

# PTA NEWS & EVENTS

APRIL 10, 2023

### Thank You Walker for a Sucessful Book Fair!

Thank you to all our incredible book fair volunteers and to all the families who came out and supported the fair! Thanks to you, we had our most successful book fair ever! Our net sales were over \$11,000, \$1875 of which will come back to the PTA, in addition to \$1600 in funds we can use in the future with scholastic.

We also had another incredible coin drive! Thank you to all who donated! We were blown away by your generosity. In all, Walker families raised a total of \$3,252.50! This allowed us to purchase many new books for our classrooms and library and ensures every student gets a new book. Ms. Ahmed and Ms. Panagiotidis' classes won the parties for the most coins brought in. Congrats!

We are so fortunate to have this incredible community here at Walker! Thank you again for all your support! We look forward to seeing you all at the book fair again next spring!

# PTA Meeting: Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm



Join us for our monthly PTA meeting! We will be meeting in person in the Walker cafeteria. <u>Click here</u> for the upcoming agenda. We hope you can join us!

# **Upcomming Dates:**

April 19: Restaurant Night, Buffalo Wild Wings

April 20: PTA Meeting, & Kindergarten
Open House

April 22: Walker Earth Day Family
Cleanup & Indoor Plant Sale

April 29: Walker School Dance

May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week

# Congratulations to our D65 4th Grade Basketball Champions!

Congratulations to the Walker 4th grade basketball team for winning their Championship! The kids won a well played finale against Dawes, finishing off a great season. Check out the trophy that will be at Walker.



# Walker Kindergarten Open House: April 20th at 6pm

Spread the word to any new incoming families that you know. We will be having a Kindergarten Open House, April 20th at 6pm. Families can come meet the principal and PTA, plus visit a kindergarten classroom and get a feel for the school.



#### Celebrate Earth Week at the 10 Second Film Festival

Save the date! Come celebrate Earth Week with D65 Climate Action Teams and Citizens' Greener Evanston at the 10 Second Film Festival on Friday, April 21st in the Rotary auditorium at 6:30 p.m. and watch environmental films made by students in District 65. Event tickets are free but required for entrance, as there is limited space.

Students can make a 10-15 second film about any climate solution, have their caretaker upload it to 10secondfilmfestival.com by April 19, and come watch it on the big screen with the whole family. Student films can be about any and all environmental solutions, such as waste reduction, natural habitat creation, sustainable transportation, energy conservation, environmental justice, or anything other eco-friendly ideas! Watch examples of past videos here. Students who submit a film and join us in person for the festival can enter a free raffle at the event. Questions? Please contact Walker's Climate Action Team Chair, Jennifer Gilbert, at jennifergilbert333@gmail.com.

# Walker Earth Day Family Cleanup & Plant Sale: April 22, 10-11:30am

Let's celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the Walker School grounds! Stop by between 10-11:30am, grab a bag and some gloves, and help make Walker beautiful. Check in is at the southwest corner, outside walker (by the lunchroom entrance). Please sign up (signing up is not required, but will help us know how many people to plan for) and find more info <a href="here">here</a>. Rain date: Saturday, April 29th, 10-11:30am.

We'll also be selling indoor plants at the same time in the north grounds garden area. \$5 - \$10 - \$15 plants, all proceeds benefit the Walker School Garden.

#### Walker Spring Dance: April 29th, 3-5pm

Come out for a FREE Walker Family event, our Spring Dance! It will be in the Walker School yard (near the west parking lot). Music and dancing by D.I.M.E. Please bring a water bottle (water refills will be provided).



#### **Walker Yearbook Needs Your Photos!**

Have you taken any photos at school events this year? Add them to our shared folders on Treering to have them included in this year's yearbook! Visit: <a href="https://www.treering.com/validate">www.treering.com/validate</a>. Sign in or create an account. School passcode: 101507041679653. Click the tab to SHARE SCHOOL PHOTOS. There are folders set up for PTA Events, Classroom Photos, Sporting Events, Etc. Add your photos wherever they fit!

K-4th grade students can still purchase yearbooks. The PTA has already purchased yearbooks for all 5th graders. All students can create 2 FREE custom pages for their yearbooks. Visit <a href="mailto:treering.com">treering.com</a> to get started!

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Sacluti (<u>erinsacluti@gmail.com</u>) or Darlena Simmons (<u>darlena.simmons@gmail.com</u>).

### **ETHS Summer Sports Camps**

If you are looking for opportunities for your child/children to attend sports camps this summer, please use this link to browse <u>ETHS Summer Sports Camps!</u> You will find many different options that your child/children might be interested in! Scholarships are available, but the deadline to apply for scholarships is May 19th. Camp sign ups are ongoing.

# **District 65 Updates/Info & Community Events**

- Join Us! 5th Ward School Community Meeting: District leaders and architectural firm Cordogan Clark will present an update on our planned K-8 public school to be located in the Fifth Ward on the current site of Foster Park on Thursday, April 13, 6-7:30 pm at Fleetwood Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston, Spanish interpretation will be provided.
- **Nichols Chess Tournament:** On behalf of the Nichols Chess Club and Evanston Scholastic Chess, we would like to invite you to participate in the 2023 Nichols Chess Championship Tournament on Saturday, April 15th, 2023. Participants do not have to be on the chess team/club to participate. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12th. Check out this <u>information sheet</u> in English and Spanish for more details about the tournament, registration, and how to volunteer to help at the event!
- Soccer & Track & Field Volunteer Coaches Needed: D65 athletics is possible and successful because of the fantastic volunteer coaches! We couldn't make this opportunity doable without them, and we genuinely appreciate all the parents and community members who made the basketball season a victory. We invite YOU to join them by applying for the spring season. If you are interested in coaching or volunteering, please apply here.