

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 2:

Fall Electives
Registration Opens

Sept 4:

Ice Cream Social @
6-7:30pm

Sept 11:

- Curriculum Night @
5:15pm
- Walker Dine to
Donate @ Papa
Johns

Sept 18:

No School

Sept 20:

Law Enforcement Drill
(LockDown)

Sept 23:

- First Day of Fall
Electives
- PTA Meeting @
6:00pm
- Parent/Caregiver
Meet & Greet @
6:30pm

Oct 2:

Walk to School Day

Oct 3:

No School



WALKER PTA Newsletter

September 3, 2024

● Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

Walker PTA is excited to kick off the school year! We hope you enjoyed the Caregiver's Coffee on the 1st day of school, and will join us for our **rescheduled Back to School Ice Cream Social this Wednesday (Sept. 4) at 6pm.** We look forward to meeting our new families and reconnecting with our returning families at many more events throughout the school year! We are putting together a digital School Calendar that will be available on our website soon. This will include lots of details about school procedures, contact information, and of course our calendar of events for the school year. In the meantime, please check your students' Friday Folders for important flyers and look for our newsletter that Principal Gray will email out twice a month. We look forward to seeing you at our next PTA Meeting on 9/23 @6:00pm in the garden, followed by our Adults & Caregivers Meet & Greet from 6:30-7:30pm!

● Sign up for Fall Discovery Clubs (Enrichments)

Sign up your student for a Fall Discovery Club! There's chess, mixed media art, dance and more! Clubs are additional enrichment classes led by companies that Right At School partners with that are typically one hour, once a week. Clubs are a great opportunity for specialized enrichment in the convenience of our own school. The Fall session goes from Sept. 23 through Dec. 6. Registration closes on Oct. 4th. Scholarships are available. [Click here for more information.](#)

● Register for 4th & 5th Gr Fall Athletics by Sept 9th

Students in grades 4-5 have the opportunity to participate in school-based flag football and cross country programs this fall. Registration must be completed through the City of Evanston by Monday, Sept 9: cityofevanston.org/register. Please note that the City of Evanston offers programming for students at other ages and grade levels throughout the year. Confidential fee assistance to participate in athletics is available based on family size and total family income. Please complete the application on the [City of Evanston's fee assistance webpage](#). Visit the [D65 athletics page](#) and [City of Evanston page](#) to learn more.

● Curriculum Night: Sept. 11th, 5:15-6:45pm

Come visit your child's classroom and talk with the teachers. Walker teachers will discuss the curricula, school policies and classroom procedures

● Walker Dine to Donate: Papa Johns on Sept. 11th, All Day

Mark your calendar! Our first Dine To Donate is on Wednesday, September 11th - the same night as Walker Curriculum Night. Pizza and Curriculum Night - what a great combination! Order in person or online at Papa Johns Pizza (1743 Benson Ave, Evanston, (847) 440-3152) to support Walker PTA along with D65 PTA Equity Project (PEP). 25% of sales will get donated to our PTA. Use the code **WEFUND** when placing your order online or show [the flyer](#) for your purchase to benefit Walker.

● Walker Spiritwear On Sale, Now through Sept. 17th

Check out the Walker back-to-school sale! Enjoy a 30% discount across our entire website. [Click here](#) to shop. Sale Ends September 17th.

● September PTA Meeting: Sept. 23rd, 6:00pm

Join us for our first PTA meeting of the new school year! We will be meeting in person in the Walker garden right before our Parent & Caregiver Meet and Greet. We will present and vote on this year's budget. We hope to see you there!

● Parent/Caregiver Meet & Greet, Sept. 23, 6:30pm

Join us for a casual Parent/Caregiver meet and greet after our first PTA meeting. It'll be in the Walker Garden and light refreshments will be served.

● Walker School Directory Coming Soon

The PTA will be putting together a school directory once we receive the information from the district in the coming weeks. If you opted out of sharing your contact information on your student's registration, then your info will not appear in the directory. If you would like it to be included, please email the district at Parents@district65.net and copy Mr. Gray.

● Volunteers Needed

Walker PTA depends on volunteers! If you are interested in helping with this school year with the PTA or as a room parent, [please sign up using this form](#).

● Box Tops & Givebacks

Two simple ways to donate funds to the Walker PTA is through the Box Tops and the Givebacks programs. For Box Tops, download their app (Box Tops for Education), register, select Walker Elementary School and then scan an eligible receipt containing Box Tops product. The app will automatically add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. [Click here](#) for more details.

Givebacks is a free cashback program that you can earn cash for you and Walker School when you shop at the brands and restaurants you know and love. Go to givebacks.com to sign up and for more information.

● Join the Walker PTA

Join the PTA to have a voice in our school! A 2024-2025 PTA membership gives you the ability to vote on what we do as a PTA and how we spend our PTA funds for the year. There are no obligations! Participate in our meetings and volunteer as much or as little as you want.

To purchase a membership, please go to our [online store](#). Parent/Guardian membership is \$10, Family membership (2 adults) is \$15, No-Barrier Membership is Free, Faculty membership is \$5, and General/Community membership is \$10.

District 65 Updates/Info & Community Events

- **Welcome Back Message from Dr. Turner:** [Click here](#)
- **Stay Connected through Remind:** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Student Fees are Due by Sept. 15:** [Click here for more information](#)
- **View the 2024-2025 Student Handbook:** [Click Here](#)
- **District 65 Digital Backpack:** [Click Here](#)
- **'Kits, 'Cats & Kids Block Party:** Sept 5th, 4:30-7:30pm at Lazier Field at ETHS, [click here for more information](#)