

## Upcoming Dates:

**March 3-7:**  
Coin-A-Day Challenge

**March 5:**

- Early Dismissal @ 12:05pm
- Walker Restaurant Day at Noodles & Company

**March 8:**  
Walker Bingo, 1-2:30pm

**March 8-12:**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**March 10:**  
First Day of Spring Electives

**March 17:**  
PTA Meeting @ 6:30

**March 24-28:**  
No School, Spring Break

**April 3:**  
Walker Open House for Kindergarten @ 5:30pm



# WALKER PTA Newsletter

March 3, 2025

## ● Registration for Spring Enrichments Open, Classes Start March 10th

Sign up your student for a Spring elective! Registration is still open and classes start March 10th. Scholarship applications can be submitted [here](#). There's sports, yoga, robotics, drawing, dance and more! Elective classes are additional enrichment classes led by companies that Right At School partners with that are typically one hour, once a week. Elective classes are a great opportunity for specialized enrichment in the convenience of our own school. The Spring trimester enrichments run from March 10 through May 23. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

## ● Walker Coin-A-Day Challenge: This Week

Join us for our annual coin drive before the book fair. Each day we will collect a different coin, starting with pennies (Monday - Pennies, Tuesday - Nickels, Wednesday - Dimes, Thursday - Quarters, Friday - Any Coin). All coins collected go toward books for classrooms and book vouchers to ensure everyone can purchase a book at the fair. Start looking under those couch cushions, or [donate online](#), so your class can WIN! The classroom that collects the highest overall total will win a popcorn & pajama movie party! Coins, bills, or online donations are accepted. Please note your child's teacher if you donate online.

## ● Walker Dine to Donate: Wednesday, March 5th, 4-8pm at Noodles & Company

Mark your calendars!! Wednesday, March 5th is an early dismissal day (School Improvement Day) and it's also our Restaurant Day! Dine in or pickup at Noodles & Company (4999 Old Orchard Center Ste F-26, Skokie) to support Walker PTA along with D65 PTA Equity Project (PEP). 25% of sales will get donated to our PTA. Just remember to show [this flyer](#) or use the coupon code GIVING25 during checkout when placing your order for your purchase to benefit Walker.

## ● **Walker Family Bingo: Saturday, March 8th at 1-2:30pm**

Please join other Walker families and students for a fun, completely free afternoon of B-I-N-G-O in the Walker gym!! This is a great opportunity to meet other caregivers and parents in the Walker community while also having FUN!!! The book fair will also be open during this time.

## ● **Walker Book Fair: March 8th, 11th & 12th**

Spring into reading at the Walker Book Fair! Our book fair will be open on Saturday, March 8th at 1pm-4pm during the PTA Bingo event, on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 11th & 12th after school at 3:30pm-7pm (Tuesday) and 3:30pm-6pm (Wednesday), and during our special GRANDS event (invite your GRANDS: Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts and Uncles, Neighbors, and Dedicated Caregivers to SPRING into Walker's Book Fair with you!) on Wednesday, March 12th during students' recess times (10:30am-1pm). It will be located in the main hall near the front office. Please bring a shopping bag.

We need volunteers! Please consider helping at the fair. Sign-ups can be found [here](#).

## ● **Please Fill Out the 5Essentials Survey**

The window for D65 staff and parents/caregivers to complete the 5Essentials Survey is now open! From now through March 31, 2025, staff and families are encouraged to complete the survey, which usually takes about 10 minutes. Data from the 5Essentials Survey provides our school leaders with valuable insights that are used to develop effective school improvement plans. We currently have a response rate of 8% and needs 20% to receive results. The survey data is helpful in letting us know how we are doing and informs planning for subsequent years. [Click here to complete this survey!](#)

## ● **The Justin Wynn 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

Registration is now open for the 19th Annual Justin Wynn Leadership Academy 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament! This fun community event, to be held on March 16th at ETHS, is open to players of all abilities from 3rd to 8th grade. There are both co-ed and girls' tournaments. The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament honors the legacy of Justin Wynn, a young leader who died at the age of 9. Proceeds will support the Justin Wynn Leadership Academy and [Kuumba Evanston](#). For more information and to register, go to [wynners.org](#).

## ● **March PTA Meeting: March 17th, 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 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Childcare will be provided.

## ● District 65 4th & 5th Grade Spring Elementary Athletics

This spring season will offer soccer, track and field, and tennis. Registration for spring athletics is open until March 24th. **Soccer Season:** April 6th – May 18th, **Track and Field Season:** April 13th – May 11th, and the **Tennis Season:** April 6th – May 18th. [Click here](#) to register.

## ● Co-ed 4th and 5th Grade Volleyball League

Walker is participating in a Co-ed 4th and 5th grade volleyball league going on in April. This is a free program run by ETHS and D65 volleyball coaches. ETHS players help support the younger players by coaching and reffing the games!

- **When:** Saturday mornings from either 9am-10:30am or 10:30am-12pm, depending on when your team plays on the following dates: 4/12 and 4/19 and 4/26
- **Where:** Fleetwood-Jourdain (1655 Foster in Evanston)
- **Who:** 4th and 5th graders who are interested in learning more about the game of volleyball

During the first 30 minutes of each session, ETHS players will coach and teach skills to the teams. [Sign Up Here.](#)

## ● 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.

## ● 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](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!

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](http://treering.com) to get started! 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)).

## ● 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](mailto:walkerptagroup@gmail.com).

## District 65 Updates/Info & Community Events

- **March 6: Parent/Caregiver Workshop for Grades 5-8.** "It's That Easy" is a workshop for parents/caregivers. Participants will learn about healthy sexual development for their child's age range, identify teachable moments, and identify the most important values they'd like to pass on. Hosted by YWCA sex educator Hallie Cohen, this free Zoom event starts at 7 p.m.; [register here!](#) [Learn more about sexual health education in District 65.](#)
- **March 11: Climate Action Community Meeting.** Join District 65 for the second Climate Action Community Meeting of the year (4 p.m. March 11)! Topics include a draft and review of the D65 Sustainability Plan and a discussion on sustainability and gardens in schools. All are welcome! Find the Zoom link on the [District 65 calendar](#).
- **March 12: Accelerating Learning for All Students.** Acceleration Night is coming! All District 65 families with students in kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to join us to learn more about opportunities for acceleration, and about the process for consideration of grade-skipping. The meeting is Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Spanish interpretation will be provided. [Calendar details](#)
- **Register for School Age Child Care Summer Camp:** This year's camp is scheduled for June 16-July 25. Full-day care is 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and two half-day options are available: 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Registration will close on Friday, April 18, 2025. [Click here for more info.](#)