

# WALKER WEDNESDAY NEWS

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

## UP AND COMING:

- 1/10 11:25 Language Labs (Spanish)
- 1/10 3:05 Young Rembrandts
- 1/11 Winter MAP Reports Sent Home
- 1/11 3:05 Gr 2 Girl Scouts
- 1/11 3:05 Elementary Golf
- 1/14 9am PTO Executive Board Meeting
- 1/14 3:05 Chess Club
- 1/14 7pm BOE Meeting at Admin
- 1/15 8:10 Peer Mediator Meeting
- 1/15 11:25 Battle of the Books
- 1/15 3:05 Language Labs (French)
- 1/16 3:05 Martial Arts
- 1/16 3:05 TinkRWorks (Gr 1, 2)
- 1/17 11:25 Language Labs (Spanish)
- 1/17 3:05 Young Rembrandts
- 1/17 6:30 HMS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 1/18 11:25 PTO Hot Lunch Day
- 1/18 3:05 Elementary Golf
- 1/18 3:05 TinkRWorks (Gr 3, 4, 5)
- 1/21 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/22 Gr 2 Whale Pencil Sale – Bring a Quarter!
- 1/22 11:25 Battle of the Books
- 1/22 3:05 Language Labs (French)
- 1/23 Gr 2 to Shedd Aquarium
- 1/23 3:05 Martial Arts
- 1/23 3:05 TinkRWorks (Gr 1, 2)
- 1/24 11:25 Language Labs (Spanish)
- 1/24 3:05 Young Rembrandts
- 1/24 3:05 Book Cook (Gr 1)
- 1/25 Take Your Child to Lunch Day!
- 1/25 Parent Gymnastics Day
- 1/25 3:05 Elementary Golf
- 1/25 3:05 TinkRWorks (Gr 3, 4, 5)

## STUDENTS ARRIVING TOO EARLY!

We are thrilled that the kids are eager to return to school, but we are concerned that they are being dropped off before supervision is in place. Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:25 am. If you arrive prior to that time, please keep your child in your car until you see the supervising adult on duty. We appreciate your help!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the room parents for planning and hosting super fun holiday parties before break!

Thank you to the Stach family for picking up the luminarias at Walker School after Christmas Eve.

## Save the Date

### February 25th 2pm

Join D181 Technologist Randy Wooten, for an informational discussion, “IRL: Parenting Supports and Strategies in the Age of Technology,” on February 25th at 2pm. RSVP [here](#).

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO LUNCH DAY!

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>

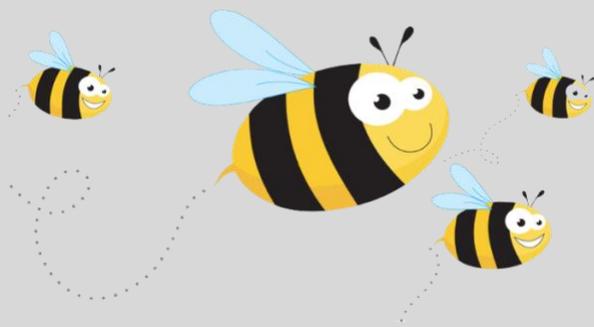
The lunchroom will not be available on the 25<sup>th</sup> due to Parent Gymnastics Day. If you can take your child home for lunch or make other lunch arrangements on this day, it is appreciated. Thank you!

## GYMNASTICS PARENT DAY

You are invited to come to your child’s physical education class during their scheduled parent time as listed below to experience gymnastics with your child. This year the students will be recommending the theme. Let your child show you how much fun it is to exercise. We highly recommend that you

wear athletic shoes and comfortable clothing. Check the schedule below to see when your child has physical education. Please note: Due to liability reasons, siblings may not participate. Please come and join us, but participate at your own risk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th	
8:45-9:10	1-Serrano
9:10-9:35	5-Hafner
9:35-10:00	5-Marquardt
10:00-10:25	Program RISE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 <sup>th</sup>	
8:45-9:10	1-Matichak
9:35-10:00	KAM – Kapcar
10:05-10:30	2-Perkowski
10:30-10:55	2-Lee
10:55-11:20	2-Jung
12:25-12:50	KPM – Kapcar
12:50-1:15	3-Paciga
1:15-1:40	3-Wade
1:45-2:10	4-Karrow
2:10-2:35	4-Pappas
2:35-3:00	4-Heck



## WALKER SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 pm**

The Walker School Spelling Bee is open to all students. A traditional Scripps-style format will be run by the PTO. There’s a trophy waiting for each grade-level champion, one for our All-School Champion, and medals for all 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finishers. Two spelling bee finalists will be invited to represent Walker School at our D181 District Spelling Bee.\* We hope your student will participate!

Watch for permission slips coming home in Friday Folders this week.

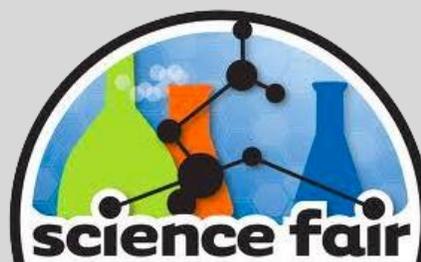
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\*The D181 District Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, February 13 at 4pm at Elm School.



## WALKER SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Science Fair is coming!! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, and start thinking about your science projects.

## MRC VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

Shifts are now available for the new year! Click [here](#) to sign up!

## AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

**Young Rembrandts-Grades K-5:** The next session begins January 10<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for their flyer and registration information.

**TinkRworks-Grades 1-2:** The next session begins January 16<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for their flyer and registration information.

**TinkRworks-Grades 3-5:** The next session begins January 18<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for their flyer and registration information.

**Elementary Golf-Grades K-5** (Begins 1/11/2019)  
**3:05 pm** - Click [here](#) for their flyer and registration information.

**Martial Arts-Grades K-5:** Click [here](#) for their flyer and registration information.

## **BRING A QUARTER ON JANUARY 22!**

### **Gr. 2 Whale Pencil Sale**

As a culmination to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade whale unit, the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be selling Whale Pencils to the students of Walker School. The money raised will be contributed to the care and feeding of the beluga whales at the Shedd Aquarium. On **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, please send your child(ren) with 25¢ so (s)he can purchase **one** pencil from a second grader.

Thank you for your support!

## **SNOW DAY DECISION**

The decision to declare a snow day is made by our Superintendent after consulting many resources. You will be notified by phone through our automated phone system if a snow day is declared. You can also check the district website ([www.d181.org](http://www.d181.org)) and/or local radio and television stations.

## **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!**

Cold weather has arrived and the students generally go outside for recess unless the wind chill is below 0°F. Students staying at school for lunch are outside for 25 minutes. Please make sure they wear hats, gloves, boots and scarves. Children need to have boots and snow pants to play in the snow!

## **FLU SEASON HEALTH TIPS**

With the winter season upon us, our school nurses are helping to remind families and the community that there are measures we can all take to reduce the chance of becoming sick. Since influenza is primarily spread by direct contact with nose and throat secretions, here are some helpful tips for our students, our own children, and ourselves:

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds,

especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100°F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling tired.
- Stay home if you are sick. Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever **without using fever-reducing drugs**.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw it away after use. If a tissue is not available, sneeze/cough into your elbow.
- Do not share eating utensils or drinking containers.

The DuPage County Health Department Fact Sheet on influenza can be accessed [here](#).

## **A Note from District 86**

The following information was shared with District 86 parents from District 86 Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law. More referendum information from District 86 is available [here](#).

"As you know, the referendum on the November 6, 2018 ballot to fix and improve our schools failed. The projects that fixed infrastructure and made Central and South more secure for students and staff cost \$42 million. To complete the \$42 million in repairs that need to be made within five years requires corresponding cuts in the budget as it currently exists. At its December 17 meeting, the Board voted to make reductions in the way we currently spend money in order to spend more money on fixing our facilities and making them more secure.

To see a table showing the areas and dollars amounts the Board voted December 17 to reduce, click [here](#).

Among other cuts, the Board approved \$400,000 in reductions to activities and over \$700,000 in

reductions to athletics. The list of activities and athletics cut can be found at the link above.

Included in the vote was making adjustments in how we determine which electives run. Currently, we section classes using the Board-approved staffing guideline of 25 students per class, plus or minus two. Using our financial forecast as a guide, in the past, we have been able to bring to the Board staffing recommendations that have allowed us to run classes with fewer than 23 students. We no longer have that financial flexibility to section in favor of student opportunity. The plan for staffing in 2019-20 and beyond is to stay closer to 25:1 than we have in the past, which means there will be fewer sections of courses running next year. We will do everything we can to preserve as much student opportunity as possible, but our financial constraints are now tighter.

The community will have another chance to speak at the April 2019 election because the Board also voted December 17 to put a reduced referendum of \$130 million on the April 2, 2019 ballot. More fine-tuning needs to be done to refine the ballot language and make the number precise, but the important note is the Board is putting a referendum ([click here](#)) on the April 2019 ballot. What matters is, if it passes, the Board will reverse as many of these reductions as possible.

The hard reality, however, is that these cuts will be in effect until one of two things happens: the facilities are fixed or a referendum passes. Without the funds from a referendum to fix the facilities, these cuts will be in effect for five years."

## COMING EVENT

### Community Speaker Series

Dr. Lisa Damour will be presenting "Untangled: Guiding Girls Through Seven Transitions into Adulthood" on two evenings. Click on the links provided to read more about the presentation and/or to register.

**1.23.2019 7-8:30pm Hinsdale Central**

[Click Here to Register for 1/23/2019](#)

**1/24/2019 9:30-11am Hinsdale South**

[Click Here to Register for 1/24/2019](#)

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### WALKER SCHOOL HOURS:

School Day:	8:35 am – 3:05 pm
AM Kindergarten	8:35 am – 11:25 am
Lunch	11:25 – 12:15 pm
PM Kindergarten	12:15 – 3:05 pm

### WALKER FLYERS:

***Submissions for WWNews are due by Monday at noon. Thank you!***