

Upcoming Dates:

April 3:

Walker Open House for Kindergarten @ 5:30pm

April 6:

Spring Reading Celebration @ 10am-Noon

April 9:

- Early Dismissal @ 12:05pm
- Walker Restaurant Day at Portillo's

April 18:

No School

April 21:

PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

April 23:

Chute 6th Grade Orientation @ 6pm

April 26:

Earth Day Clean-Up Event @ 10-11:30am

April 30:

International Night @ 6pm-8pm



WALKER PTA Newsletter

April 2, 2025

● Walker Kindergarten Open House: Thurs, April 3rd, 5:30-6:15pm

Spread the word to any new incoming families that you know. We will be having a Kindergarten Open House, April 3rd at 5:30pm. Families can come meet the principal and PTA, plus visit a kindergarten classroom and get a feel for the school.

● Spring Reading Celebration, April 6th, 10am-Noon

Join us for a fun-filled morning of stories, community and cozy reading time at our Spring Reading Celebration! This special event is designed for families to enjoy the magic of books together, featuring surprise guest readers and exciting activities with Skokie Public Library, Books & Breakfast, Young Black & Lit, Black Girl Magic Book Club, Y.O.U. and more!

Event Highlights:

- **Surprise Guest Readers** - Who will they be? Come find out!
- **Give One, Take One Book Table** - Bring a gently-used book to donate, and pick out a different one to take home
- **Interactive Activities** - Fun literacy-based experiences with our amazing partners
- **Breakfast snacks** - Enjoy a light morning treat while you read
- **Cozy Reading Area** - Families, come in your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and snuggle up with a good book!

This is a free event and all are welcome! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, build community and find new stories to love.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the event, please [sign up here](#).

● **Walker Dine to Donate: Wednesday, April 9th, 5-8pm at Portillo's**

Mark your calendars!! Wednesday, April 9th is an early dismissal day (School Improvement Day) and it's also our Restaurant Day! Dine in or pickup at Portillo's (9400 Skokie Blvd., Skokie) to support Walker PTA along with D65 PTA Equity Project (PEP). 20% of sales will get donated to our PTA. Just remember to show [this flyer](#) or use the code PORTILLOS28 during checkout in the "Apply Offer" field when placing your order for your purchase to benefit Walker.

● **PTA Spring Fundraising Appeal**

Why are we doing a fundraising appeal?

A PTA fundraising appeal helps support essential programs that enrich students' education and strengthen the school community. Donations fund school improvements, teacher appreciation efforts, and school events that benefit every child.

A direct fundraising ask ensures that school events remain free and accessible to all families, fostering an inclusive and welcoming community. By securing donations, we can cover event costs without relying on ticket sales, allowing every student and family to participate regardless of financial circumstances.

This year, when we reach different fundraising levels, ALL Walker students will win prizes! When we reach our overall goal (\$10,000) Walker students will win extra inflatables to enjoy during Field Day.

How can you contribute? [Click here: https://www.givebacks.com/donate/walker](https://www.givebacks.com/donate/walker)

● **April PTA Meeting: April 21st, 6:30-7:30pm in Walker Cafeteria**

Come join us for this month's meeting! We will be meeting in person in the Walker cafeteria (with a Zoom option) from 6:30-7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Childcare will be provided and the Zoom login will be sent out near the day of the meeting.

● **Chute Middle School 6th Grade Orientation: April 23rd, 6pm**

Chute Middle School and Chute PTA Welcome Families & Students of the Class of 2027! Join us for 6th Grade Orientation on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chute Auditorium (Door 3), 1400 Oakton St., Evanston, IL, to meet the Chute Middle School administration and staff, tour the school with Q&A sessions, and purchase Chute Spiritwear!

● Walker Earth Day Family Cleanup: April 26th, 10-11:30am

Let's celebrate Earth Day by picking up litter around Walker and giving our garden a spring cleanup! Stop by anytime between 10-11:30am to lend a hand. **Litter cleanup:** Check in at the southwest corner, outside Walker (by the lunchroom entrance). Bags and gloves will be provided. **Garden Cleanup:** Meet at the garden on the north side of Walker. Please bring gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Rain Date: May 3rd, 10-11:30am

● Walker International Night: April 30th, 6-8pm

International Night is coming soon! Join us in the Walker gym for a potluck event celebrating Walker's diverse student body! We are asking families to bring a dish (homemade or bought) representing their families culture/tradition and/or create a display board/table showcasing their families culture/traditions ([click here](#) to sign up to host a table showcasing a country. [Click here](#) to download a food label for your dish - we will also have labels available at the event). Come join us for a great evening with food and community!

● 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: 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!

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 treering.com to get started! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Sacluti (erinsacluti@gmail.com) or Darlena Simmons (darlena.simmons@gmail.com).

● Mabel's Labels Walker Fundraiser

Walker's fundraiser with Mabel's Labels is live! Purchase stick on labels (lots of choices and quantities) for clothing and lunch boxes to avoid losing them to the lost and found. Place an order through [this link](#) (type in Walker Elementary School) and Walker/PTA Equity Project will receive 20% back. Thank you for your support and labeling your children's items!

● Walker PTA Volunteering

Walker PTA depends on volunteers! If you are interested in helping with this school year, [please sign up using this form](#). If you have any questions, please email us at walkerptagroup@gmail.com.

District 65 Updates/Info & Community Events

- **D65 Lacrosse Event: Northwestern vs. Michigan Thursday April 17th at 7pm.** [Tickets are \\$10 and \\$5 per ticket benefits One Fund/D65.](#) For any families where that cost is a barrier, the PTA council can provide tickets at no cost, request those [here](#).
- **D65 Baseball Event: Northwestern vs. Washington April 27th at 1pm.** [Tickets are \\$10 and \\$5 per ticket benefits One Fund/D65.](#) For any families where that cost is a barrier, the PTA council can provide tickets at no cost, request those [here](#).
- The window to request an Alternate Placement for the 2025-2026 school year closes April 11. [Click here for more details.](#)