



David E. Walker Elementary School PTA

Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action February 1-5

District 65 and Walker teachers kicked off Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action on Friday, January 29th. Please see this link (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mv17Fg-OBmre2PbluFEO4lwthqk46ni/view?usp=drivesdk>) or Mr. Gray's email attachment for coloring pages and activities to print and complete. Even though we can't do a project together in person, we encourage students to color a page and display them in their windows at home as a sign of support for Black Lives Matter Week of Action. Thank you to 3rd grade teacher Ms. Arceneaux for recording herself reading a special book for all students to hear after Monday morning announcements. Thank you to parents Ashanti Madlock-Henderson and Brandis Friedman for creating an exciting project and lining up an interesting speaker for every Walker classroom during Black History Month.

Lunch Bunch Days by Grade

All students are invited to join their classmates on weekly Lunch Bunch zoom calls from approximately 12-12:40pm on their grade's day (see the weekly schedule below). Each grade is run a bit differently and calls may include options for games, break out rooms, and unstructured time to chat. The zoom link, user id, and password should be available in every students' Seesaw schedule. Please check with your child's teacher or the contact below if you cannot find the Lunch Bunch zoom link.

Monday-**Kindergarten** (Anna Kate Anderson; annakatelewis@gmail.com)

Tuesday-**1st grade** (Yolanda Kim; yolandac1008@gmail.com) and **3rd grade** (Courtney Shapiro; Toycourt@sbcglobal.net)
Wednesday-**4th grade** (Michelle Redmond-Henley; redmond.mk@gmail.com)
Thursday-**2nd grade** (Sarah Trulley; smtrulley@gmail.com)
Friday-**5th grade** (Michelle Redmond-Henley redmond.mk@gmail.com)

District 65 Community Forum

A recording of District 65's community forum on Thursday, January 28 is available on its YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3Bu1Dxly-k>). The forum covered the launch of the hybrid learning model, calendar changes, health and safety measures, metrics, and an overview of what the school day look will look like in various grade levels. Please see Important Dates below for Mr. Gray's Walker specific town hall meetings prior to starting hybrid learning.

Fundraisers

The fundraising committee has partnered with **Nothing Bundt Cakes** (across from Old Orchard shopping center on Skokie Blvd) **February 1-7** to earn 20% back on all purchases. Online and in person orders can specify a future date closer to Valentine's Day or another special occasion.

The next **Restaurant Night** fundraiser is **Wednesday, 2/17 at Culver's** on Skokie Blvd. You can order any time of the day at the drive through or walk in. Just mention Walker School for a percentage to be returned to our PTA.



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Ongoing fundraisers include the **Benefit mobile app** (please change the fundraiser name from Holiday to Walker Fundraiser and tune in to the February PTA for a presentation by a Benefit representative), **Amazon Smile** (log in to smile.amazon.com and select David E. Walker PTA as your charity), and **Box Tops for Education**. Paper receipts can be photographed and uploaded on the app and mobile receipts can be forwarded to receipts@boxtops4education.com.

Spirit Wear

Back by popular demand! New and continued Walker spirit wear items will be available for sale on MemberHub soon! Stay tuned for more info.

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If you have any questions or comments, please email us at:
walkerptagroup@gmail.com

Important Dates

February 1-5: Black Lives Matter Week

February 4, 7 pm: Town Hall with the Principal

February 4, 12 7 pm: Date Night for 65; Virtual Fundraisers Benefitting Foundation 65

February 5, 9 am: Town Hall with the Principal

February 8-11: Parent Teacher Conferences

February 10-12: No School – Hybrid/Remote Learning Prep

February 15: No School – Presidents' Day

February 16: Hybrid Learning Model Starts

February 17, 7 pm: PTA Meeting

March 4, 7 pm: Chat with the Principal

March 5: Winter Enrichments End

March 8: Third Trimester Starts

March 17, 7 pm: PTA Meeting

March 29-April 2: Spring Break