

February 18, 2016

Dear Walden Green Families:

I trust everyone enjoyed their mid-winter break last weekend. It was fun listening to our students talk about their great family-filled adventures, when everyone returned on Tuesday. Looking ahead, it appears that we have the promise of a warm-up this weekend with noticeably lighter mornings and evenings at hand. Before you know it, we will be looking at the next time-change on March 6th. That is always such a big step forward toward spring time.

Please read the newsletter below to keep yourselves apprised on all that is happening at Walden Green Montessori.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger  
Principal

#### Family Breakfast:

Please plan to join us next Friday morning at 8:15 AM for our last Family Breakfast of the school year. Each of our teachers will be sending you a link to the Sign-up Genius for your child's room. Please come hungry as there is always a wide variety of tasty breakfast items to sample. At 9 AM we will all gather in the Great Room for a School Sing session with Mark Roessing. We would love to see you there.

#### Kids' Night Out:

The staff and I are reconstituting an old WG tradition and putting our own twist on the evening. On April 22nd, the staff will be hosting a joint Boys' Night Out and Girls' Night Out under the new name of Kids' Night Out. We encourage you to drop your children off between the hours of 6:30 PM and 9 PM so that you, our parents can enjoy a date-night or just a few evening hours alone. We will be charging \$10 per child and hope that you will take full advantage of this great opportunity. You will be receiving much more information as the date approaches, but for now, please reserve the date.

#### Re-enrollment Dates:

We have moved up the date for re-enrollment for next school year. We will have forms available at Family Breakfast, the morning of February 26, and encourage you to secure your child's slot as soon as possible. Our current families will have preference so long as your forms are returned by March 31st, before 4 PM. After that date we can not guarantee your re-enrollment.

### Open House Dates:

Our numbers are on the grow which is incredibly exciting as we continue to welcome new families to Walden Green Montessori. This next month, we will be hosting two Open House sessions where interested families can learn a bit about our school and our guiding philosophy - Montessori. If you know of any great families that would be a good fit for our fine school or if you have a younger child who will be of kindergarten age this coming fall, please make sure they (or you) attend one of the following sessions:

March 16th from 5:30 to 7 PM.

March 29th from 5:30 to 7 PM.

### Enrollment Application Dates:

Re-enrollment deadline for current students - March 31st before 4 PM.

Enrollment Dates for new students - April 1-April 14, 2016 before 4 PM.

Lottery - April 18, 2016.

### Families and Foundation:

Our parent support group has been busy this year organizing family gatherings, fundraisers and just general support for our fine school. The Foundation will be accepting new applications for their advisory board in April. To read through the minutes of our last meeting, please click on the attachment in this email.

### Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 26th - Family Breakfast at 8:15 AM-9 AM, All Sing at 9 AM.

Monday, February 29th - Walden Green Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 PM.

Friday, March 11th - No school/staff will be in Chicago for training.

Thursday, March 24th - Half-day, Teacher Conferences, Dismissal at 11:30 AM.

Friday, March 26th - No school/Records Day.

April 4-8th - No school, Spring Break.

May 30th - No school, Memorial Day.

May 31st-June 3rd - Celebration of the Arts Week. Open House on June 2 @6 PM.

Wednesday, June 8th - 8th Grade Graduation.

Thursday, June 9th - Students last day, dismissal at 11:30 AM.

Friday, June 10th - Staff attendance for Professional Development.