



WALKER WEDNESDAY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

WALKER ATTENDANCE LINK

[Click here](#) to report all absences:

- ⇒ Leaving early/Arriving Late
- ⇒ Medical/Dental Appointments
- ⇒ Overslept
- ⇒ Illness
- ⇒ Travel/Vacation
- ⇒ Funeral
- ⇒ Hospitalization
- ⇒ And many others!

PARENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

[Registration](#) for 2024-25 is now open. Staffing and sections for next year are determined by enrollment. It is important that both returning and new students **register now**. Follow these steps:

1. [Skyward Family Access Portal](#) – Only the primary guardian will have access to online registration.
2. [Step by Step Registration Instructions](#)
3. [SchoolPay Fees Instructions](#)
4. [Walker PTO Registration](#) – After registration and fee payment is complete, complete the PTO tasks, including ordering supply kits, registering for the directory and signing up to volunteer.
5. [D181 Foundation](#) – optional donation
6. Final Submission – After completing the PTO tasks, **return to Skyward Family Access** and complete Steps 8 and 9.

Technical Questions? Email nskrip@d181.org

Registration Questions: Email arangel@d181.org

Please encourage new families to register now.



SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Ordering Deadline: June 16, 2024

[Click here](#) to place your order or scan the QR code on the attached flyer and you'll be ahead of the game! The PTO has already done the hard work for you in finding school supplies for next year. The supply kits will be shipped directly to Walker so your child doesn't have to lug all of their supplies to school on the first day. Questions? Marisa Cadorin: 630.212.7688 or marisacadorin13@gmail.com

PTO BRICK SALE

Last Day to Order: 4/30/2024

Pave the way to the future by purchasing a 4x8" red brick engraved with your child's name or family name and placed in the Walker entrance. The PTO's budget supports special events and speakers, technology, as well as classroom, artistic, musical and athletic events. Your generosity is greatly appreciated **AND** \$65 is tax deductible! Please save a copy of your receipt for your tax records.

Purchasing a brick is a great way to leave a lasting legacy at Walker School for your child! Cost is \$100 for an individual or family brick. Inscriptions are limited to 13 characters per line, including spaces between words, with a total of 3 lines per brick. Each line is centered. Bricks are installed in the spring. Order your brick NOW through the PTO Membership Toolkit!

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SHOE DRIVE

April 8 – May 30

Help the PTO raise funds by donating **gently worn, used and new shoes!** Be sure to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too! Collected shoes not only help support the PTO, but they will be reused and given a second life for those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN! Send the shoes to school-drop boxes located at school. The Gr 4 ECO Club will assist with the collection process. Questions?

Jenny Pace, PTO Going Green Chair

dewitt.jenny@gmail.com

Sarah Karrow, Gr 4 ECO Club

skarrow@d181.org

RECYCLING

EXTRAVAGANZA

START CLEANING!

Saturday, 5/18 9am – Noon

Do some Spring Cleaning and then bring your recycling items to the drive-through Clarendon Hills Recycling Extravaganza at Walker School.

*See attached flyer. Questions:



EARTH PAINT – Latex Paint

SCARCE – Books, Instruments, Brita Filters
And Pitchers

PROJECT CURE – Medical Equipment

STAPLES – Markers, Pens, Batteries, Pencils

SHOE DRIVE – Gently worn shoes of all
Types, cleats, etc.

SHREDDING – Onsite Paper Shredding

BIKES – Donations and/or Recycling



MRS. JUNG'S RETIREMENT

April 22, 3:15-4:30 pm

Join us in celebrating Mrs. Jung's 33 years at Walker School! The Open House Reception will pay tribute to her many years of service at Walker School and will be held in the Library from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. [RSVP here.](#)



YEARBOOK

Order your 2023-24 Walker School yearbook **before 4/28/24** at www.treering.com! You will receive two free customizable pages to personalize your child's yearbook (additional pages available for purchase). New families set up an account at treering.com/ Code: 1014640967574313. Previous users can login with the same account information. Email yearbook@walkerpto.com with questions.

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YEARBOOK: WALKER SCHOOL PHOTOS

Do you have photos from 2023-24 school festivities that you'd like considered for inclusion in the yearbook? Send photos to yearbook@walkerpto.com. Thank you to those who have already shared photos. Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

YEARBOOK: ARTWORK CONTEST

We would love to see your student's artwork in the yearbook! All Walker students are invited to enter their artwork, expressing what Walker School means to them, and one winner from each grade level will be selected. Grades 4 and 5 will be displayed on the Front and Back cover. See attached flyer for contest rules. All artwork entries are due in the main office by Friday, April 19th. Winners announced on Friday, 4/26.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell Phones, Smartphones,
Smartwatches

All cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, and other similar electronic devices must be kept **powered off** and out of sight during the regular school day. Texting, receiving / placing calls, etc. should not be available to students during the school day, as it poses a distraction to the learning environment. Please see the [D181 K-8 Student Handbook](#) (page 25) for more information. NOTE: These devices are especially **not allowed** during testing (such as IAR) as they present a distraction.

As always, we welcome you to contact the office by phone/email or teacher via email if you need to communicate any *emergency* last

minute changes to your child's day. Keep in mind we do not disrupt the classroom to convey play dates and/or other non-emergency messages.

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Help your child prepare by getting a good night's rest, eating a healthy breakfast and lunch, and charging iPads prior to scheduled testing days. The PTO is providing students in Grades 3, 4, 5 with a single pack of Trident chewing gum (ingredient list attached) during IAR testing. Please notify the classroom teacher if you do not want your child to receive gum. If you choose to send in gum with your student, remind them not to share it with others, in accordance with our Food Allergy and Management Policy.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness		
4/10	PM	Gr 3, 4, 5 ELA
4/11	PM	Gr 3, 4, 5 ELA
MAP Testing		
4/24	AM	Gr 3, 4, 5 Math
4/24	PM	Gr 1 Math
4/25	AM	Gr 1, 4, 5 Rdg
4/25	PM	Gr 2 Math
4/25	PM	Gr 3 Rdg Gr 4, 5 cont.
4/29	AM	Gr 2 Rdg
Fitnessgram		
4/1-5/24	P.E. Class	Gr 3, 4, 5
Other		
4/29-5/24	AIMSweb	K, 1, 2
5/6-5/24	Benchmarks	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Optional Input from Parents Due 4/12/2024

We will soon start the process of drafting class lists for the 2024-2025 school year. Many hours and thought go into the placement of students with peers and a new teacher, taking many variables into account that guide and govern the process. When completed, each class should have a mix and range of student abilities, interests, learning styles and personalities. After working with students all year, teachers know student needs in the areas of academics and learning, social skills, work habits and group dynamics. Class lists are drafted using knowledge about students and the teaching styles of teachers.

Separating students into two or three classes for the upcoming school year is a complex task. It is important that we be allowed to use our professional judgment to create class lists. Please support the process by not making requests for a specific teacher for next year.

If you have input you feel we need to complete our grouping of students for next year's class lists, please provide written parent input to me by **April 18, 2024**.

STRANGER DANGER REMINDERS

Spring is just around the corner, and we'd like you to review the following ideas with your children:

- Always walk with a friend or group of friends;
- Don't talk to strangers;
- Run away from a stranger;
- Run to a friend's house;

- Report an incident immediately to an older sibling or adult;
- Try to remember important details about the stranger to tell to the adult;
- Make sure your parents report the incident to the police and the school office.



CHMS ANNUAL PIZZA WARS

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7:00pm

[Tickets](#) for 2024 Pizza Wars are NOW ON SALE! Sample pizza from local chains as well as our featured vendors: **Sarpino's, Home Run Inn, Al's** and **Brama La Pizza**. You'll get to vote for your favorites! Enjoy the talent show put on by CHMS Students, and the Grand Finale Performance by After School Special! Visit booths from our Platinum and Gold Level sponsors: **CHT Orthodontics, Achieve Sports Medicine, Band & Wire, and Barre3!** Enter raffles to win:

- Pizza Lunch for Your Lunch Table (1 per grade)
- Be the Lunchroom DJ (1 per grade)
- CHMS Stanley Cup!

RISING 6th GRADERS

[CHMS School Supply kits](#) are now on sale!

Use Code: CLA217

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UPDATE THE DITTY BAG!

Please be sure your child has a change of clothes (including socks) in their locker at school.

Some children have outgrown the clothes sent in the fall, and others have not replaced the clothes after they were used. Thank you!

CLARENDON HILLS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Sponsored by the Clarendon Hills Library, the Centennial Kids Art Competition is now open! See the attached flyer for details. Artists that turn in their artwork at the Library will receive a beautiful invitation to the Centennial Art Opening Reception on May 15th.

APRIL SELAS THEME

The SELAS theme for April is **Responsible Decision Making – Personal Reflection**. With adult assistance, we are helping students identify good and bad choices. Older students will make connections to the good and bad choices they have made. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

CH COLOR RUN

Friday, April 26th at 4 pm

The deadline to register to volunteer is April 15th so the park district can finalize their plans. Questions?

Frank Wending

frankw@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Dave Littwin

dave@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

[Register here](#) with code: 866100-08

WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

BIKE RIDING

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are allowed to ride their bikes to school. Remember to wear a helmet and park bikes in the Walker bike racks.



WALKERS

Children should use the sidewalks coming to and from school instead of cutting through neighbors' yards. Spring is here and everyone wants grass to grow.

DRY CLOTHES

Students get wet while playing outside and want to change into dry clothes. Please send a set of clothes for your child to keep at school, including: top, pants, underwear and socks.

DRESS CODE

With warmer weather around the corner, we need to remind students to dress appropriately for school. This includes tops that do not show the midriff and no spaghetti straps or halter-tops. Please keep shorts at an appropriate length for school. Keep safety in mind when buying shoes for the spring/summer. Children will be playing outside and need to be able to run and play without twisting an ankle (avoid slides, stacked heels) or stubbing their toes (avoid skimpy sandals). They should wear socks with their gym shoes to avoid getting blisters with bare feet. Please remind your children that they may not wear make-up, face paint or hair dye and hats/scarves should be removed when inside the school.

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ENRICHMENT

Maureen Claffy is offering one final session for five weeks of her Draw and Paint class. See attached flyer to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE!

D181 Community Speaker Series

April 24, 7:30-8:30 pm

Mr. Jeff Selingo will present "Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions" at the Hinsdale Central Auditorium. [Register here.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL

June 10 – June 28 at CHMS

All D181 families may [sign up now](#) for Summer Learning. There are a variety of classes being offered for all grade levels. [View the catalog](#) now and sign up early. Some classes fill very quickly. Registration closes April 18, 2024.

Registration Assistance:

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Program Info:

Jessica Schultz 630.861.5162 jschultz@d181.org

Tech Help:

nskrip@d181.org

Health Concerns:

Susie Martin 331.444.6194 smartin@d181.org

Cathy Siracusa 630.861.4707 csiracusa@d181.org

PAWPRINTS

4/11 3:30 Gr 5 Percussion Rehearsal
4/12 3:05 Claffy Draw and Paint
4/12 3:05 Elementary Golf
4/15 Tax Day!

4/15 3:05 Lee Han Martial Arts
4/15 3:05 Chess Club
4/15 7:00 BOE at HMS
4/16 3:05 Sticky Fingers #1
4/16 3:05 Language Labs
4/17 1:30 PTO General Meeting
4/17 3:05 Sticky Fingers #2
4/18 Last Day to Register-Summer Learning
4/18 6:30 Gr 5 Parent Night at CHMS
4/19 11:25 PTO Hot Lunch
4/19 3:05 Claffy Draw and Paint
4/19 3:05 Gr 4 Girl Scouts
4/19 3:05 Elementary Golf
4/19 Yearbook Artwork Entries Due
4/22 Gr 1 High Touch High Tech:
Extreme Scene
4/22 3:05 Retirement Party-Kristin Jung
4/22 3:05 Lee Han Martial Arts
4/22 3:05 Chess Club
4/23 3:05 Sticky Fingers #1
4/23 3:05 Language Labs
4/24 3:05 Sticky Fingers #2
4/25 2:30 Gr 5 Band/Orch Rehearsal @ CHMS
4/26 Gr 2 McAninch Arts Center Field Trip
4/26 3:05 Claffy Draw and Paint
4/26 3:05 Elementary Golf
4/28 Last Day to Order Yearbook
4/29 Gr 2 High Touch High Tech: See Ya Later
4/29 3:05 Lee Han Martial Arts
4/29 3:05 Chess Club+
4/30 Last Day to Order PTO Bricks
4/30 3:05 Sticky Fingers #1
4/30 3:05 Language Labs
5/1 3:05 Sticky Fingers #2
5/1 6:30 Orchestra Spring Concert @ CHMS
5/2 2:00 Gr 2 Music Performance
Doors Open at 1:50 pm
5/2 6:30 Band Concert @ CHMS

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- 5/3 11:25 PTO Hot Lunch
- 5/3 3:05 Claffy Draw and Paint
- 5/3 3:05 Elementary Golf

END OF YEAR DATES:

- 5/24 12:30 Field Day
- 5/29 Last Day for KG Rising Stars
- 5/30 AM Gr 5 Pancake Breakfast
- 5/30 1:30 Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony
- 5/30 Last Day for KAM / KPM
- 5/31 Last Day of Student Attendance
- 5/31 9:30 Recognition Assembly
- 5/31 11:30 Dismissal/Clap Out

DEADLINES FOR WWNews

Due Monday by Noon . . .

All information to be included in WWNews is due by Monday at noon. This includes both written content and flyers. Items received after that deadline will be included in the following week.

CONTACT US:

- Walker School 630.861.4600
- Jan Martin, Secretary Ext. 4601
- June Zogas Ext. 4608
- Eric Chisausky Ext. 4604



[Walker Attendance Link](#)

WALKER SCHOOL HOURS:

- School Day: 8:40 am – 11:25 am
12:20 pm – 3:05 pm

WALKER FLYERS:

- PTO Shoe Drive
- Supply Kit Flyer
- Claffy Draw and Paint
- Trident Ingredient List
- Yearbook Flyer
- Yearbook: Artwork Contest
- CH Centennial Art Competition
- Recycling Event



Let us do the shopping for you!

We are providing a one stop shop!

No hassle— No crowds —No worries

All supplies included in your order have been approved by your school.

To order online go to:

www.write-stuff.com/storefront/school/walkes

Order deadline to receive FREE shipping to school is June 16th.

Ordering is EASY!

- Go to the website OR scan the QR code.
- Select your grade level for **next year**.
- Enter your student's name.
- Follow prompts to check out, or keep shopping and add another student.
- Kits ship to school.

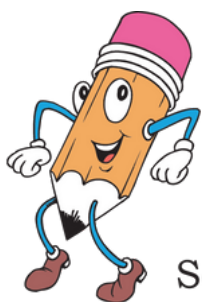


Questions??? contact your school coordinator:

Marisa Cadarin

630-212-7688 or

MarisaCadorin13@gmail.com



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School Supplies

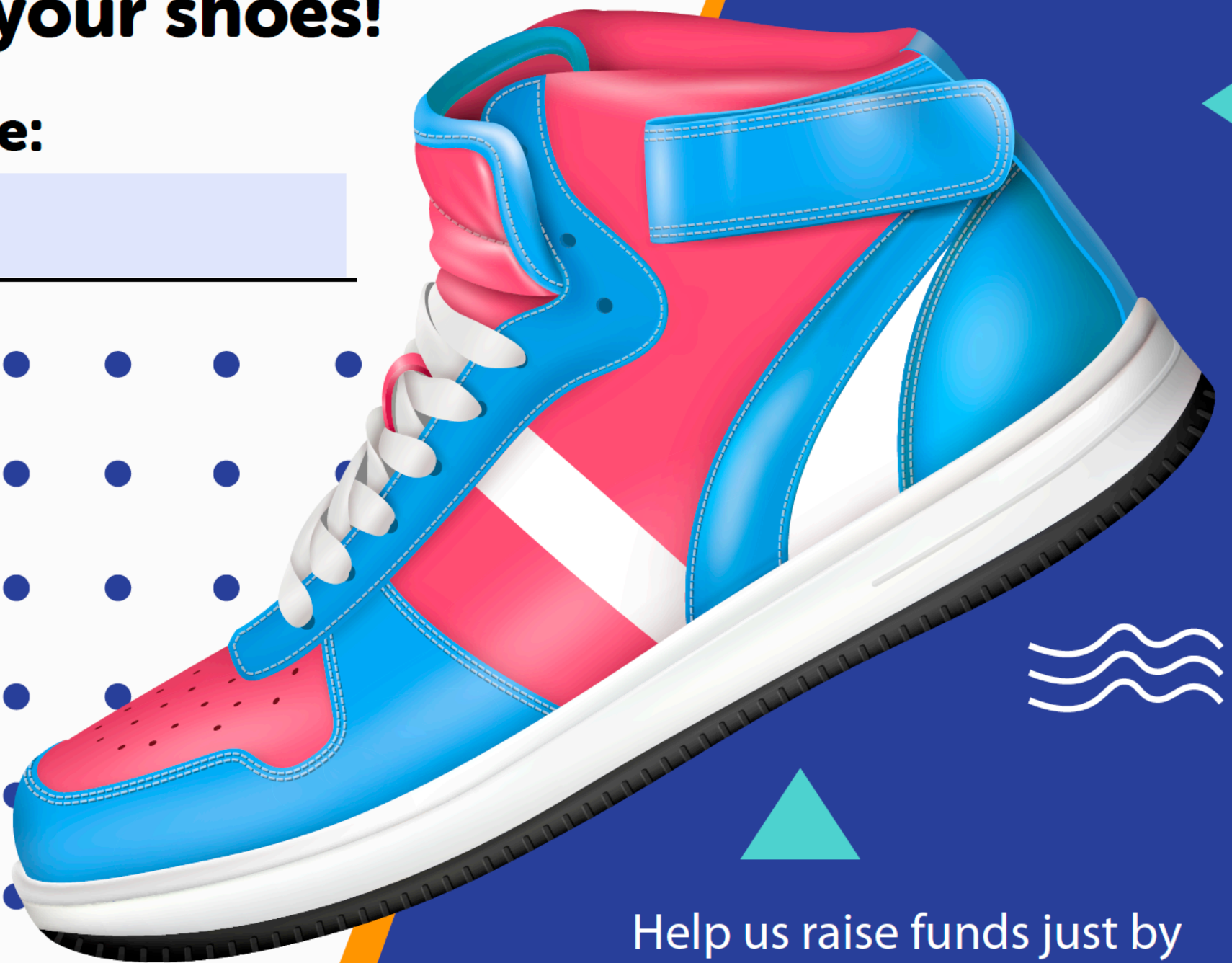
PLEASE NOTE: YOUR SCHOOL IS RECEIVING PROMOTIONAL PRICING AND FREE SHIPPING TO SCHOOL UNTIL JUNE 16th. BEGINNING JUNE 17th, REGULAR PRICING & SHIPPING RATES WILL APPLY AND EDITING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. THE LAST DAY KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE IS JULY 15th. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S SUPPLY KIT IS A CUSTOM ORDER. CAREFULLY READ THROUGH THE ORDER TERMS AT CHECKOUT.

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

We need your shoes!

Group Name:

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Drop-Off Location:

WALKER SCHOOL

Drop boxes at front and gym doors

Dates:

April 8 thru May 30

Contact:

Jenny Pace: dewitt.jenny@gmail.com

Sarah Karrow: skarrow@d181.org

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CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S WALKER SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
1014640967574313

Regular price: **\$29.84**

Create Custom Pages by: **Apr 28**

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WALKER YEARBOOK ARTWORK CONTEST



ALL ENTRIES
DUE BY
APRIL 19

5TH & 4TH GRADE WINNERS ARTWORK DISPLAYED
ON FRONT & BACK COVERS OF YEARBOOK!

ALL STUDENTS:

ENTER AN ARTWORK THAT YOU CREATE
WHICH EXPRESSES WHAT WALKER SCHOOL
MEANS TO YOU!

- ARTWORK MUST BE ON 8.5"X11" PLAIN WHITE PAPER.
- DRAWINGS MUST BE VERTICAL (HORIZONTAL SUBMISSIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED).
- DRAWINGS MUST BE TWO-DIMENSIONAL (IE: NO 3D ART, PUFFY PAINTS, ETC).
- STUDENTS NAME & GRADE MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE PAPER.
- DRAWINGS MUST BE IN FLAT CRAYON, MARKER, COLORED PENCILS, ETC
(IE: NO HIGHLIGHTER PENS, GLITTER PENS, ETC.)
- ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY APRIL 19TH.

ONE WINNER CHOSEN FROM EACH GRADE
(K-5TH) TO HAVE THEIR ARTWORK PROUDLY
DISPLAYED IN THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK!



WALKERPTO.COM/YEARBOOK

FOR MORE INFO

Walker Elementary School Recycling EXTRAVAGANZA!
In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration Volunteer Day
May 18, 2024
9am to 12 pm
Walker Elementary School Parking Lot (120 Walker Ave)



The following vendors will be present to collect the items to be recycled:

- EARTH PAINT - Paint
- SCARCE - books, instruments, Brita filters and pitchers
- PROJECT CURE - Medical Equipment
- STAPLES - markers, pens, batteries & pencils
- SHOE DRIVE - gently worn shoes of all types, cleats, etc.
- Onsite paper shredding
- Bike Donations/recycling

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Questions? Please email katylacrosse@hotmail.com.

If you would like to help out at the Extravaganza or any other projects on the Centennial Volunteer Day please visit the sign up genius at:

<https://bit.ly/CHCentVol>



INGREDIENTS: SORBITOL, GUM BASE, XYLITOL, GLYCERIN, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL FLAVOR; LESS THAN 2% OF: ACESULFAME POTASSIUM, ASPARTAME BHT (TO MAINTAIN FRESHNESS), BLUE 2 LAKE, MANNITOL, SOY LECITHIN, SUCRALOSE.

PHENYLKETONURICS: CONTAINS PHENYLALANINE. CONTAINS: SOY.



INGREDIENTS: SORBITOL, GUM BASE, XYLITOL, MALTITOL SYRUP, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL FLAVOR, MANNITOL; LESS THAN 2% OF: ACESULFAME POTASSIUM, ASPARTAME, BHT (TO MAINTAIN FRESHNESS), CITRIC ACID, GLYCERIN, MALIC ACID, RED 40 LAKE, SOY LECITHIN, SUCRALOSE.

PHENYLKETONURICS: CONTAINS PHENYLALANINE. CONTAINS: SOY.

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Fridays 4/19 to 5/17

Grades K to 3rd

3:05 to 4:20pm

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and Register

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS'
PRESENTS...

CENTENNIAL ART COMPETITION

FOR GRADES 4-8TH



Accepting submissions
March 1st through
Friday Apr 12th at the
Clarendon Hills Library

*Theme: What inspires you most about
Clarendon Hills?*

LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS CELEBRATORY
EVENT TO HONOR OUR VILLAGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

A WINNER PER GRADE

- \$100 prize
- Featured in media
- Artwork becomes
100th Special Edition
Library Card
- Art displayed at
Village Hall thru
2024

ALL ARTISTS

Honored and
invited with their
families to the
Art Opening
Reception
hosted at
The Birches
Wednesday
May 15th 5-7pm

INTERESTED?

Artwork must be
11x14 in size on art
paper

For specific details,
Scan QRC



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