

Walker PTA meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 7:30pm
Location: Zoom Call

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465443563?pwd=T2hvVzNxQTl2czVXSCtQdmdnQWpVdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 6544 3563 PW: walkerpta

Principal's Announcements

Teacher Announcements

Executive Committee Announcements

- Nominating committee for PTA leadership.
 - 2 Board members (Ashanti Henderson and Stacey Masliansky)
 - 3 PTA general members needed
 - Please email Stacey Masliansky at staceymasliansky@gmail.com if interested.
- PTA Council update.
 - Volunteers needed for D65 community wide fundraising.
 - Please email Allison Ackerman Bull at alliackerman@hotmail.com with any questions.
- Staff holiday gifts update.
- BLM action week 2/7-11.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Project-continuing annual toiletry collection for Connections for the Homeless 1/18-25.
 - Please see flyer sent home and on PTA website and FB page for items to include in survival kits to be returned by 1/25.
 - We are asking families to look around their homes to find items that you would choose for a Basic Survival Kit.
- In person day of service on 1/22 has been postponed due to increased covid cases.
- Yearbooks
- Parent teacher conferences 2/15-16.

ESCCA

- Walker's Evanston School Children Clothing Association's (ESCCA) serve for families who need grade school children's clothing, shoes, and winter wear.
 - Serve date is 2/26 9:15 am – 12:15 pm at JEH.
 - Please see this link (https://824876fa-cf0f-49e2-b460-4849c4671c58.filesusr.com/ugd/80ed8a_8089de9fc09746a7ad753b50a3303d31.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3p7aIDJlvBTmDzo0741dtpXft1J1juYaeANAEUE4yA2PE1f-wllh58K-A) for all items currently being accepted.
 - Please email Annie Grossman at anniegrossman@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or help collect and process clothing donations in February.

Treasurer Update

Fundraising Committee Update

- New spirit wear and sponsoring funds for gear is available for purchase online now through 2/6 at <https://stores.inksoft.com/wal175/shop/home>. The next spirit week is in March.

- Restaurant day/night recap and upcoming.
- Benefit app.
- Chicago Wolves fundraiser.
- Please sign up at smile.amazon.com and select David E Walker PTA as your charity.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- FAN Events: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/>; free, but registration is required to obtain a personal link.
- PEP update (Ashanti Madlock-Henderson)

Room Parent Update

New Business

- Vote on moving money within budget.

Volunteer Needs

- Walkerfest: If you would like to join the committee that helps plan Walkerfest, a carnival style event at school (tentatively 5/21/22 outdoors), please contact Patty Harris (patevertiz@hotmail.com) or Michelle Redmond-Henley (redmond.mk@gmail.com).
- Nominating committee for PTA executive board positions that will vacate in June 2022.
- Consider whether you would like to serve on the PTA executive board as a co-president, secretary or treasurer.
- Join Walker Climate Action Team; email jennifergilbert333@gmail.com.

Announcements:

- Foundation 65 Date Night is Friday, 1/28 at 7 pm! Virtual chocolate tasting with Noir d'Ébène's own Journey Shannon is back for a second year. Enjoy a culinary journey as you learn the finer points of chocolate tasting. This is a great activity for your whole family! There are two pricing packages available at <https://www.foundation65.org/my65-date-night?fbclid=IwAR0qTMhAFSCmjcYHjWYsrKt-OQnYKp3z6WQCwOqK4LWJMap71IOSPcsm33A>
- King Arts school invites us to join their MLK Dream Drive on Saturday, 1/22 at 12 pm.
 - A guided audio tour and car parade through Evanston exploring the history and relevance of various locations to MLK and the Civil Rights' Movement.
 - The audio tour is narrated by King Arts students and faculty.
 - The event kicks off in the JEH parking lot (1500 McDaniel Ave) with car decorating and other activities. The car parade will begin at 1 pm.
 - Dream Drive is free, but donations for King Arts PTA and PEP are accepted on website.
 - Register in advance to receive the audio podcast download and the corresponding map by email at <https://kingarts.memberhub.gives/dreamdrive2022>
- Girls Play Sports Badminton Tournament for 4th-8th graders Saturday, 2/6 2-4 pm at ETHS gym.
 - No experience necessary. ETHS student coaches, equipment, and fun provided.
 - Cost is \$30 and scholarships are available.
 - Contact Sarah Ghantous at sarah@teamgps.org or 847-877-2413 with questions.
 - Register at this link: <https://teamgps.sportngin.com/register/form/863918262>
- Girls Play Sports Bowling Tournament for 3rd-8th graders Saturday, 3/5 9:30 am-12 pm
 - At Classic Bowl in Morton Grove
 - No experience necessary. ETHS student coaches and fun provided.

- Cost is \$35 and scholarships are available.
- Contact Sarah Ghantous at sarah@teamgps.org or 847-877-2413 with questions.
- Register at this link: <https://teamgps.sportngin.com/register/form/863918262>
- Reminder to submit vaccination card images.
 - If your child has received both rounds of their vaccine, please send the card image to school nurse Emily Erickson (ericksone@district65.net). She will save vaccine records in the system.
 - If your child has both vaccinations recorded, they will not need to quarantine as a close contact to a positive case unless they develop symptoms or test positive. Vaccine records on file make communication to close contacts faster.
- PTA membership levels, including no barriers membership, allow you to vote on PTA matters like budget items and PEP (PTA Equity Project) decisions.
 - A link to MemberHub and the no barriers membership sign up is on the PTA website now (walkerwoverinespta.com).
 - The next meeting is February, 2/24.
- Walker Cookbook is available to purchase on MemberHub (<https://walker.memberhub.com/store/items/493498>) at a suggested donation of \$10.

Important Dates:

- January 22nd, 12 pm: King Arts' Dream Drive
- January 24th, 7-8 pm: FAN Event
- January 26th, 7-8 pm: FAN Event
- January 28th, 7 pm: D65 Date Night Fundraiser
- January 31st, 7-8 pm: FAN Event
- February 2nd: Early Dismissal and Restaurant Fundraiser
- February 6th: Girls Play Sports Badminton Tournament
- February 7-11th: Black Lives Matter Action Week
- February 9th, 7 pm: Chat with the Principal
- February 15-16th: Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 18th: No School
- February 20th, 3 pm: Walker Family Day with Chicago Wolves
- February 21st: No School
- February 24th, 7-8 pm: FAN Event
- February 17th, 7:30 pm: PTA Meeting
- February 26th, 9:15 am-12:15 pm: ESCCA serve at JEH
- March 5th, 9:30 am-12 pm: Girls Play Sports Bowling Tournament

Adjournment