



# WALKER PTA Newsletter

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2019

### Fall Community Service Drives: Bernie's Book Bank & The Sports Shed

We are excited to host our first service projects of the year! We will be doing two during the month of October.

**Bernie's Book Bank:** This year the book collection is a competition! The class that donates the most books will receive tickets to a Northwestern Basketball game. We would like the cooperation of each grade level to have a bin in one teacher's classroom to collect the books. The service committee will provide labels for EVERY classroom to account for the books that are donated per classroom. At the end of the drive, we will tally all books that are donated per class. The winning class will be announced at the end of the drive. We will place 1 bin in the following classrooms: Kindergarten - Mullins, First Grade - Bardic, Second Grade - Maldonado, Third Grade - Arceneuax, Fourth Grade - Rouse, Fifth Grade - Panagiotidis, and the Library - Hertel

**The Sports Shed:** We are partnering with The Sports Shed to collect new and gently used sports equipment. This year, The Sports Shed is celebrating it's 10th anniversary of getting kids off the streets and into sports. They have partnered with 200 organizations and impacted thousands of kids in under resourced communities. During the month of October, please bring in any gently used or new sports equipment and drop it in the Sports Shed Bin, which will be located by the gym. If you have any questions please contact [walkerschoolserviceproject@gmail.com](mailto:walkerschoolserviceproject@gmail.com).

### PTA Fall Harvest Dance, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

The Walker PTA will be hosting a family event led by Marcus Brown from D.I.M.E. in our gym. This event is open to the community and students can invite non-Walker friends. Cost is \$10 per child (\$30 family maximum cost). Children must be accompanied by an adult (no charge for adults). Scholarships for Walker students are available (contact Mr. Gray). To pre-pay online visit: <http://walkerpta.corecommerce.com>. Food, beverages and spirit wear will be available for purchase. Bring your reusable water bottles to fill. Come to dance or just to enjoy watching your child(ren) show off their moves!

### Coin Drive for Books! Oct. 7th-11th

Yes, your coins make a difference! Last year students raised over \$1,200 in our coin drive or 150 books towards our effort of getting a new book into the hands of every kid at Walker school. Send your change to school the week of October 7-11: Monday, Oct. 7: NICKELS, Tuesday, Oct. 8: DIMES, Wednesday, Oct. 9: NO school (Yom Kippur), Thursday, Oct. 10: QUARTERS, Friday, Oct. 11: ANY COINS. The class that collects the most will win a special party!

### October PTA Meeting, Wednesday October 16th, 7:00pm

Join us for our monthly PTA meeting! We will be meeting in the school cafeteria and will provide childcare in the gym. We hope to see you there! Click [here](#) for a list of our future meetings and agenda.

### Next Steps Event, Thursday, October 17th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

The Next Steps series is about to kick off another year of exciting programming. This year's series is centered around Dr. Ibram X Kendi's new book, How to be an Antiracist.

This year, participants can join three LEARN sessions. These will be hosted at different middle schools throughout the year. The first session is October 17 from 6:30-8:30pm at Nichols Middle School with Dr. John Diamond.

Following each LEARN session are ACT sessions, an opportunity to apply concepts from LEARN to your school specific policies and practices. These will be held at different schools around the district starting in November. And for those who want to take a deep dive into the book, we will host monthly GROW book discussions also starting in November.

Check out the website for more information <http://www.NextStepsEvanston.com>.

**October is busy! Please see more events on the next page.**

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School Improvement Day  
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The Scholastic Book Fair will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00pm-7:00pm during Parent/Teacher conferences. It will be held in the main hallway in the front of the school by the office. Funds raised from the fair will go towards buying books & literacy initiatives at Walker. All students will have an opportunity to select books for their wish lists with their teacher on Monday during a special preview for their class. Please stop by the Welcome Table before you shop the fair and volunteers can provide you with your child's wish list. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase a book from any teacher's wish list to donate to that classroom, please see a volunteer for assistance.

**New! eWallet:** Can't make it to the Book Fair, set up an account online with a set dollar amount that your child can use to purchase books. Details and instructions will be out soon. Great idea for grandparents and loved ones who want to support your reader!

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Kathy Ryan at [kathyryan2020@gmail.com](mailto:kathyryan2020@gmail.com).

## Scholastic Book Fair Grand/Loved Ones Day, Wednesday, October 23rd

Grand/Loved Ones Day will be on Wednesday Oct. 23rd during your child's lunch/recess periods. They are welcome to invite a special adult to have lunch with them and visit the book fair. \*Students need to be in the company of an adult to browse book fair items during this time. Lunch/Recess time periods are as follows: K & 1st: 11:00am-11:40am, 2nd & 3rd: 11:50am-12:30pm, 4th & 5th: 12:40pm-1:20pm.

## PTA Sponsored Teacher Potluck, Tues. & Wed., October 22nd-23rd

Help us treat our teachers as they work through parent teacher conferences! We're having a potluck of snacks and treats for the teachers in the teacher's lounge. Click [here](#) for the Tuesday sign-up and [here](#) for the Wednesday sign-up if you'd like to bring something. Perfect Potluck login info: Coordinator Last Name: Sacluti, Password: walker

## Walker ESCCA Serve, Thursday, October 24th, 6:30pm - 9:00pm

The Evanston School Children's Clothing Association is available to all K-8th grade children of Evanston/Skokie District 65 schools. In previous years, ESCCA served over 700 children (14% of which were refugee or homeless). If you would like to volunteer to help SERVE (help children pick out clothes and warm winter coats), please email Carrie Shonk at [carrieshonk@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieshonk@yahoo.com).

### Walker Staff Spotlight:

#### Our New Assistant Principal for Special Services, Dr. Emily Chambers

We want to give a big welcome to our new Assistant Principal for Special Services, Dr. Emily Chambers! She is at Walker on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are excited to have her join the Walker community!

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