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Dates to Remember

4/13-18 - Food Drive
4/18 - Volunteer Appreciation Event @ 8:00 AM
4/18 - Family Movie Night
4/15 - PFC Meeting
4/21-4/25- Spring Break

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

Enews Release Dates

Next Enews Release

4/21/14

Articles Due

4/14/14

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PFC Meeting



Our next PFC meeting will be **April 15, at 7:00 PM** in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please come and hear about what is happening at our school and in your kids' classrooms.

Next year's budget will be presented and we will discuss raising the Jaguar Fund recommended donation amount, so come and make your voice heard!

Meeting agenda and past minutes can be found on the [PFC website](#).

From the Principal

MDEA Academy Awards:

You are invited to attend the Second Annual MDEA Academy Awards Event on 5/15/14 at Centre Concord from 5-9:00 p.m. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the great work being done throughout MDUSD by Teachers, Administrators, Classified Employees, Parent Volunteers, and Volunteer Organizations. **It is our opportunity to come together as a District community to shine a spotlight on the positive work we all do, which will help change public opinion about MDUSD.**

Submit articles to enews@walnutacrespfc.org

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[Box Tops 4 Education](#)
Earn cash for our school!

The remarkable event will highlight a wonderful Sunrise Catering gourmet meal served by culinary students from Mt. Diablo High, entertainment by students, thoughtful short speeches, and cheering for finalist nominees. Everyone will head home proud of both MDEA and MDUSD.

Parent nominations are encouraged! [Click here](#) for the Nomination Form. The nomination form should be postmarked by 4/11 or hand-delivered by 4/14. To order a ticket (\$25) [click here](#).

PFC Coffee



The Parent Faculty Club invites you to an informal coffee in Room A-1 (next to the school office) on Thursday morning,

April 10th.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering on the PFC and how you can get involved, please stop by and say hello! All parents have the opportunity to find a place to help within our school and our volunteers are an essential part of Walnut Acres' success.

Thursday, April 10th 7:45 AM - 9:00 AM Walnut Acres Room A-1.

If you are not able to join us because you are heading off to work or have another commitment please feel free to contact [Monica Chang](#).

We look forward to seeing you!

Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Walnut Acres staff would like to thank you for your dedicated support to our school! Please join us for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on **Thursday, 4/17, at 8:00 AM** starting with our Sing-out in the MUR.



Auction Results

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



And the Winners Are.....The Children of Walnut Acres!

Auction results are in, and with great pleasure we announce that net proceeds from this year's event totaled \$92,000! The funds generated for the PFC from this event will benefit every child at Walnut Acres by supporting aides, science, technology, art and music in our classrooms. A tremendous thank you to all the auction-goers, online participants, donors, and many volunteers who together, through their time, effort and generosity, made this event a success.

If you missed out on all the fun this year, and are interested in getting more involved next year, please contact [Monica Chang](#) as we are already starting to recruit members for next year's auction team and we could use your time and talents! There are auction volunteer opportunities, big and small.

Spring Enrichment Classes

Registration for Spring enrichment is now open!

The PFC will be offering five and six week sessions beginning April 15th! Please visit the Enrichment page on the [PFC website](#) to register for classes.

Be sure to sign up for these popular classes that include; Black Dragon Chess, The Art Room, Tiny Techs Robotics, Flag Football, Sarah's Science and DJ'ing by Spun Studios.

As always, please feel free to offer feedback. Your input and interests are greatly appreciated and help in the planning of future classes.

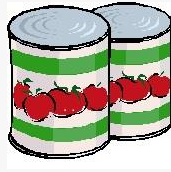
Questions or feedback?

Email enrichment@walnutacrespfc.org.

Walnut Acres Annual Food Drive

April 14-18

This month, we will host our annual food drive benefiting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and the *149,000+ people* they feed each month. Their mission is to reduce food waste, feed hungry people, and raise awareness on hunger in our community. Let's join them by donating any of these food items:



- Canned Meat, Fish & Soups
- Canned Ready to Eat Meals
- Canned Vegetables & Tomato Products
- Peanut Butter (plastic container)
- Iron Rich Cereal (45% or more of daily value)
- 100% Fruit Juice (48 oz. or less plastic bottles)
- Canned Fruit (in juice)
- Dry Beans (any type)
- Enriched Rice or Pasta
- Powdered Milk

We will be accepting canned/packaged food in barrels set up in each classroom. Look for the brown paper bag coming home soon, and fill it and send it in the **week of April 14-18**.

Thank you for your support!
Leigh-Ann Andrada and Erin Roeder
Community Service Co-Chairs

Family Movie Night

Grab the family and come see *Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2!* **Friday, April 18th at 6:00 PM** in the Walnut Acres in the Multi-Use Room is the place to be. Tickets are \$4.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.



Student Council will sell tickets after school on **Wednesday, April 16th** and also before the movie. Treats will be sold during the movie.

Hope to see you there!

Walnut Acres Children's Theatre



WACT Summer Theatre - Registration is now open!

[Click here](#) to register your 4th or 5th grader for WACT's summer camp.

This summer's production is **Broadway Our Way** featuring scenes and songs from *GREASE*; *YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN*; and *HAIR!* Don't miss the fun! For more information, please visit the Children's Theatre Page on the [PFC Website](#).

If you have further questions, please email [Leigh Silva](#).

1st Grade Performance

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE FAMILIES:

The grade level performance scheduled for April 16 has been changed to **May 14**. Please make a note of it so you don't miss this fun evening.

Lunch Patrol



Parents, we STILL need YOU!! Our lunch patrol situation is dire. We only have a smattering of parents throughout the remaining school months. 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. If you haven't gotten in your 3 days, it's not too late.

The shifts are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. 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.

Please visit the [Lunch Patrol calendar](#) and/or simply [email](#) to sign up today!

Questions?

Email lunchpatrol@walnutacrespfc.org.

Get Your Spiritwear

Walnut Acres PFC continues to sell zip-up hoodies, short and long-sleeve tees starting at just \$5.

It's Friday! Where's your spiritwear? Did you know every Friday is still spiritwear day? But you say you can't find your stuff in the lost and found? Kids outgrew the t-shirt you bought them? Mom and Dad want one too? No problem! We have you covered. Literally! Visit the [PFC website](#) and get your school spirit wear on today.

PRICES:

T-shirts \$5.00

Zip-up Hoodies \$10.00

Questions? Email spiritwear@walnutacrespfc.org.

Open House Festival

Save the Date - Open House Festival



Join us for the 2014 Walnut Acres Open House Festival on **Thursday, May 22nd at 5:00 PM.**

The festival is a fun family event that takes place at Walnut Acres before your student's classroom is opened for tour.

The festival features live musical performances by Walnut Acres Students along with a complete dinner available for purchase.

Dinner and Musical Performances from

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Specialty classrooms open for tour from
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Student Classrooms open from 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Visit the [PFC website](#) for more information.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in serving dinner. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Erin Eyerly or Jodi Magee at openhouse@walnutacrespfc.org.

Drive Thru



It's getting toward the end of the year, but please remember a few key things while going through the drive thru:

In the mornings -

- Do not let your child out before you get to a volunteer to open the door. It may not seem like it, but doing this actually holds up the line and slows everything down.
- Children should be ready to go as soon as their door is open. Backpacks in hand, kisses and goodbyes already done.
- Please do not watch your child walk off toward their classroom. If you need to do this, then please park on the street and walk your child to campus.
- Please use crosswalks. Walking in front of the cars is dangerous.
- There is no parking anywhere in the lot. Spots are reserved for Staff only.
- There is no passing in the mornings.
- If you see volunteers are light on a given day,

please feel free to jump in and help.

In the afternoons -

- Never leave your car unattended.
- Pull up as cars leave.
- Carefully pass if you have your children and are ready to leave.

Thank you for helping make drive thru run as smooth and safe as possible.

eScrip Updates & Reminders



eScrip update

A big thanks to our Walnut Acres families and friends for their continued support of the eScrip program. Our most recent earnings are:

November, 2013 - \$914

December, 2013 - \$972

January, 2014 - \$841

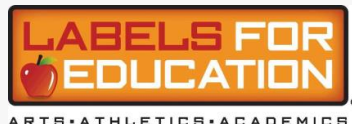
February, 2014 \$915

Even with the recent Safeway eScrip program changes we are still doing well. Let's keep the momentum going!

As a reminder, **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. Gift cards earn eScrip credit and you can still use your credit card! It just takes a minute to do the extra transaction.

Progresso and
Campbell's Soup =



\$ for Walnut Acres

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.



Box Tops Update

Our recent quarterly Box Top submission earned \$307 for Walnut Acres! Keep checking all of your packages for those Box Tops and turn them into the bin in the office at school. No need to save them up in a big bag - just drop them in as you collect them and we'll take care of the rest. Note: June 1, 2014 is a popular expiration date for many Box Tops so make sure to check dates, tear them off and turn them in **BEFORE May 15th** - the date of our next and final submission for this school year.

Questions about our eScrip programs?
Email escrip@walnutacrespfc.org.

Community Announcements

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- Summer Camps are taking sign ups. Don't miss out!
- Swim teams are still taking members. Check out all of our local teams.
- Is your child interested in playing in a Junior Tennis League this spring?
- The library and city are offering fun programs.



Visit [Community Announcements](#) on the PFC Website for details about all these events and more!