

January 28, 2015

Dear Walden Green Families:

I am thrilled to be returning to Walden Green and greatly appreciate all of the kind notes and gestures while I was out on medical leave. It has been such a thrill to re-engage with our community and to note the ongoing progress in our students and in our curriculum. In the coming weeks, I look forward to sharing some significant data with you on our recent successes. In the meanwhile, please read below to keep abreast of the great happenings at Walden Green Montessori.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger  
Principal

#### Old Boys Fundraiser

Please plan to join us at the Old Boys Brewhouse this Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 3:00-5:00 PM. Old Boys has been kind to offer 10% of any drink or food back to our Walden Green Foundation, simply by using our name when placing your order. Please stop in for a mid-afternoon break and bring your kids too – all are welcome. In addition, Old Boys will donate a dollar for any Kolsch beer or 'Walden Warm Up' sold between 5:00 PM Friday (1/30) and 5:00 PM Saturday (1/31). Lastly, Angela Butler will be the guest bartender on hand representing our fine school. Don't forget to mention "Walden Green" when ordering.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

First and foremost, I want to publicly acknowledge Patty Danielson and her crew of volunteers who poured hours into making this year's Scholastic Book Fair an incredible success. To note, with this year's Scholastic Book Fair we sold \$2, 407.90 this means that we raised \$1, 324.35 in Scholastic dollars that we can use to purchase additional books for our Walden Green library. It is inspiring to think how much our community has pulled together to build and create a robust library for our students. It is hard to believe that just a year ago we did not have a school-wide library.

Please help me thank our tremendous volunteers who made this all possible. Our volunteers were: April Deiters, Jasmine Rogers, Meagan Jones, Marty Jones, Stephanie Dickinson, Judy Tanis, Nicole DeSchaaf, Ronda VanHuisen, Meg Boven, Joelle Bergman, Leslie Smies, Ana Zuber, Lisa Koslowski and our lead, Patty Danielson. It will be so much fun watching our new orders as they arrive and watching our students devour these great resources.

Lastly, a sincere "thank you" to all of our families that have purchased "wish list"

books for our classrooms. This was incredibly gracious and goes a long way to support our curriculum.

#### Important Dates for February

January 31 – Old Boys Fundraiser 3-5 PM

February 2 – Foundation meeting 6 PM at Arboreal

February 10 – Guest speaker will be rescheduled in March

February 11 – Count Day

February 13–16 - Mid-winter Break, no school

February 20 – Family Breakfast, 8:15 to 9:00 AM

February 23 – Board meeting, 6:30 PM

February 24 – Community Open House (Please send friends and neighbors in to hear about what Walden Green Montessori can offer their families.)

#### Enrollment and re-enrollment dates

It is no secret that the Board, the staff and I all want to grow our enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year. I believe we can do this in a careful and considerate manner that only supports and enhances our school culture and community. The bottom line is that more students affords us better programming activities for our students. Below is a list of ways that you can help us out.

February 24<sup>th</sup> the staff and I will be hosting a Community Open House for any families that are interested in enrolling here at Walden Green Montessori. Please notify your friends, your neighbors and fellow family members that might be interested or that would be a good fit for our community. The evening will begin promptly at 6 PM in the Great Room.

March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, I will be hosting a coffee and tour session for any community members that are interested in seeing our program first-hand. Please invite folks you know that might be interested or that would be a good fit.

March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 2:30 PM, I will be hosting an afternoon coffee and tour to interested parties. Please invite folks you know that might be interested or that might be a good fit.

This year I have pushed back our re-enrollment dates. Please plan to re-enroll between April 13<sup>th</sup> - April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is again, my plan to announce the classroom assignments before our students leave for summer vacation. This allows for all of us to relax and enjoy the upcoming summer without any anxiety. This also gives our teachers plenty of time to prepare the environment for their new class over the summer.

In the coming weeks, I will forward further information about our enrollment campaign. I am excited about this new campaign and feel very fortunate to be working with our very own Walden Green design team to be getting this off the ground.