

## Upcoming Dates:

### April 2-26:

Walker Spring  
Fundraiser

### May 1:

- Early Dismissal @ 12:05pm
- Walker Restaurant Night at Culver's

### May 6-10:

Teacher Appreciation  
Week

### May 13:

Walker PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

### May 18:

PEP Fest @ 12-5pm

### May 24:

Last Day of Spring  
Electives

### May 27:

No School - Memorial  
Day

### May 29:

Field Day

### May 31:

Last Day of School



# WALKER PTA Newsletter

April 23, 2024

## ● Walker Spring Fundraiser: EXTENDED through April 26th

Thank you for your support and generosity for our Spring Fundraiser! We have extended the deadline out a week, so you can donate through Friday, April 26th. We have so far raised \$5,792, 39% of our goal of \$15,000!

Please help us continue to throw fun, community-building events and activities for our students! This fundraiser will benefit ALL students through OneFund. We use our portion of OneFund to provide enrichments and events at Walker including: Parties/Dances/Bingo, Educational Events, Garden Club, Service Projects, One Book One School, Heritage Celebrations, DEI Initiatives, and Teacher Grants.

Class grades can win prizes! Each Team that reaches their Grade Team Goal of \$2,500 wins popsicles at their end-of-year picnic and the Team that raises the most money wins an extra recess period on one day!

To donate, please go to: [bit.ly/WalkerSpringFundraiser](https://bit.ly/WalkerSpringFundraiser)

Thank you for supporting your student and equity in District 65!

## ● Walker Dine to Donate: Wednesday, May 1st at Culver's, 5-8pm

Mark your calendars!! Wednesday, May 1st is an early dismissal day (School Improvement Day) and it's also our Restaurant Day! Dine in or pickup during 5-8pm at Culver's (9455 Skokie Blvd, Skokie) to support Walker PTA along with D65 PTA Equity Project (PEP). A percentage of the sales will get donated to our PTA. Just remember to mention Walker when placing your order for your purchase to benefit the PTA.

## ● Order & Customize Walker Yearbooks

K-4th grade students can still purchase yearbooks (the PTA has already purchased yearbooks for all 5th graders). Orders made by **May 2nd** will be shipped for free to the school and passed out. There is a shipping fee if ordered after and it will be sent to the address you choose. All students can create 2 FREE custom pages for their yearbooks by **April 28th**. Visit [treering.com](http://treering.com) to get started!

Have you taken any photos at school events this year? We are finishing up building the yearbook and still need your pictures! Add them to our shared folders on Treering to have them included in this year's yearbook! Visit: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate). Sign in or create an account. School passcode: 101507041679653. Click the button UPLOAD SCHOOL PHOTOS (near the bottom). There are folders set up for PTA Events, Classroom Photos, Sporting Events, Etc. Add your photos wherever they fit! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Sacluti ([erinsacluti@gmail.com](mailto:erinsacluti@gmail.com)) or Darlena Simmons ([darlena.simmons@gmail.com](mailto:darlena.simmons@gmail.com)).

## ● Teacher and Staff Flower-Grams : May 6-8

Celebrate our teachers and staff with flower-grams! The PTA and Student Council are teaming up to sell flower-grams during teacher appreciation week. Flower-grams will be sold during lunch/recess periods May 6th-8th (while supplies last). Cost is \$1 per flower-gram. Students will get to choose their flower, write a card, and deliver their flower to their teacher! All proceeds to benefit Walker's Student Council. We will need some adult volunteers to sell the flower-grams, please sign up [here](#) if interested. Contact [Erin Sacluti](mailto:Erin.Sacluti@gmail.com) with any questions.

## ● Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6th-12th

It's time to show Walker staff our love and appreciation for all that they do for our students. We are putting together potlucks for Wednesday (salad lunch) and Thursday (all-day treats). On Monday staff will be treated to breakfast by the Admin, on Tuesday we will have the Soul Good Coffee Truck coming to Walker, and on Friday staff will be treated to lunch by Admin. To sign up to donate to the potluck days please go to [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com) (Admin Last Name: Sacluti, Password: Walker)

The Walker PTA will be raffling off some fun gift cards during morning announcements all week. We are looking for gift card donations (\$10 denominations only please) for food, coffee, stores, amazon, etc. Please send your donations to the school office by Friday May 3rd.

You are welcome to send in your own token of appreciation to any and all of your teachers & support staff (card, drawing, flower, gift, etc)!

You can also honor a teacher through the Foundation 65's Honor a Teacher program. Educators who are recognized with a donation in their honor will receive a digital card from Foundation 65, including your name and a personal note. Your gift will support Foundation 65, an independent grantmaking organization that invests in educator-led initiatives to support educational equity. Go to [www.foundation65.org/honor-a-teacher](http://www.foundation65.org/honor-a-teacher) to make your gift and craft your personal note today.

## District 65 Updates/Info & Community Events

- **Parent University Event Focused on Addressing Youth Anxiety:** Please join us for an upcoming discussion on youth anxiety, open at no cost and intended for families in grades 5-8! This event is part of D65's Parent University, which hosts informational meetings about D65 topics throughout the school year. April 25 at 5:30-7:30pm, [click here for more information](#).
- **April 28th: D65 Family Day @ NU Baseball:** Join D65 families for an afternoon of NU Baseball! NU vs. Purdue - Sunday, April 28th @ 1pm. Purchase tickets [here](#) for \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales (\$5 per ticket) goes to the D65 PTA One Fund to support enriching academic opportunities and community engagement for all District 65 students. Tickets are subject to availability. Thank you for supporting our community!
- **May 4th - D65 Family Day @ NU Softball:** Join D65 families for an afternoon of NU Softball! NU vs. Indiana - Saturday, May 4th @ 1pm. Purchase tickets [here](#) for \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales (\$5 per ticket) goes to the District 65 PTA One Fund to support enriching academic opportunities and community engagement for all District 65 students. Tickets are subject to availability. For any families where this cost is a barrier, NU and the D65 PTA Council can provide tickets at no cost. Please use [this form](#) to request free tickets by Friday, April 26th. Thank you for supporting our community!
- **Oakton's Annual Veggie and Herb Seedling & Dahlia Fundraiser:** Saturday, May 4, 10 am-12 pm at Oakton school grounds in front of the school garden at Austin and Ridge. [Submit your preorder here](#) through May 1. Proceeds support One Fund and all D65 schools.
- **D65 Fifth Ward School Design Open House:** On Tuesday, May 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Fleetwood Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. NOTE: Spanish interpretation and light refreshments will be provided. Please [register](#) by May 2.
- **PEP Fest is coming! Saturday, May 18, 12-5 pm:** Washington School Playground (914 Ashland, Evanston) Get involved and learn more: [www.ptaequityproject.com](http://www.ptaequityproject.com)! PEP Fest is a family-focused, collaborative community effort to raise PTA funds, that will be equitably distributed to support all of our District 65 students. Vendor, volunteer, collaborator, sponsorship opportunities!
- **Kuumba Evanston Olympic Games:** For 3rd-5th graders, [click here for more information](#)
- **View updated 2024-2025 school year calendar:** [Click here for English](#). [Click here for Spanish](#). At the March 18 Regular Board Meeting, an updated 2024-2025 school year calendar was approved with several small changes. There are no changes to the first day of school for students or fall, winter, and spring breaks. There is no change to the total number of instructional days for students.