

December 18, 2015

Dear Walden Green Families:

It seems fitting that we would be getting snow our last day before winter break. On behalf of the entire Walden Green faculty, I want to wish you and yours a beautiful holiday season that is filled with love and laughter and wonder. We thank you for entrusting us with your children each and every day. We have a remarkable school community that keeps getting better. Thank you for your commitment to Montessori and to Walden Green.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger
Principal

Literacy Night:

We are pleased to kick off our first Literacy Night on January 7th. Each of our teachers will be in charge of a literacy station. Ideally our students will be able to cycle through 4 stations throughout the evening and then be eligible for a book drawing at the end of the evening. This promises to be a great evening of collaboration between our staff and our parents. Please make sure that you travel with your children between each station. The backyard will be closed for the evening to assure that everyone is giving their full attention to Literacy. Please plan to join us!

Thank you to Amy Vanderlawn and Jenny Oppferman:

Hopefully you were able to join us this week for our annual holiday concerts. Tuesday evening Amy bedazzled us with the stellar band and orchestra concert and yesterday, Jenny impressed us all with the choral concert of all children K through 8th grade. It is remarkable what both teachers were able to pull out of our students given the fact they only meet once a week. I'm grateful for the rich music programs that our students have here at Walden Green. I hope the music carries on over to your homes this holiday season.

Remind 101:

Please sign up for the Remind 101 with either your email or a text number. Remind is a free app that allows me to send a text message/email in the event of a school closing or any other emergency basis. To sign up, please follow the simple instructions included in this link.

[http://pdfs.remind.com/invite?
class_code=mrneidli&class_name=Community&phone_number=81010&sms_supported
=true&user_signature=Mr.+Neidlinger](http://pdfs.remind.com/invite?class_code=mrneidli&class_name=Community&phone_number=81010&sms_supported=true&user_signature=Mr.+Neidlinger)

You will then be enrolled. It is free, it is convenient and is used sparingly. Nobody, including myself, will have access to your phone number, so your privacy is never compromised.

M-Step Results:

Today we received the parent letters from last years M-Step results. We have tucked them in envelopes and sent them home with your students today. Again, these are the results from last school years. Over the break, I will look at the school-wide data and search out Walden Green trends to share when everyone returns in the new year. Please read through your child's results fully to better acquaint yourself with M-Step. I will hold a parent meeting to review our data when school resumes.

Dates to Remember:

January 4th - School resumes

January 7th - Literacy Night, 6pm to 7:30pm.

February 10th - Count Day

February 12th - Half-day dismissal, 11:30

February 15th - No School, mid-winter break

Happy Holidays
and a very Happy New Year!