

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

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465443563?pwd=T2hvVzNxQTl2czVXSctQdmdnQWpVdz09>

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Principal's Announcements

Teacher Announcements

Executive Committee Announcements

- Book Fair recap. (Natasha Dobson)
- Adults' Night Out 4/30 6-10 pm. (Michelle Mantel)
 - Register at <https://walker.memberhub.com/store?category=Adults%20Night%20Out>
- Walkerfest 5/21 11 am-2 pm. (Patty Harris, Michelle Henley)
- Kindermixers for incoming 2022-23 K families 5/11 3:45-4:30; June, August dates TBD. Teachers will try to attend in May.
- Teacher Appreciation Week 5/2-5/6.
- Foundation 65's Honor a Teacher.
 - Teachers will receive a thank you letter with your personalized message. Gift amounts are kept hidden.
 - Details at foundation65.org/honor-a-teacher.
- Garden Club update. (Katherine Walts)
- PTA Council/PEP update. (Erin Sacluti, Ashanti Henderson)
- Field Day 6/1.
- 5th grade farewell celebration.
- Yearbooks for purchase (\$13.15 each) for K-4th grade and personalize pages for 5th grade by 5/4 at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/print.treering.com/144129/flyer/double-sided/144129-590-598-498636e119e5ae314a97bc8a6c962e7e.pdf>.
- We need photos of school events and classroom activities for the yearbook by 5/4.
 - Details to submit photos for the yearbook can be found at https://s3.amazonaws.com/print.treering.com/144129/flyer/144129-631-3c800fe30e5eeefbba91a79b2a6619fe_8.pdf.

Treasurer Update

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- Black Boy Joy, organized by Ms. Arceneaux and former Walker teacher Ms. Tertulien, will have a food truck 5/19 5-7 pm and speakers Curtis Wideman, author of "Top Dog," and William Moss, a horticulturist.
- FAN Events: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/>; free, but registration is required to obtain a personal link.

Fundraising Committee Update

- Walkerfest 5/21 11 am-2 pm. Email walkerschoolfundraising@gmail.com with questions or if you are available to volunteer.
- Spirit wear and magnet update.
- Restaurant day 5/4.
- Please sign up at smile.amazon.com and select David E Walker PTA as your charity before you shop at this website.

Community Engagement Update

- Bingo recap.
- Spring dance with Mr. Marcus 5/7.

Room Parent Update

Volunteer Needs

- Adults' Night Out 4/30: Running minute to win it type games.
- Walkerfest 5/21: To join the committee that plans a carnival style event at school, please contact Patty Harris (patevertiz@hotmail.com) or Michelle Redmond-Henley (redmond.mk@gmail.com).
- Join Walker Climate Action Team; email Jennifer Gilbert at jennifergilbert333@gmail.com.
- Join Garden Club; email Katherine Walts at kkwalts@gmail.com.

New Business

- Voting on PTA co-presidents, secretary, and president for 2022-24 school years.
- Transferring \$150 to Field Day budget from YEA.

Announcements:

- Chess Playdates Fridays at picnic tables around 3:45 starting 4/22.
 - Allen Alexander and Mustafa Bilgic, 4th grade parents, will organize weekly after dismissal.
 - Parents must pick up students first and stay, this is not a drop off activity.
 - Weather permitting; if it rains or coordinators are not available and you do not see them at picnic tables, it is cancelled that week.
- D65 Climate Action Teams' third Film Festival 4/22 at 6:30 pm in Rotary Auditorium (1560 Sherman Ave).
 - Screening 10-second environmental films created by students and repurposed instrument drumming circle led by teachers John Carroll and Arturo Fuerte.
 - Visit <https://10secondfilmfestival.com/> to submit a film by midnight 4/21 or to view past audience favorites.
 - Tickets are free, but required for entrance with a limited number available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10-second-film-festival-tickets-291097690027>. Current Rotary guidelines require proof of vaccination and masking inside building.
 - Students who submit a film and attend will be entered in raffle for fun, experience-based prizes from Museum of Science and Industry, Incite Dance Center, Evanston Mayor and Sustainability Team, Quad Indoor Sports, Jessie Hearn Photography, Waste Shed, Evanston Art Center, One River Art School, Lighthouse Beach, and School of Rock.

- ETHS Family Literacy Night 4/27 at 6-8 pm.
 - Free event with ETHS staff hosting activities in several spaces to include children’s reading circle, arts and crafts, book giveaway, quiet reading room, fun literacy games, and raffles.
 - Located in ETHS Senior Courtyard.
- GPS Community Field Day FUNdraiser 5/1 at 1-4 pm at ETHS track and field.
 - Open to all ages.
 - Entry tickets are \$15 for an individual, \$50 for group of four.
 - Raffle tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25.
 - Register at teamgps.org/events.
- “How to Talk to Children About Climate Change,” an EPL Climate Action Program on 5/4 at 7-8 pm at Robert Crown Community Center.
 - Genie Albina, former D65 teacher and Earth Week Environmental Curriculum lead and parent coach, will show us how to bring compassion, understanding, and action to this conversation. Register at evanston.libnet.info/event/6354335.
- Reminder to submit vaccination card images.
 - If your child has received both rounds of the covid 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 Wednesday, April 20th.
- Walker Cookbook is available to purchase on MemberHub (<https://walker.memberhub.com/store/items/493498>) at a suggested donation of \$10.

Important Dates:

- April 22nd, 3:45 pm: Chess playdates start
- April 22nd, 6:30 pm: Climate Action Teams’ Film Festival
- April 27th, 6-8 pm: ETHS Family Literacy Night
- April 30th, 6-10 pm: Adults’ Night Out
- May 1st, 1-4 pm: Girls Play Sports FUNdriaser
- May 2-5th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4th, 7-8 pm: “How to Talk to Children About Climate Change” discussion
- May 7th: Spring Dance
- May 19th, 7:30 pm: PTA Meeting
- May 21st 11 am-2 pm: Walkerfest
- June 1st: Field Day
- June 8th: Last Day of School

Adjournment