

March 24, 2015

Dear Walden Green Families:

The staff and I want to send a sincere “thank you” to all of the parents and families that supported our meals last week during conferences. It is such a nice tradition that WG offers to the staff and it has not gone unnoticed. We all very much appreciate your dedication to this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger  
Principal  
Walden Green Montessori

Community Open Houses:

Please let all of your friends, family and neighbors know that Walden Green has two more Community Open Houses and we would love to have them join us. The Open Houses are a little more than an hour and we will be providing a brief overview of Montessori and our school before sending families off for a tour of individual classrooms. The staff and I will be here for anyone who is interested.

Tonight, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM

Sports Programing:

I met with NORA (Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority) yesterday to formalize a partnership for next school year. I am thrilled that they are able to come here to Walden Green and lead our students in some after school sports programs. In the coming weeks, I will be sending a survey around to see what our community is interested in committing to.

Re-enrollment:

It is hard to believe it is already that time of year, but re-enrollment season is upon us. Please make sure to send in your child’s re-enrollment application before the deadline of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can find the application at the bottom of this email.

This year, as our students re-enroll, they will be given a paper bird cutout, which they can write their name on and paste to our “nest” on the wall. We certainly hope that all of our students will be returning to us next school year so we can continue providing them with our rich Montessori curriculum.

### Save the Dates:

I recognize that each of these dates are a ways out, but I wanted to get them out to our community early so you can reserve the dates.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – WG Parent’s Night

July 4<sup>th</sup> – WG will be marching in the Ferrysburg Parade again, please join.

July 25<sup>th</sup> – WG will be marching in the Coast Guard Children’s Parade, please join.

### Balanced Calendar:

At our last board meeting it was mutually agreed that we will table the conversation regarding a Balanced Calendar and pick it back up early next year so that we, as a community, can have plenty of opportunities to dialogue about the pros and the cons, should we decide to move in that direction or not.

### Student Transportation:

Just to remind our families that Walden Green has changed it’s transportation policies to allow parents to drive our students to field trips. In order to be a parent driver, there is paper work that must be filled out well in advance of each trip. If you are interested in being a parent transporter, please contact Vickie at [vickiebuckner@waldengreen.org](mailto:vickiebuckner@waldengreen.org). There is also a new permission slip that parents will need to sign if they are sending their students off on a field trip under this new policy.

### The Modular:

It was decided at the last Board meeting to keep and to extend the lease on our modular classrooms. As we continue to grow, these spaces have been important for supporting our art, music, band, orchestra and intervention courses. Our new lease agreement carries us through June of 2019.

### Dates to Remember:

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM, Community Open House

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Last day before break

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – No school, Spring Break

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - School resumes

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through the end of May, M-Step

Friday, May 15 – WG Parent Night – More information to come

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – No School, Memorial Day

Tuesday May 26 through May 29<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of the Arts Week

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (half-day) at the beach