarments) for infants to adults are requested, including shoes and jackets. Toys, books, and small household items (e.g. linens and picture frames) would also be greatly appreciated. We kindly request that clothing be free of stains and tears, i.e. donate what you would be comfortable giving to a friend.

**Help Needed** - We also need volunteers to help with sorting donations that same week, and delivering donations to Shore Acres in your mini-van or SUV

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



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on **Friday, December 13.**

**Sorting Shifts:**

**Thursday, 12/5 - 12:30 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Friday, 12/6 - 12:30 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Monday, 12/9 - 8:00 AM -10:00 AM**

**Thursday, 12/12 - 8:00 AM -10:00 AM and  
10:00 AM -12:00 PM**

To sign up or if you need further information,  
contact [communityservice@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:communityservice@walnutacrespfc.org).

**Lost and Found**

Please be advised that all Lost and Found items will be put out on **Thursday, December 12, and Friday, December 13** after school. Any items left unclaimed will be donated to the One Warm Coat Drive.

**Technology Advisory Committee**

**MDUSD leadership is looking for parents to join the TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**2013-2014.** With schools implementing the K-12 technology standards within the CCSS, this year is crucial to create a sustainable plan for instructional technology. The committee will consider questions such as:

How will the district's fund need to change to support instructional technology?

How will we put more technology into the hands of students?

TAC members will evaluate pilot programs within our district and some outside our district that have pioneered the integration of instructional technology and new trends in instructional technology. The committee will meet monthly. The first meeting is December 10th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, at Willow Creek Center. There is no prerequisite to joining, except that you care about the future of learning in our district and commit to attending meetings.

Contact [Dr. Dowd](#) if you would like to join.

**Yearbook**



Calling all photographers!

If you have any photos you would like to submit for consideration in the 2013-2014 Yearbook, please put them on a CD or flash drive and leave them in the

**[Box Tops 4 Education](#)**

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

**SHOP AND EARN  
FOR SCHOOL**

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

for Walnut Acres

"Yearbook" box in the front office. Please keep Yearbook in mind when you are on campus, at field trips, volunteering in the classroom, or whenever you see a great opportunity for a photo! We will be collecting photos from now until February 2014. The sooner you get the pictures in, the more likely they may be included in the Yearbook.

Don't miss out on the memories...If you need to purchase a Yearbook, just put a check made out to WAPFC for \$22 in the "Yearbook" box in the front office. Be sure to include your child's name and teacher.

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

### Hour of Code

**Parent Helpers needed!** Tech skills not mandatory! Want to help students participate in the international Hour of Code the week of **December 9th-13th**?

Here's the time frame for each grade level and their activity focus-

**Monday, 12/9** @ 8:15 AM-9:15 AM 2nd grade - Angry Birds Tutorial and Hopscotch App

**Monday, 12/9** @ 9:45 AM-10:45 AM K - Light Bot (hands-on) & Light Bot app

**Wednesday, 12/11** @ 8:05 AM-9:05 AM 5th grade - Scratch on laptop to make holiday card & Scratch programming lessons

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Click [http://csedweek.org/resource\\_kit/videos](http://csedweek.org/resource_kit/videos) and check out the first video for further information.

Contact [Patty Galindo](#) or give your name to the office if you would like to volunteer. This will be fun! Come join us!

### 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!

### Noon Supervisor Needed

We still need a noon supervisor for Mondays and Fridays. See the office or contact [Dr. Dowd](#) if you have any questions or would like further information.

### Show Your Jaguar Spirit!

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Walnut Acres PFC is selling zip-up hoodies, short and long-sleeve tees, and hats with our new fun, Walnut Acres Elementary design ALL YEAR LONG! Can't find your stuff in the lost-n-found? Kids outgrow the t-shirt you bought them? Mom and Dad want one too? No problem! We got you covered! Literally! Annnnd, this is the perfect way to show your school spirit and support the PFC! Visit the Walnut Acres [PFC website](#) to stock up on your school spirit wear today!!!



### PRICES:

T-shirts from \$14.99 - \$19.99

Zip-up Hoodies \$27.99

Hats: Blue or Pink \$15.99

### GO JAGUARS!

### Box Tops and Labels for Education



**Holiday baking = Box Tops = \$ for Walnut Acres!**

'Tis the season and many of us will be

baking this holiday season. Please remember to check all of your baking supplies for Box Tops, clip them and turn them into the Box Top bin in the school office so we can keep earning money for our school. Our last Box Top submission raised \$300!

### **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 help support the Walnut Acres Art Awareness program.

### **Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule**

**Don't forget** - Conference Schedule starts next week from **12/9/13 to 12/20/13.**

#### **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)

### **Drive Thru Reminders**

Please remember to follow these guidelines when using the drive-thru/carline:



Drive carefully and slowly. Respect and follow the directions of the volunteers.

There is to be NO pedestrian traffic in the drive-thru. Parents are not allowed to walk their children from Cerezo Drive through the staff parking lot. This is extremely hazardous.

Drop off children curbside only and ONLY where there is a volunteer. Children should be ready to exit the car when you pull up. (Backpack ready and goodbyes said, then exit for a great day).

If you have already dropped off your student, please don't pass cars which are still dropping off or drive through the staff parking lot. We've had many near-accidents from people doing this.

Do not park in the staff parking lot, red zones or crosswalks. Cars parked illegally may be ticketed.

Stop at the stop signs. Remember pedestrians have the right-of-way especially when they are our children.

DO NOT LEAVE VEHICLES UNATTENDED IN THE DRIVE-THRU. This applies all day.

### Community Announcements

#### CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Help support the [One Warm Coat](#) Drive and the 3rd Grade Brownie Troops by donating your gently used coats between Monday, December 9 through Friday, December 13. Bins will be located outside of the office. Coats of all sizes are needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Not sure what to do with your child during Conference Schedule weeks? Need more time to prepare for the holidays? Walnut Acres Daycare can help. [Click here](#) for more info.

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

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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