

WALKER WEDNESDAY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WALKER SCHOOL!



PAWPRINTS

- 9/30 Last Day--10% Yearbook Discount
- 10/2 11-2 CH Fire Department Open House
- 10/6 Int'l Walk to School Day
- 10/8 7pm Silent Parade
- 10/11 Columbus Day – No School
- 10/15 4-6:30 WalkerFest!! Warrior Challenge!

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

The procedure for reporting your child absent from school is the same as last year; do not call the school attendance line. Instead, **anytime your child is absent from school**, the parent should go to www.d181.org, scroll to the bottom, click on "Report Absence" and choose the appropriate notification (illness related, or non-illness related). We appreciate your help!



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, October 6th

We encourage all of our Walker students and families to walk/ride a bike to school on Wednesday, October 6th to enjoy some fresh

air and exercise. Walk to School Day is an international event that promotes physical activity, walking safety and the community.



SILENT PARADE

Friday, October 8th, 7pm

On Friday, October 8th, at 7pm the 27th Annual Silent Parade will originate at Garfield Street and Chicago Avenue in Hinsdale proceeding west through Clarendon Hills, Westmont, Downers Grove and ending in Lisle. **Residents from all over are encouraged to line the streets with American flags and flashlights to pay their respects for lives lost, and to express gratitude for the men and women who proudly serve their communities as first**

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responders, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The Silent Parade honors firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty and civilians who have died as a result of fire. All emergency vehicles participating in this parade will display their lights only; no sirens will be sounded. One of the largest parades of this type in the state, the parade traditionally features fire service vehicles from more than 25 surrounding communities.



WALKERFEST 2021

Friday, October 15th

4-6:30pm

Registration/Fundraising Begins October 1st!
Help us Reach our \$20,000 Goal!!

Register your student to participate in the **Warrior Challenge**. Buy student experiences, such as **Principal for a Half Day** or display your child's art at **Starbucks' Walker Art Gallery**. Purchase raffle tickets for the **Students vs. Staff Kickball Game** or our main attraction this year... **WalkerFest Pie War!**



PURCHASE NOW! [Click here](#) to:

- Purchase student experiences
- Purchase raffle tickets
- Donate
- Register for the Warrior Challenge

Questions/Volunteers should contact Amy Phillips at amyphillips9@gmail.com.



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Order by 9/30 to Receive 10% Discount

2021-22 Walker School yearbooks are now available for purchase on [Treering.com!](https://www.treering.com) Purchases made by September 30th receive 10% off, and each yearbook comes with two private, customizable pages. Returning families can just log onto Treering and use their same login information as last year; new families can [click here](#) to learn about how to set up an account and order. Walker's code is 1014640967574313! Be sure to visit the [yearbook page](#) on the Walker PTO website for up to date information!

RETURNING FROM LUNCH

NEW PROCEDURE!!

Anyone who goes home for lunch at 11:25am and returns at 12:15pm should use the main entry doors **when they return to school**. Students should no longer use their assigned grade level doors; they should use the main entry doors to Walker where there will be supervision starting at 12:10pm. The tardy bell rings at 12:20pm.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Looking to purchase a Halloween costume? Keep this information in mind as our goal is to have a safe and fun environment so all students can celebrate and enjoy Halloween. Please follow these guidelines:

- Costumes should be appropriate for an elementary school.
- No weapons of any kind may be brought to school, nor may the costumes depict blood or any type of violence;
- Hair dye is allowed, however it must be applied at home (and try to avoid sprays/dyes that have a strong odor);
- Face paint may be used to enhance a costume, i.e. whiskers for a kitten or a black eye for a football player, but the entire face cannot be covered with paint. For safety reasons we need to be able to identify children quickly, if necessary;
- Costumes must be safe for students to walk up and down stairs;
- Costumes should be reasonable in size and decoration so that children can sit at their desks and go about the routines of their

normal day (i.e. avoiding sumo wrestling costumes).

- Proper mask wearing and social distancing requirements still apply!

If you have questions regarding your child's costume, contact the classroom teacher well in advance of Halloween.

BULLYING REPORTING FORM

D181 has developed a new process to report bullying. This process allows students or parents/guardians to report an incident of bullying via an online reporting form. The reporting can be done anonymously, if desired.

Preventing bullying, intimidation and harassment are important goals in our District. Bullying diminishes a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are paramount to our school mission.

In accordance with Illinois law and District 181 policy, bullying, harassment, or intimidation means intentional conduct, including verbal, physical, or written conduct or an intentional electronic communication that creates a hostile educational environment by substantially interfering with a student's educational benefits and opportunities. Bullying and cyber bullying are further [defined here](#).

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This new procedure allows a student victim, the parent/guardian of a student victim, or a close adult relative of a student victim, to fill out the form by accessing it on the [Parent](#) page of our website.

When the form is completed, the principal will receive an automatic email that the form is completed and will conduct an internal investigation. If you or your child choose to submit your name on the form, the principal may contact you or your student as part of the investigation. In addition to this online reporting form, a printed form is available in the principals' office and can be filled out and returned to the school office.

We believe it is important to ensure that all students feel safe, nurtured and supported in our school. We hope that this new procedure will be effective in helping in that endeavor. Please feel free to contact the school for additional information or assistance at any time.

ROTARY RUN

On Sunday, October 3rd the Annual Hinsdale Rotary Run will take place at The Community House on Madison Street in Hinsdale. Students, family members and even pets from all D181 schools will pack the streets for this fun-filled event! [Click here](#) for more information and to register. Come and cheer for Walker the Wildcat during the Mascot Race immediately following the other races (about 9:30am).

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 3-9

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

From beeps to chirps, learn the sounds smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors make, what those sounds mean, and how to respond to them.

Key messages include:

- Respond immediately when you hear a smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm by exiting the home as quickly as possible;
- If the alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the batteries are running low and need to be replaced. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, or the alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm;
- Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly by pressing the test button;
- If someone in your household is deaf or hard of hearing, install a bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire;
- Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm (3 beeps) and a carbon monoxide alarm (4 beeps).

According to the latest NFPA "Smoke Alarms in the U.S." report, working smoke alarms in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more than half. Almost 3 out of 5 home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that failed to operate.

OCTOBER 11 – COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 11th is a Non-Attendance Day for D181 students.

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CH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

11am-2pm on Saturday, October 2

To kick off Fire Prevention Week, the annual Clarendon Hills Fire Department Open House will be held on Saturday, October 5th (11am-2pm) at the fire station. There will be lots going on:

- Visit fire trucks
- Fire demonstrations
- Food and refreshments
- Visit firefighters
- Visit Sparky the Fire Dog!

They will have Fire/EMS displays and many other fire prevention demonstrations. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend! Plan to mask up this year.

*This event is pending area COVID numbers and may be cancelled. [Click here](#) to check status of the event.



BOX TOPS

Box Tops have gone digital. Scan your receipt and instantly earn money for our school. Visit the [Boxtops4education](https://www.boxtops4education.com) website for additional information and app instructions.

Thank for participating in this easy fundraiser!

FLU SEASON HEALTH TIPS

Flu season is coming and we are reminding

families 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:

- 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, which include fever (100°F or greater), cough, sore throat, a 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.

You can also refer to the [DuPage County Health Department Influenza Fact Sheet](#).



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VISITORS

If you come to Walker to pick up or drop off your child, or bring a forgotten item, please ring the bell outside the office. We will greet you at the door and assist you whenever possible. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, visitors are not being admitted to the building at this time.

FLU SHOTS

Free flu vaccine vouchers are being offered for low income, uninsured, DuPage residents. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information or [click here](#).

Also, if your child needs reusable face masks, request them for free [here](#).

Many other services are available through [accessdupage.org](https://www.accessdupage.org).

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

If your child forgets their lunch, iPad or other belongings, you may drop it off in the foyer on the shelving units. Please email the classroom teacher so that she can send your child to the office. Other than eyeglasses, we do not call into the classroom to announce forgotten items so that we avoid disrupting the classroom.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

IMPORTANT COVID PROCEDURES AND

Please refer to the [Parent and Student Guidebook](#) for the most up to date information in D181 this year.

MASK WEARING:

Be sure your child's masks are clean and in good condition. Additionally, be sure your child has the appropriate style of mask (no gaiters or mask valves), and that it fully covers the nose, mouth and chin. For more details on proper mask usage, please watch [this video](#).

SURVEILLANCE TESTING SIGNUP

If you would like your child to participate in weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing, login to:

- Skyward Parent Portal
- Forms Tab
- Permissions Box

A new signup is required each year, even if you signed up last year. Click to edit the form within Skyward to update it. If you sign up on a Wednesday or prior, you will receive a month's worth of tests on the Friday following. Signups will be open throughout the school year. See the attached flyers for more information and how to set up your account.

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES

Tuesday, October 5, 7-8:30pm

Presented by D86, D181 and the D181 Foundation, the next speaker will be Jamil Zaki presenting "The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World." All presentations will be via a Zoom Webinar and a recording will be available to anyone who registered for the event. Please see attached flyer for more details.

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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

Attendance: d181.org > Report Absence

WALKER SCHOOL HOURS:

School Day: 8:40 am – 11:25 am

12:20 pm – 3:05 pm

WALKER FLYERS:

Flu Shots

Influenza Fact Sheet

Surveillance Testing Signup

Community Speaker Series

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



FREE FLU VACCINE VOUCHERS

*FOR LOW INCOME,
UNINSURED, DUPAGE
RESIDENTS*

Bring voucher to your local

Walgreens

through March 1st,
or while supplies last.

COMPROBANTES GRATIS PARA VACUNA DE LA GRIPE

*PARA RESIDENTES DE DUPAGE DE
BAJOS INGRESOS Y SIN SEGURO DE
SALUD*

Lleve el comprobante a su farmacia

Walgreens

hasta el 01 de marzo o hasta que
duren las reserva.

Protect yourself, your loved
ones, and the moments that
matter most.

Does your family need reusable face
masks? Request them for free at
www.accessdupage.org/mask-drive

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Vaccines funded by the generosity
of The County of DuPage, through
the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security Act

Our Enrollment Process



Are you enrolling for the first time?



Are you re-enrolling?



1) Welcome; we are here to help! Please review our enrollment requirements.

- Reside in DuPage County for at least 30 days
- 19 years of age or older.
- Household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Not eligible for private or public health coverage.

2) Contact an intake agent who can complete an application with you on the phone.

- Access DuPage: 630-510-8720 ext. 200 or 222.
- DuPage County Health Department: 630-682-7400.

3) Send us your required documents - we will tell you how to do so when you apply!

- Proof of income from last 6 weeks.
- Proof of address.
- Photo ID.
- Good Samaritan Act & Release of Information ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)). 

4) Thank you for applying! We will respond to you as quickly as we can. If you don't receive a response within 30 days, please call us!

In response to COVID 19 and with a strong desire to make sure that our patients can access the healthcare they need for themselves and their families, we have temporarily simplified our re-enrollment process for patients who were active members within the last year.

Complete a brief re-enrollment questionnaire at: accessdupage.org/re-enrollment/



View our enrollment site for document details!

Have more questions or want to speak to someone?

Visit the Access DuPage enrollment website at: accessdupage.org/accessdupage/how-to-enroll/
OR call Access DuPage at 630-510-8720.



Nuestro Proceso de Inscripción

¿Primera vez que se inscribe?

¿Está reinscribiéndose?

1) ¡Bienvenidos, estamos aquí para ayudarle! Por favor lea los requisitos que necesita para inscribirse:

- Vivir en DuPage por lo menos 30 días
- Ser mayor de 19 años
- Ingresos del hogar iguales o menos del 200% del nivel federal de pobreza
- No ser elegible para comprar seguro de salud privado o Medicaid

2) Completa una solicitud con un agente de admisión por teléfono

- Access DuPage: 630-510-8720 ext. 200 or 222.
- DuPage County Health Department: 630-682-7400.

3) Envíe los documentos requeridos - ¡Le diremos cómo hacerlo cuando solicites!

- Comprobante de ingresos de las últimas 6 semanas
 - Comprobante de domicilio
 - Copia de una identificación
 - Good Samaritan Act & Release of Information
- ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)). 

4) Gracias por aplicar, le responderemos dentro de los 30 días. Si no recibe una respuesta por favor llámanos.

Debido al COVID 19, y para asegurarnos de que nuestros clientes puedan acceder a la atención médica que necesitan para ellos y sus familias; hemos simplificado temporalmente nuestro proceso de reinscripción para clientes que fueron miembros activos durante el último año.

Complete un breve cuestionario de reinscripción en: accessdupage.org/re-enrollment/?lang=es

Tiene más preguntas o desea hablar con alguien?

Visite el sitio web de inscripción de Access DuPage: accessdupage.org/accessdupage/how-to-enroll/?lang=es

O llámanos al 630-510-8720.

Visite nuestro sitio de inscripción para obtener más detalles





DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

111 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

(630) 682-7400

www.dupagehealth.org

INFLUENZA FACT SHEET **FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS**

With the arrival of cold and flu season and with an increase in influenza-like illness reports, the DuPage County Health Department is recommending increased awareness and actions to help control and prevent the spread of influenza (flu), toward keeping our students and community safe and healthy.

To prevent widespread flu in the school, **we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu-like illness symptoms** (such as fever, cough, and sore throat).

Since influenza is primarily spread by direct contact with nose and throat secretions, there are measures we can all take to reduce our chances of becoming sick with influenza and other similar infections:

- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. For medical questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider.
- **Your child should stay home if he/she is sick until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever** (without the use of fever-reducing medications), except to get medical care. This will help reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** If soap and water are not available, use an **alcohol-based hand rub.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
- **Do not share eating utensils or drinking containers.** Persons should not share straws, cups, glasses, water bottles used during sports or recreation, etc.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often** (i.e., high-touch surfaces, such as desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, light switches, faucet handles, phones, and toys).
- **Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Get your child and family vaccinated against seasonal flu.** Vaccination is recommended yearly for everyone 6 months and older.

If you or your healthcare provider have any further questions, please contact the DuPage County Health Department at (630) 221-7553. More information on seasonal influenza is available at: www.cdc.gov/flu/ and www.dupagehealth.org/flureport. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

10/25/19

Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday

In an emergency go to www.protectdupage.org and tune into WDCB 90.9 fm radio.



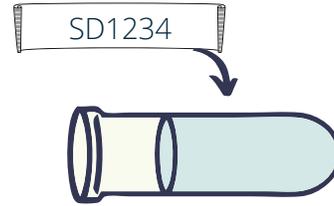
SURVEILLANCE TESTING INSTRUCTIONS

1

bit.ly/DIST181



- Go to <https://bit.ly/DIST181> to **create an account** with Loop Medical if you haven't already or to **sign in to your account**. You will need to sign in to your account each time you submit a test.
- Once signed in, continue with the prompts. (**You will not be charged for the test**; insurance is not required.)



2

- Enter your test's activation code in your account. This is the **"SD" number** on the label in your bag.
- Place the "SD" label on the tube lengthwise (do not cover the ID label already on the tube).



3

Write your name and date of birth on the **ID label** that is already on the tube.

4



- Clean your hands with hand sanitizer.
- Take out the swab from your bag and break it along the perforated line - don't touch the soft end.
- Insert the soft end of the swab into one nostril and **rotate in a circular motion against the inside of your nostril for 15 seconds**.
- Repeat on the opposite nostril for another 15 seconds.



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- Open the test tube, being careful not to spill the contents.
- Put the swab into the test tube, **soft tip down**.
- Place the cap on the tube firmly.
- Place the labeled tube into the bag and seal the bag.

The Community Speaker Series

presented by District 86 and District 181

Nationally renowned experts informing and inspiring families in the K-12 community about important issues in education, wellness, and parenting.

2021-2022 Zoom Webinars

Jamil Zaki

The War for Kindness:
Building Empathy in a
Fractured World

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
7:00pm - 8:30pm



Jamil Zaki weaves together the latest science with engaging real-world stories, offering us a revolutionary perspective on empathy and how to develop it as a skill. He shows that kindness is not a sign of weakness but a source of strength. With warmth, wit, and straightforward exercises that can be swiftly implemented, Zaki shows audiences of all ages how to change their professional, student, creative, and personal relationships for the better.

Ron Lieber

The Price You Pay for
College

Tuesday, February 1, 2022
7:00pm - 8:30pm

How to Talk to Your Kids
About Money

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
9:30am - 11:00am



Ron Lieber will be offering two different programs. *The Price You Pay for College* provides an entirely new road map for the biggest financial decision most families will ever make. In all his years of writing about money, he has come across no consumer decision that inspires more confusion and emotion than the question of what to pay for college.

In his second program, he discusses how, when and why to talk to kids about money, whether they are 3 years old or teenagers. Grounded in real-world experience and stories from families with a range of incomes, the program offers practical tips for helping your children understand the value of money and suggests a values-based philosophy for discussing it.

Jessica Lahey

The Addiction Inoculation

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022
7:00pm - 8:30pm



Jessica Lahey helps parents and educators understand the roots of substance abuse and identify who is most at risk for addiction, offering practical steps for prevention. All children, regardless of their genetics, are at some risk for substance abuse. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, teen drug addiction is the nation's largest preventable and costly health problem. In this program, she provides evidence-based strategies and practical tools adults need to understand, support, and educate resilient, addiction-resistant children



For more information or to register for a program, visit www.d181foundation.org