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### Jaguar Day



#### Get Ready For Jaguar Day 2013!

We are looking forward to seeing EVERYONE at Jaguar Day! Get your child's class assignment, purchase spirit wear and yearbooks, contribute to the Jaguar Fund and spend time visiting with old friends and new!

Plan to come to Jaguar Day at school on:

#### Thursday, August 22nd

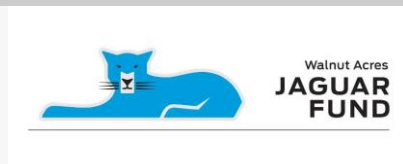
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, M-Z

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, A-L/All Welcome

Jaguar Day is a great opportunity to get ready for the new school year and find out about all the excitement that is planned for the year. We look forward to seeing you on Jaguar Day!!!

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

### Jaguar Fund



#### JAGUAR FUND - Supporting Every Child. Every Day.

The Jaguar Fund is the Parent Faculty Club's primary source of funds used to bridge the gap between public school funding and the additional educational support we, as a community, provide for our children.

On average, the PFC spends approximately \$550 per child per year to enhance your child's educational experience. To help fund this, we ask that a contribution of \$350 per child be made to the PFC. However, any amount is accepted and appreciated! Every dollar makes a difference. Whether your donation is big or small, we can all work together to continue to give our kids an exceptional start in their education!

Making your contribution is easy! At Jaguar Day, simply fill out the "All-in-One" form indicating your contribution amount. As a "thank you", each donor will receive a Jaguar Fund sticker (while supplies last.) Remember, no

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

### Quick Links

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### SHOP AND EARN FOR SCHOOL

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amount is too small and together we can make a difference for our Jaguars!

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

### New Family Activities



### Welcome to all the new families at Walnut Acres!

Please mark your calendars with these key dates:

#### **8/20 - New Parent Meeting**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the MUR.

Meeting is for all incoming new parents of K-5 children.

#### **8/21 - PFC Meeting**

7:00 PM in the library.

Come meet new people and learn about what's happening at school in the upcoming months.

#### **8/22 - Jaguar Day**

Get your class assignments, buy your t-shirts and yearbooks and sign up for volunteer opportunities around campus.

#### **8/23 - New Student Orientation/Picnic (Grades 1-5)**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the picnic tables.

Bring your new 1st-5th grader to school to meet a current student and get a tour of the campus.

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

### Directory Advertising Opportunities

### Attention Walnut Acres Families!

Don't miss your opportunity to support your school and gain new clients for your business or professional service. Hurry, and place an ad in our 2013-2014 Walnut Acres Directory! Deadline is Friday, September 6th. Rates and information can be found [here](#).

The Walnut Acres Directory is published in October and provides each family with valuable parent and student contact data as well as other helpful information including the school calendar, staff rosters, bell



#### **Box Tops 4 Education**

Earn cash for our school!

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

schedules and more. Families use the Directory all year long, making it a great place to promote your business while supporting the school! Money raised from directory advertising supports printing expenses and other PFC funded programs.

**New this year** - the Directory is pleased to present an opportunity for you to "Shout Out" support to your child or children with a personal message and their picture in Directory. To do this, submit a completed form and payment by Friday, September 6th.

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

### PFC Meeting



#### First PFC Meeting of the Year

The first PFC meeting of the new school year will be on **Wednesday, August 21st** at 7:00 PM in the library.

PFC agendas and meeting notes can be found on the [PFC website](#).

Please plan to come and hear about everything that's going on around campus. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Student Buddies

#### Student Buddies Needed

Is your 1st - 5th grade child interested in helping out at the New Student Picnic on **August 23rd from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**? It only takes an hour and they will be invaluable in helping a new student to feel welcomed at Walnut Acres.

If interested, please contact [newfamilies@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:newfamilies@walnutacrespfc.org).

Thank you for your help!

### Incoming Kindergarten Playdate

#### Calling all Kindergarten Parents!

Are you interesting in getting your child together with other incoming kindergartners before school starts?



If so, email Brooke Giddings at [brookegiddings@yahoo.com](mailto:brookegiddings@yahoo.com) for information.

Happy playing!

### Spirit Wear



#### Show Your Jaguar Spirit!

Get your spirit wear beginning on Jaguar Day! Zip-up Hoodies, short and long-sleeve T-shirts, and hats emblazoned with a fun "Walnut Acres Rocks" design will be for sale at **Jaguar Day, August 22**. This is the perfect way to show your school spirit!

If you cannot make Jaguar Day, you will also be able to purchase spirit wear using the T-shirt order form in the school office and/or at the T-Shirt table at Ice Cream Social on September 13th.

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

Go Jaguars!!!!

### Instrumental Music Sign Ups

#### Instrumental Music Program

We are pleased to announce that Instrumental Music for Children (IMC) is returning for the 3rd year to teach our after-school music classes for 4th and 5th graders. The classes will be every Wednesday from 12:40 PM - 1:40 PM, starting September 25th.



If your child is interested, please review the information and registration forms available on the [PFC website](#), and/or stop by the Instrumental Music table on **Jaguar Day, August 22nd**.

To register, please turn in both the IMC Music Registration form and the PFC Enrichment form to the Enrichment Box in the school office.

Questions? Email [hughes.stanley@yahoo.com](mailto:hughes.stanley@yahoo.com)

Naomi Hughes  
Instrumental Music Coordinator

### Drive Thru Reminders



## **A big welcome back to Walnut Acres!**

Please take a minute to learn the "Drive-Thru How To's" so that all children arrive safely to school.

There is NO passing in the Drive-Thru.

All children must exit on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Please do not unload your children before you reach a Drive-Thru Volunteer.

Do not let your children out in the faculty parking lot.

Do not walk in front of the cars in the Drive-Thru.

If we all follow these simple rules, we will have a smooth and efficient Drive-Thru.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

If you are interested in volunteering in the Drive-Thru, please email [drivethru@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:drivethru@walnutacrespfc.org). It takes only about 15 to 20 minutes of your time but it makes a huge difference to the safety of our kids.

### **Lunch Patrol**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Soon you'll be packing lunches again for your sweet children... and the Lunch Patrol/First Aid team will be ready to help them out too! 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.



Shifts are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. 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 a special day? They love to see you on campus!

All the information on how to help with Lunch Patrol and First Aid will be provided. Please stop by our table at **Jaguar Day on August 22nd** to sign up on the calendar. The kids need you and the safety vest is quite the fashion statement!

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

## Room Parent Opportunities

### Interested in being a Room Parent?

You're invited to come and nurture the connections in the classroom....Become a Room Parent!

We will have sign-up sheets available at **Jaguar Day** on **August 22nd**. If you are interested in becoming a Room Parent, but cannot attend Jaguar Day, please email us and we will be happy to add you to the sign-up list. All Room Parents will be confirmed as soon as possible after Jaguar Day. Please note that there will be a Room Parent Meeting on Monday, August 26th, at 7 p.m. at Sports Basement for those who have been confirmed as Room Parents for the year.

Thank you for your support!

Room Parent Chairs  
Cecilia Santiago and Karen Williamson  
[roomparents@walnutacrespfc.org](mailto:roomparents@walnutacrespfc.org)

## Fingerprinting & TB Testing

### Volunteers - Get Ready for Fall!

Volunteers are a vital part of Walnut Acres, but only authorized volunteers are able to participate in classrooms and on campus. So make your appointment now!



[Click here](#) for more information. Bring your TB test results and cash or check to your appointment.

## Community Announcements

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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