

Upcoming Dates:

Oct 2:

Walk to School Day

Oct 3:

No School

Oct 7-10:

Parent Teacher
Conferences

Oct 9:

Walker Dine to Donate
@ Herm's Palace

Oct 10:

Picture Day

Oct 11:

No School

Oct 14:

No School

Oct 20:

Walker Fall Party @
2-4pm

Oct 21:

PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

October 1, 2024



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PTA Newsletter

● Walk to School Day, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd

Ms. Likhite has organized this event for many years and we are excited for a great morning. Details:

- 8:50am: Students gather at Central Park (located on Lawndale just north of SJA campus) on the tennis courts. Cones will be set up with grades/numbers.
- 9:00am: Starting with 5th grade, classes will head east to Central Park Ave, take Central Park to Church St. and very carefully cross Church Street with lots of adult supervision.
- Buses will drop off students at Central Park. Parents are most welcome to join us on the Walk to Walker. Those students unable to join us at Central Park will congregate in the gym. Students who eat breakfast will eat when they return.

● Parent/Teacher Conference Potluck: Oct. 7-10

Let's show our teachers & staff some love during October conferences by stocking the Staff Lounge with snacks and beverages! The plan is to have lots of food choices for them to grab for breakfast, lunch or after school while they are in-between conferences. Sign up here:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/BBFB1328> Admin last name: Sacluti
Password: Walker

● Walker Dine to Donate: Herm's Palace on October 9th, 5-9pm

Mark your calendar! This month's Dine To Donate is on Wednesday, October 9th. Dine in or take out at Herm's Palace from 5-9pm to support Walker PTA along with D65 PTA Equity Project (PEP). 15% of sales will get donated to our PTA. Mention Walker when placing your order for your purchase to benefit our school.

● **Picture Day: October 10th**

Get ready for big smiles! Picture day for all students is on October 10th. You can pre-order prints on mylifetouch.com with your student ID or Picture ID: EVTFPJWXN. Please do NOT have your child wear green (a green screen will be used so an option of picture backgrounds can be selected when photos are printed). Don't worry if your student is absent on the 10th, there is a picture retake day on Nov. 15th.

● **Pre-Order 2024-2025 Yearbooks**

K-4th graders can pre-order 2024-2025 Yearbooks. Save 10% if purchased by Oct. 31: go to <https://web.treering.com/validate>, enter our school passcode: 101507041679653. **The PTA will provide yearbooks for all 5th graders!**

● **Walker Rodeo Party: October 20th, 2-4pm at Walker**

Come join us for a FREE fun party at Walker. We'll have snacks, activities, and music and dancing led by D.I.M.E. We hope to see you there!

● **October PTA Meeting: October 21st, 6:30pm**

Join us for our October PTA meeting! We will be meeting in person in the Walker cafeteria and have a Zoom option (Mr. Gray will send out the meeting login). Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

● **Save the Date! Walker Fest, November 16th, 11am-2pm**

Help support Walker by joining us at the school for a fun-filled day of carnival games, bounce houses, concessions and more! We need lots of volunteers and donations to make this event awesome. Please [sign up here to volunteer](#) and [sign up here for any donations](#). More information to come.

● **2024-25 Sports at Walker & Parent Coaches Needed**

Students in grades 4-5 at all District 65 schools will have the opportunity to participate in the following seasonal sports: flag football and cross country programs (fall); basketball (open to grades 1-5) and cheerleading (winter); and soccer, tennis, and track and field (spring). Parent/guardian volunteer coaches are needed for all D65/City of Evanston sports leagues. All coaching positions are unpaid and strictly volunteer based. For more information on registration and volunteering to coach, [click here](#).

● Walker Welcome Brochure & Calendar

Check out the new [Walker PTA Welcome Brochure](#)! It contains information about the school and PTA for this school year. This document has all of the information that had previously appeared in the printed calendars, plus more! We also have a [PDF of the PTA Calendar](#) (a digital version of a standard paper calendar). The digital, dynamic version of the PTA calendar is on [our website](#) and the PTA information has also been imported into the [Walker school calendar](#). If you would prefer a paper copy of either of these, they are available for pickup in the school office.

● Walker School Directory

Mr. Gray will be emailing out a school directory that the PTA put together. 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, [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

- **FY25 Budget & Next Steps:** [Click here](#)
- **Renewal of District 65 E-Learning Plan; Public Hearing October 7:** The hearing will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Joseph E. Hill Education Center, Boardroom – 1500 McDaniel Ave.
- **Wong Kids' Space Chupacabra Preview Party! (Ages 7+):** Sat. Oct. 5th, 10:30-11am. [Click here for more information](#)
- **October is ESCCA Awareness Month:** [Click here for more info](#)
- **District 65 Digital Backpack:** [Click Here](#)