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March 2011

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A newsletter from the Walker's Grove School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 1 March (Tuesday)**
Market Day Pick Up
6:30-7pm
- 4 March (Friday)**
Mardi Gras Masquerade
Family Dance 6-8pm
- 10 March (Thursday)**
Papa Murphy's Family
Dinner Night
- 11 March (Friday)**
PTO MTG -
10am Health Room
- 11 March (Friday)**
Spring Book Fair Set-Up
- 14 March – 16 March**
Spring Book Fair
- 14 March (Monday)**
Spring Book Fair Family Night
6-8:30pm
- 17 March (Thursday)**
(1/2 day of School)
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 18 March (Friday)**
NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 March (Wednesday)**
CAPE Reception (PSHS) 5-8pm
- 23 March (Wednesday)**
CC Wear Red for Caring
- 28 March – 3 April**
NO SCHOOL
Spring Break



And the Winner is...

The Walker's Grove PTO would like to recognize the CAPE Winners for the 2010-2011 school year.

Educators of the Year – Suzanne Quigg and Steve Riederer
Volunteers of the Year – JoAnn Jackson and Shannan Kiger
PTO Lifetime Volunteers – Sheri Martin and Stacy Daniels

The CAPE winners will be honored at our PTO Meeting on March 11 and will also be recognized at the District CAPE Awards Ceremony on March 23. Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work and contributions!



Mardi Gras Masquerade Family Dance

The Mardi Gras Masquerade Family Dance Party is Friday, March 4th from 6-8. We will have a professional DJ with fun music for all in addition to bead sales, a make-a-mask craft station and Mardi Gras Munchies. Tickets will not be sold at the door. If you would like to attend and have not purchased tickets yet, please email Michelle at sheldenney@aol.com

Let's Skate!

The Walker's Grove PTO is hosting the "Rebate Skate" at the Aurora Skate Center. If you are looking for something to do on a day off from school visit the Aurora Skate center. The admission cost is \$5 and \$1 of your admission price will be given back to our school. Simply explain you are from Walker's Grove. The Aurora Skate Center is located at 34W113 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL 60504. The dates and times are listed below.



Friday, March 18, 2011 1-4pm
Friday, April 22, 2011 1-4pm

Book Fair Carnival: Your Ticket to Read

The Walker's Grove PTO is sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair will be held from Monday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16 during school hours. Family Night for the book fair will be Monday March 14th from 6-8:30pm. The theme for this year is "Book Fair Carnival: Your Ticket to Read!"

The profit for the Book Fair goes to the Walker's Grove Media Center to earn books and materials that will benefit everyone.

There is a need for volunteers to set-up, work and pack up the book fair. A volunteer sheet was sent home with the students. However, if you didn't receive one or just have questions, please contact the Book Fair Chairs; Stacy Daniels at 815/439-7743 or Jenny Eccarius at 815/230-3522.

Save the Date! Saturday, May 14th

Walker's Grove Elementary will be hosting our first Wildcat Walk and Wellness Fair on May 14th from 9am to 12pm.

Students, along with their families, will be invited to participate in the Walk-a-thon. Wellness and safety booths will also be available to participants. We are still working on some other exciting ideas, so stay tuned.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to purchase a Child ID Kit complete with your child's photo, fingerprints and more. This is available for all ages. Keep an eye out for more information coming home!

The PTO Board is really excited about this event, but we need your help. Whether you can give a half hour or more, please consider volunteering. Please contact Denise Procaccio at mdprocaccio@sbcglobal.net for volunteer opportunities.

2011 FAMILY
& Wildcat Walk
Wellness Fair

Attention 5th Grade Parents –

It's time to plan the 5th Grade Celebration. Please join us in the Media Center on Tuesday, March 15; 7pm – 8pm. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this amazing event.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Dawn Austin at 815-254-8330 or email Dawn Austin at idaustin63@att.net, Deb Bredesen at debbred@sbcglobal.net, Michelle Buhr at mbuhr8@comcast.net or Sheri Martin at sheri@askpdc.com.

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We're on the web:

www.psd202.org/walkers/pto.htm

Walker's Grove Fun Facts

Spring is around the corner! Here are your teachers' favorite colors and flowers:

Name	Position	Favorite Color	Favorite Flower
Suzanne Quigg	1st Grade Teacher	pink	gerber daisy
Ann-Marie Peters	1st Grade Teacher	blue	daisy
Chrissy Pedersen	1st Grade Teacher	blue	tulip
Brandy Leonard	1st Grade Teacher	pink	gerber daisy
Mary Gutrich	1st Grade Teacher	brown	gerber daisy
Kala Sweeney	2nd Grade Teacher	fuchsia	roses
Meaghan Weber	2nd Grade Teacher	green	yellow rose
Lisa Apiquian	2nd Grade Teacher	yellow	orange rose
Shannon Loscudo	2nd Grade Teacher	green/blue/black	all
Dawn Bullock	2nd Grade Teacher	red	carnations
Karen Williams	3rd Grade Teacher	purple	carnations
Jamie Damitz	3rd Grade Teacher	none	lavender roses
Diana Altenhoff	3rd Grade Teacher	red	any
Kim Herdes	3rd Grade Teacher	pink	any
Stephanie Valainis	4th Grade Teacher	blue	?
Melissa Guerrini	4th Grade Teacher	black	daisy
Lisa Onusaitis	4th Grade Teacher	purple	roses
Lisa Munson	4th Grade Teacher	green	lily
Shannon Smith	5th grade Resource	pink/yellow	hydrangea
Val Wagnon	5th grade Teacher	yellow/black	lily
Jennifer Demick	5th grade Teacher	green	tulip
Kelley Budd	5th grade Teacher	green	sunflowers
Karen Eiserman	5th grade Teacher	purple/green	lilac
Stacey Wilke	Assistant Principal	depends	lilac
Karen Domabyl	Differentiation Specialist	yellow	lilac
Donna Saraga	Kindergarten Teacher	yellow/grey	jonquil
Teresa Ford	Kindergarten Teacher	blue/green	geranium
Linda Merdian	Kindergarten Teacher	green	?
Mrs. Jackson	Media Specialist	yellow	yellow rose
Megan Goolsby	Music teacher	black/purple	roses
Dana Turvey	PE/Health Teacher	hot pink	gerber daisy
Matt Burghraef	PE/Health Teacher	blue	
Steve Reiderer	PE/Health Teacher	green	tulip
Sally O'Neill	Reading Specialist	blue	mums
Nancy Wozniak	Reading Specialist	coral	roses
Mara Soliman	Social Worker	purple	roses
Samantha Ganske	Special Ed Teacher	purple	roses
Joan Mulligan	Special Ed Teacher	purple	tulip

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The latest news & information on all the things we collect to help our school



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Ink/Toner Cartridges



TerraCycle is Coming! Start saving your juice pouches!

Plans are in the works to form a *Walker's Grove Juice Pouch Brigade!* As a brigade, we collect juice pouches (not just Capri Sun). Shane Rotkis, our brigade leader, will send them to TerraCycle, where they will be turned into cool products such as binders and tote bags. And...Walker's Grove will earn 2 cents per pouch! It's still in process, so we're not quite ready to start receiving your collections yet. In the meantime, start keeping them at home and keep your eyes and ears open for when we'll officially kick off our Brigade! If you have any questions, you can contact Shane at 815-439-7692 (home) or her cell, 815-735-7680



COLLECTION CONTEST March 14-17!

**Bag those Box Tops ...
Collect those Campbell's ...
Tear off the Tyson panels.**

It's Collection Contest Time! The winning class will get extra recess time and the winning classroom teacher will be awarded with 7,000 Campbell's points and \$20 in their My Class Essentials registry to purchase new and fun things for their classroom.

COUNTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED March 21, 23, and 25 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Email purduex2@aol.com if you can help!

STAY INFORMED UNTIL THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

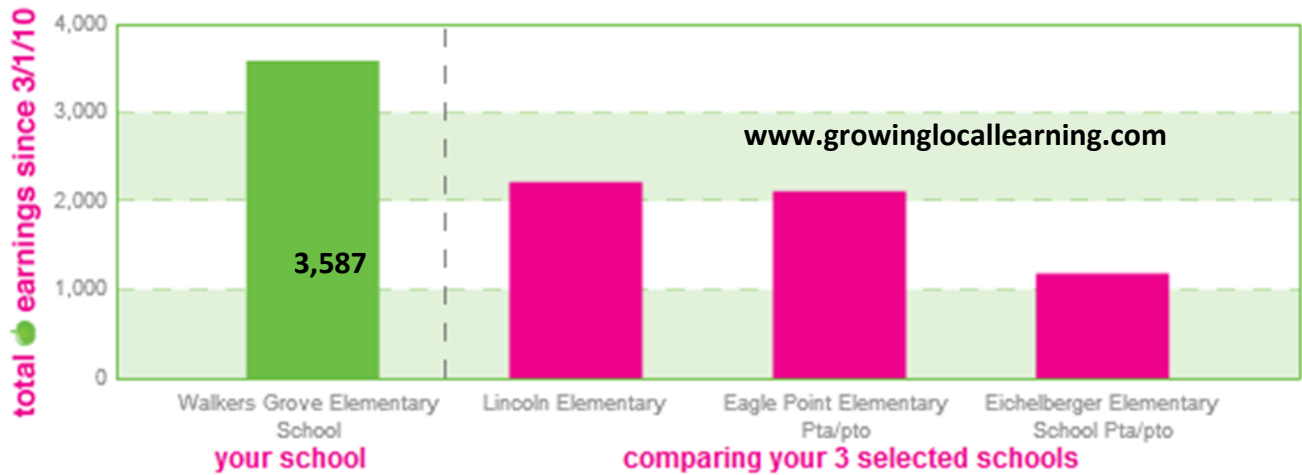
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Growing Local Learning...WE ROCK!

We know...it's not a competition. Students benefit when schools collect Box Tops. But check out the graphic below, comparing Walker's Grove's earnings through Growing Local Learning compared to our neighboring schools! Your support and efforts have earned Walker's Grove an additional 3,587 Box Tops ~ that's \$358.70!



eBoxTops is here!

Shop online and a percent comes back to WG!

Start your online shopping at www.btfe.com/marketplace -- the eBoxTops portal. When you do, you can earn Walker's Grove extra cash with your online purchases. More than 100 top-name stores participate, each giving Walker's Grove eBoxTops for each \$10 spent. The number of eBoxTops varies by store. You can see a complete listing of stores online. The Marketplace is available year-round - not just during the holidays. Use it as your portal for all your online shopping and see our earnings grow. Participating stores include:



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Check out the Meijer Bonus Box Tops offers!

FEBRUARY BONUS BOX TOPS

BUY ANY 5 Progresso® Soup, Betty Crocker® Helpers, Potatoes, Sides or Old El Paso®

Box Tops for Education participating products and get

20 BONUS BOX TOPS!

Offer valid 2/13/11-2/26/11 (\$2.00 value; Coupon prints at register)

MARCH BONUS BOX TOPS

BUY ANY 5 General Mills® Cereals, Betty Crocker® Fruit Flavored Snacks, or Yoplait® Kids Multipack

Box Tops for Education participating products and get

20 BONUS BOX TOPS!

Offer valid 3/13/11-3/26/11 (\$2.00 value; Coupon prints at register)

APRIL BONUS BOX TOPS

BUY ANY 5 Pillsbury® Refrigerated and Frozen Dough products or Old El Paso®

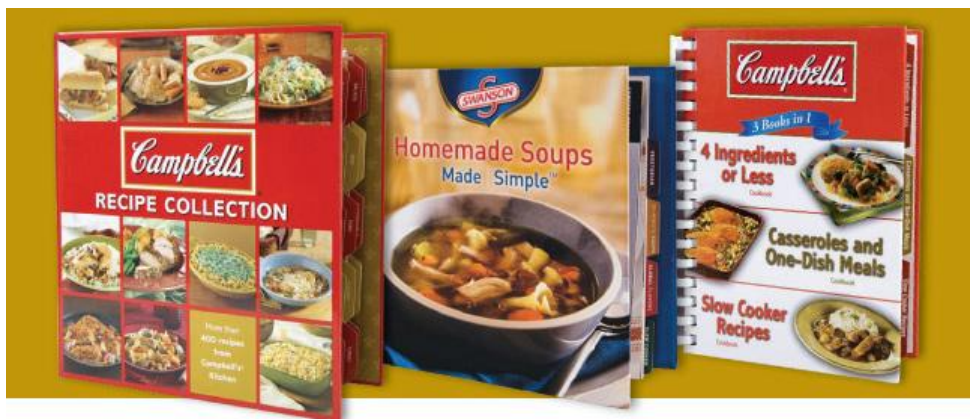
Box Tops for Education participating products and get

20 BONUS BOX TOPS!

Offer valid 4/17/11-4/30/11 (\$2.00 value; Coupon prints at register)

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Walker's Grove will earn 125 LFE points for every Campbell's cookbook purchased



Go to LFECookbooks.com and select from more than 20 popular Campbell's brand cookbooks, starting at \$6.95. After you complete your credit card purchase on the checkout page, you will be directed to another page where you can instantly credit the points you've earned to your school. The best part is, you can buy as many cookbooks as you like, and receive 125 LFE points for each one.

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