



WALKER WEDNESDAY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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!

KINDERGARTEN/NEW STUDENT 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

February 5-29

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year for **incoming kindergartners** and **new students** is open. If you need assistance scanning documents, please contact Jan Martin (jmartin@d181.org). Click to access the [required residency documents](#) and you'll need your child's birth certificate. [Registration instructions](#) have been posted on the D181 website.

Returning student registration will begin March 13th.

SAVE THE DATE—PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, March 16th

Book your babysitter and come join us for College Night at Neat Kitchen on Saturday, March 16th from 7-11 pm. Tickets are now available on Membership Toolkit and the \$50 per person price includes appetizers and a donation to the PTO playground fundraising efforts! Cash bar for drinks. Wear your favorite college attire or casual dress. Great chance to mingle with other Walker parents ahead of the NCAA tournament!

CONGRATULATIONS!

A deservedly **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** goes to the following staff who have been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for their extraordinary impact on our school community:

Heather Serrano

Jen Pestka

Beth Bellinger

Each of these staff will be honored at a statewide ceremony in May.

...AND SAVE ANOTHER DATE!

Science Fair is Coming on March 7th



The week of March 4-8 is Science Week at Walker, and we will be

exploring the wonders of science all week long. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 7th**, for the Science Fair. To participate, sign up on the [Walker Science Fair Participation Form](#). Check out the [Science Fair Resources Page](#) for ideas.

MORE SCIENCE WEEK – WE NEED YOU!

Calling all Walker parents who are involved with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). We'd love to showcase your talents during Science Week (March 4-8). Fill out the [Science Week Parents Showcase Form](#) and reach out with questions:

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Jessica Jacob jessica-lewis@hotmail.com

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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 sometimes get wet while playing outside and want to change into dry clothes at school. Please send a set of dry 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 their 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.

2023-24 SLATED PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Below is the Nominee Slate for PTO Executive Officers for 2024-2025. Further nominations may be received by the floor and can be

emailed to President@walkerpto.com. The election of the slate, pending no additional nominations, will be ratified at the March 8th Executive Board meeting.

Co-Presidents

Kate Manger

Sarah Fenstermacher

Co-Vice Presidents

Nika Feeney

Amanda Osacky

Treasurers

Kristin Wiklund

Meghan Boland

Secretary

Rochene McLinn

Communications

Shivani Chadha

Marsha Ma

WalkerFest

Krista Grasso

Jennifer Swanton

Going Green

Jenny Pace

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sticky Fingers is offering two Spring sessions starting March 12 (Tuesdays) and March 13 (Wednesdays). [Click here](#) to register. These classes fill quickly! See attached flyer.

Chess Club is offering their third and final session for this school year. [Click here](#) to register and see attached flyer.

FROM THE NURSE

The bacteria called group A streptococcus (group A strep/GAS) can cause many different infections, including strep throat. IDPH and the CDC are observing an increase in strep infections among children. [Click here](#) to read a Parent Fact Sheet related to Streptococcus infections. Please contact Nurse

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Zogas if your student has been diagnosed with a strep infection or if you have any questions.

D181 SUMMER CAMP EXPO

March 7, 6-8pm at HMS

Come and learn about a variety of organizations that provide summer activities for students.

***Sports ***Day Camps
***Academic Enrichment ***Arts
***Overnight Camps ***Park District

D181 Foundation sponsors this event and it is free and open to the entire community.

LOST AND FOUND

Is it hot? Is it cold? We've had a lot of both lately. Be sure to check Lost and Found for any missing clothing that might have been left at school. Several times throughout the year we donate unclaimed lost and found items to charity. Please remember to check our Lost and Found tables located in the foyer by the office.

OPT IN FOR TEXT MESSAGING

If you would like to receive text messages from D181, please send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. See attached flyer for more information.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

Friday, March 1

Dental screenings will be done by DuPage County Health Department dentists, and children will receive oral health education and a free oral healthcare kit. Screenings are done by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 630.221.7776. See attached flyer for more information.

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!

END OF TRIMESTER 2

Second trimester ends Friday, February 23, 2024. Student report cards can be accessed through your Skyward Parent Portal account any time after noon on Friday, March 8th.

GIVE BLOOD

Thursday, March 9 – 3-7:30pm

Please read the attached flyer for details about a blood drive being hosted by Oak School. If you can, please support Anna, a member of our Oak School community.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

We have been working with the Clarendon Hills Police Department to improve compliance at drop off and pick up times. Please remember to be considerate of all drivers as we try to move cars through the car line quickly.

- Have your child ready to exit the car
- Pull forward as far as you can
- Do not load/unload on Walker Avenue
- No leap frogging unless directed by staff
- Display name placard

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THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.

CHMS – 3/7, 3/8 and 3/9

Come join us “under the sea” for Clarendon Hills Middle School’s production of ***The Little Mermaid, Jr.!*** Shows are March 7, 8 and 9 in the CHMS cafetorium and tickets can be purchased [here](#) for \$10 (all seating is general admission). There are several Walker alumni in the cast and crew. Hope to see you there!

CH LITTLE LEAGUE

The sign-ups for the 2024 Clarendon Hills Little League season have begun. Last day for baseball or softball sign up is **Sunday, March 3rd**. Baseball and softball programs are available for children ages 4-12. Feel free to contact mychllinfo@gmail.com with questions.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

First Grade Daisy Troop will be selling cookies at Tierra Distilling Co. on Saturday, 3/2 from 8 am to 11 am. Please support them!

PAWPRINTS

2/5-2/29	KG/New Student Registration Begins
2/29	Happy Leap Year!
2/29 3:05	BAMtheatre
3/1	No School – Institute Day
3/1	Give Kids a Smile Day
3/4	PTO Science Week
3/4	Our Living Planet Presentation
3/4 3:05	Lee Han Martial Arts
3/4 3:05	Chess Club
3/5 9:30	PTO Presidents’ Meeting
3/5 3:05	Language Labs
3/6	Museum of Science & Industry
3/7 3:05	BAMtheatre
3/7 5:00	Science Fair

3/8	Reports Cards Posted in Skyward
3/8 11:25	PTO Hot Lunch
3/8 3:05	Elementary Golf
3/8 3:05	Claffy Draw and Paint
3/8 3:05	Gr 4 Girl Scouts

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:

D181 Registration Flyer
Give Kids a Smile Day
Sticky Fingers
Chess Club
Parent Night Out
Blood Drive
Little Mermaid

ONLINE REGISTRATION

February 5 – 29
D181.org/Registration



ONSITE REGISTRATION

Friday, March 1
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Home Schools

MORE INFORMATION:

arangel@d181.org
(630) 861-4900



PreK, Kindergarten and
New Student
Registration



WALKER PTO PRESENTS COLLEGE NIGHT!

**NEAT KITCHEN AND BAR
MARCH 16TH 7-11PM**

**\$50/TICKET INCLUDES APPS & PTO DONATION
CASH BAR
CASUAL DRESS/COLLEGE ATTIRE**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT

BLOOD DRIVE

Stronger Together

**Donate
Blood**



Join the Walker Chess Club!

Mon. March 4, in the MPR 3:05-4:05pm

Learn and Play the game of Kings and Queens!

- No chess experience needed. Beginners welcome!
 - All New, Lessons, Games, Worksheets, and Tournaments
 - Learn Fun New Tactics, Strategies, and Tricks to Improve!
 - Earn Certificates and Prizes!
 - Mondays 3:05-4:05 in the MPR
- 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6
- \$189 activity fee (w/ coupon "Walker")

Bughouse (team chess) tournament
with trophies in chess club this session!



Register Online
www.IllinoisChessTeachers.com

Email for a free trial week or prorated rate.

Paul@IllinoisChessTeachers.com

(630)-674-3474





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WALKER ELEMENTARY

DAY OF THE WEEK: Tuesday or Wednesday

TIME: 3:05-4:05pm

CLASS DATES:

- 10 Tues: 3/12-5/14
- 10 Wed: 3/13-5/15

OPEN TO ALL K-5TH. LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



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Production of

Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID



Music
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

March 7-9, 2024

Thursday & Friday 7PM

Saturday 2PM & 7PM

Tickets \$10



To purchase tickets scan QR code
or visit bit.ly/chmstlm

Disney's Little Mermaid JR. Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



GIVE KIDS A **smile** DAY

Friday, March 1, 2024

To Make an Appointment Call:
(630) 221-7776

Dental Screenings for Children

School dental forms will be given.

The DuPage County Health Department Dental Program is joining the American Dental Association in the observance of the annual "Give Kids a Smile Day" on March 1, 2024. Dental screenings will be done by DuPage County Health Department dentists. In addition, children will receive oral health education and a free oral healthcare kit.

Regular dental screenings are important to determine oral health problems.

Dental care has been identified as one of the largest unmet health needs among children in the U.S. Pain and suffering associated with untreated dental disease can lead to problems with eating, speaking, and learning. Children in the U.S. miss 51 million hours of school each year due to dental related illnesses.

Dental Screenings for School Age Children By Appointment Only

DuPage County Health Department

Central Public Health Center
111 N. County Farm Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187



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To Make an Appointment Call:
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2024 Clarendon Hills Little League Baseball & Softball

Baseball



DIVISIONS

AGES

Tee Ball (Baseball)
Pre K-K; 4-5 years

A Level Baseball
1st Grade; 6-7 years

AA Level Baseball
2nd Grade; 7-8 years

Minors Baseball
3rd-4th Grade; 9-10 years

Majors Baseball
5th-6th Grade; 11-12 years

REGISTRATION

January 14 – March 3

ONLINE

CHLL.net
or



Scan the QR code or click the link to be directed to the sign-up page

Teams for AA-Ball / Machine Pitch / Minors / Majors will be selected by a DRAFT PROCESS which is required by Little League Rules

Umpires (6th Grade and up) and Coaches register using the link above

Outdoor practice starts
April 1st
2024 Opening Day
April 13th!

Softball



DIVISIONS

AGES

Tee Ball (Softball)
PreK-K; 4-6 years

Coach Pitch Softball
1st Grade; 6-7 years

Machine Pitch Softball
2nd-3rd Grade; 7-9 years

Minors Softball
3rd-5th Grade; 9-11 years

Majors Softball
5th-7th Grade; 11-12 years

We want to thank our volunteers who play their part, so that Little Leaguers everywhere can live their own epic series.

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TEAM
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LITTLE LEAGUE™

Questions?
MyCHLLInfo@gmail.com
CHLL.net



District 181 Foundation Summer Camp Expo

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at HMS
6:00pm - 8:00pm
