



WALKER PTA Newsletter

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2018

Book Fair Coin Drive - Class Competition, October 1st-5th

Walker is doing a coin drive to kick off our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, starting Monday, October 1st, to provide new books to the teachers classrooms. Have your children bring in Pennies on Monday 10/1, Nickels on Tuesday 10/2, Dimes on Wednesday 10/3, Quarters on Thursday 10/4, and any coin on Friday 10/5. The class that brings in the most earnings with their coins will win a pizza party!

Walker Coat Drive, October 1st-31st

We will be collecting winter clothing for "Connections for the Homeless" at Walker this month. We are looking for coats, hats, scarves and winter wear that will help homeless children, teens and adults in Evanston. Drop off your new or gently used items in the collection bin in the main office before Oct. 31st. Please launder all gently used items prior to drop off. If you have any questions please e-mail: walkerschoolserviceproject@gmail.com. If your family is in need of winter coats, please contact Ms. Lumpkin (lumpking@district65.net)

Fall Box Tops Drive, October 1st-19th

Help us raise \$1,500 for Walker Elementary! Last year, we raised over \$1,200 for our school through our spring Box Tops for Education collection. Let's raise \$1,500 this year!

We will be holding our fall Box Tops for Education drive this October! Don't forget to send in your box tops before October 19th. The classroom that submits the most box tops will win a class pizza party in November. Look for more details in next week's Friday folder, and reach out to Diana Sheehan (nddiana@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Walkerfest, Saturday October 6th, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for Walker's largest community social event and one of our school's biggest fundraisers!!! There will be a magician, a balloon artist, inflatables, carnival games, a candy walk, food & more! Don't miss out!

In order to make this event a success and fun day for our students, there are several ways we can all help to make that happen:

- Volunteer to help during the event and/or clean up! We are still in need for volunteers, please sign up for a shift (or more) [here](#) or contact Stacey Masliansky (staceymasliansky@gmail.com).
- Donate nut-free candy bars or bags for the Candy Walk!
- Come to Walkerfest with your family & friends on October 6th!

October PTA Meeting, Wednesday, October 10th, 7:00pm

Please join us for this month's meeting. We will be meeting in the school cafeteria and will provide childcare in the gym. We hope to see you there! Click [here](#) for a list of our future meetings and agenda.

Scholastic Book Fair, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 16th & 17th

The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday from 4:00pm-8:00pm and on Wednesday from 4:00pm-6:30pm during Parent/Teacher conferences. It will be held in the main hallway in the front of the school by the office. Funds raised from the fair will go towards buying books & literacy initiatives at Walker. All students will have an opportunity to select books for their wish lists with their teacher on Monday during a special preview for their class. Please stop by the Welcome Table before you shop the fair and volunteers can provide you with your child's wish list. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase a book from any teacher's wish list to donate to that classroom, please see a volunteer for assistance.

Volunteers are needed to make this event great! If you can help, please click [here](#) to sign up online.

After the in-person book fair closes, there will be an opportunity to shop online to give others outside the area a chance to participate and support Walker. More info will go home in Friday folders.

October is busy! Please see more events on the next page.

Important Dates:

October 1st:

Book Fair Coin Drive Starts

Coat Drive Starts

Fall Box Tops Drive Starts

October 3th, 12:05pm:

Early Dismissal &

2nd Grade Evanston Swims
(12:05-3:35pm)

October 6th, 12pm-3pm:

WalkerFest

October 10th:

Picture Retake Day

National Walk to School Day

Walker PTA Meeting (7pm)

October 15th - 18th:

No AM/PM Enrichment Classes

October 16th & 17th:

Parent Teacher Conferences
& Scholastic Book Fair

October 17th:

Book Fair Special Friends Day

October 18th:

Whole Foods 5% Day

October 19th:

No School

October 25th:

Walker ESSCA Serve Day

October 24th, 6:30pm:

PTA Council Meeting

October 26th, 9:00am:

Parent Coffee
with Ms. Lumpkin

November 7th, 12:05pm:

Early Dismissal &

2nd Grade Evanston Swims
(12:05-3:35pm)

Click [here](#) for our online calendar

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Book Fair Special Friends Day, Wednesday, October 17th

Special Friends Day will be on Wednesday Oct. 17th during your child's lunch/recess periods. They are welcome to invite a special adult to have lunch with them and visit the book fair. **Students need to be in the company of an adult to browse book fair items during Special Friends Day.* Lunch/Recess time periods are as follows: K & 1st: 11:00am-11:40am, 2nd & 3rd: 11:50am-12:30pm, 4th & 5th: 12:40pm-1:20pm.

PTA Sponsored Teacher Potluck, Tues. & Wed., October 16th-17th

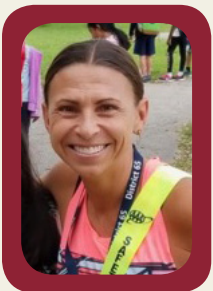
Help us treat our teachers as they work through parent teacher conferences! We're having a potluck of snacks and treats for the teachers in the teacher's lounge. Click [here](#) for the Tuesday sign-up and [here](#) for the Wednesday sign-up if you'd like to bring something. Perfect Potluck login info: Coordinator Last Name: Sacluti, Password: walker

Whole Foods 5% Day for District 65 PTAs, Thursday, October 18th

We are excited to share that Whole Foods has selected D65 PTA Council as the recipient of their next 5% day at both Evanston locations! PTA Council's executive committee decided to distribute the 5% Day proceeds directly back to their member PTAs. So if you have some grocery shopping to do, make sure to go on Oct. 18th and Walker, plus the other District PTAs, will receive a part of what you spend. *PTAs will receive proceeds from 5% Day on a per student basis.

Walker ESCCA Serve, Thursday, October 25th, 6:30pm - 9:00pm

The Evanston School Children's Clothing Association is available to all K-8th grade children of Evanston/Skokie District 65 schools. In previous years, ESCCA served over 700 children (14% of which were refugee or homeless). If you would like to volunteer to help SERVE (help children pick out clothes and warm winter coats), look for a sign-up link to come out soon.



Walker Staff Spotlight: Ms. Likhite

Ms. Likhite is Walker's awesome P.E. Teacher! We wanted to give Ms. Likhite a big THANK YOU this month for all the work she's done helping with the new drop-off & pick-up procedures. She's put together a great group of students to do Safety Patrol and has played a big part in making drop-off and pick-up safer for the students. Thank you again for all your hard work and love for our children.