

Walker PTA meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 7:30pm
Location: Zoom Call

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Principal's Announcements

- Chat with the Principal recap.

Teacher Announcements

Executive Committee Announcements

- School-wide teacher and staff gift collection.
 - To show our appreciation for all 60 teachers, support staff, and administration, we are taking up a school-wide collection.
 - Each student will sign a card for their classroom teacher and in-class support staff and specials teachers (cards supplied by art and coding teacher Ms. Moon). Administration and additional staff will also get a card from the whole Walker community.
 - Deadline of Friday, 12/17 to contribute through Member Hub (<https://walker.memberhub.com/store/items/614965>) or cash dropped off by your student into the manila envelope with Ms. Cordingley in the front office.
- 59 kids signed up for 3rd-5th grade basketball.
 - Registration deadline was 12/13, but some teams may have space. Email Courtney Ivaska at courtney.b.ivaska@gmail.com if interested.
 - Games are Saturday at Robert Crown (Sunday for 3rd grade coed league) and the tentative practice schedule is:
 - 3rd Grade Coed - Wednesdays 6-7 pm
 - 4th Grade Girls - Thursdays 6-7 pm
 - 4th Grade Boys - Fridays at 6-7 pm
 - 5th Grade Girls - Tuesdays at 6-7 pm
 - 5th Grade Boys - Wednesdays at 7-8 pm
 - Cost is \$50 for the season. Scholarships are available; please contact Mr. Gray directly at grayj2@district65.net.
- Reminder to submit vaccination card images.
 - If your child has received both rounds of their vaccine, please send the card image to school nurse Emily Erickson (ericksone@district65.net). She will save vaccine records in the system.
- Walker's Evanston School Children Clothing Association's (ESCCA) serves for families who need grade school children's clothing, shoes, and winter wear.
 - First serve was 12/15 6:30-9 pm at Joseph E. Hill administration building (JEH).
 - Next serve is 2/26 9:15 am – 12:15 pm at JEH.
 - We will collect clothing again before our February serve, but donations are accepted in an ESCCA bin on the west side of JEH at any time.

- Especially needed are zip up hoodies (particularly sizes 10-14), sweatshirts (sizes 10-14), sweaters (sizes 8-12), long sleeve knit boys' shirts (sizes 10-16), lightweight coats (sizes 10-12), leggings or yoga pants (sizes 14-16), snow pants, and large gloves.
 - Please see this link (https://824876fa-cf0f-49e2-b460-4849c4671c58.filesusr.com/ugd/80ed8a_8089de9fc09746a7ad753b50a3303d31.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3p7a1DJlvBTmDzo0741dtpXft1J1juYaeANAEUE4yA2PE1f-wIlh58K-A) for all items currently being accepted.
 - Please email Annie Grossman at anniegrossman@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at a serve or help collect and process clothing donations before the February serve.
- Nominating committee for PTA leadership.
 - 2 Board members (Ashanti Henderson and Stacey Masliansky)
 - 3 PTA general members needed
 - Please email Stacey at staceymasliansky@gmail.com if interested.
- PTA membership levels, including no barriers membership, allow you to vote on PTA matters like budget items and PEP (PTA Equity Project) decisions.
 - A link to MemberHub and the no barriers membership sign up is on the PTA website now (walkerwoverinespta.com).
 - The next meeting is January, 1/20.
- Walker Cookbook is available to purchase on MemberHub (<https://walker.memberhub.com/store/items/493498>) at a suggested donation of \$10.
- PTA Council update.
 - Volunteers needed for D65 community wide fundraising.
 - Please email Allison at alliackerman@hotmail.com with any questions.
- Climate Action Team update.
 - Would you like to help implement lunchroom composting, improve recycling, make school events more eco-friendly and help our kids become more environmentally conscious? Join the new Walker Climate Action Team (formerly called Green Team)! This PTA committee is in need of volunteers to help create a more environmentally sustainable school community. If you're interested, please fill out the signup form at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFA82CA3FCC43-join> and parent Jennifer Gilbert will follow up with you soon. You can contact her with any questions at jennifergilbert333@gmail.com.
 - Thank you to Stacey Masliansky and Erika Bergsrud for volunteering with Elizabeth Gilbert to cover every lunch period.
 - Next initiative will be decided at the start of the new year.
- Native American Heritage Month.
 - Thank you to parent Michaela Marchi and librarian Ms. Hertel for leading our students in celebrating. Michaela created two gorgeous bulletin boards and supported Ms. Hertel with morning announcements throughout the month.

Treasurer Update

Fundraising Committee Update

- November restaurant fundraiser at Jarasa Kabob update.
- December restaurant fundraiser on 12/8 half day was at Kansaku.
- New spirit wear will be available in January 2022.
 - Existing spirit wear is available on MemberHub.

- If you placed an order and have questions, email alliackerman@hotmail.com
- Please sign up at smile.amazon.com and select David E Walker PTA as your charity before you start or continue your holiday shopping.
- Volunteers are needed to join the committee to start planning for Walker Fest, a weekend all family carnival with games, bounce houses, prizes, etc. (tentatively 3/12/22).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- FAN Events: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/>; free, but registration is required to obtain a personal link.
- PEP update (Ashanti Madlock-Henderson)
- Black Students Achieve (BSA) update (Tina Vinson)
- White Accountability Group (Kelli Kaul)

Community Engagement Update

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Project-continuing annual toiletry collection for Connections for the Homeless.
- Day of service on 1/22 when parents have access to the school.
- Bingo and dance with Mr. Marcus events return in spring.

Room Parent Update

- School-wide teacher and staff gift collection through 12/17.
- Classroom celebrations.
- Newsletter/announcements.

Volunteer Needs

- Walkerfest: If you would like to join the committee that helps plan Walkerfest, a carnival style event at school (tentatively 3/12/22), please contact Patty Harris (patevertiz@hotmail.com) or Michelle Redmond-Henley (redmond.mk@gmail.com).
- Nominating committee for PTA executive board positions that will vacate in June 2022.
- Consider whether you would like to serve on the PTA executive board as a co-president, secretary or treasurer.
- Join Walker Climate Action Team; email jennifergilbert333@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

- December 17th: Deadline to contribute to all school teacher and staff gift collection
- December 24th-January 7th: No School, Winter break
- January 12th: Early Dismissal at 12:05
- January 12th: Walker Restaurant Fundraiser
- January 17th: No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 20th, 7:30 pm: Walker PTA Meeting
- January 28th: D65 Date Night Fundraiser

Adjournment