

October 22, 2014

Dear Walden Green Families:

Please read below to share in all the great activities that are happening at Walden Green in the next few weeks.

Family Fun Night is This Friday:

This is just a quick reminder that Family Fun Night is happening this Friday (October 24th) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Below is the SignUpGenius link, which contains more information about the event. We hope to see everyone there!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084DA5A72DAB9-family](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084DA5A72DAB9-family)

- Please bring a pre-carved pumpkin, if you would like to be involved in the contest.
- Come in a fun, festive costume
- Bring/participate in the dessert raffle
- Buy a hot dog, chips or water for \$1 each
- Have your child participate in the bounce-house activity
- Participate in the Middle School activities and games

We are looking forward to a really fun evening.

Walden Green makes the news again:

Walden Green students were featured in a photograph yesterday in the Grand Haven Tribune. You can see the photo in our front entrance way (it has yet to appear on the Tribune's website). The photographs reflect all the fun that was had during our annual Trek for Tech. Just a reminder that it is still not too late to return your pledge forms. We will dedicate any of these funds received directly back to our students via technology purchases. Thank you to all who have already supported us in this manner.

Girls on the Run:

Girls on the Run and Girls on Track is an after school program for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, that educates and prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. GOTR provides girls with the tools necessary to make healthy decisions and the knowledge needed to lead healthy lifestyles. Registration begins November 1st for Spring 2015. Visit a Registration Open House or visit the online link [GOTR online](#) to sign up.

The local Open Houses are:

Nov. 5 - Spring Lake Intermediate 3:00-5:30 p.m. and Nov. 17 - Grand Haven/Ferry Elementary 4:00-6:00 p.m.

See the flyer for other Open House dates. \*Walden Green is looking for one assistant coach for Girls on the Run (3rd-5th) and two assistant coaches for Girls on Track (6th-8th).

Please contact Emily Kienke, if you have questions or if you are interested in

coaching. ([emilykienke@waldengreen.org](mailto:emilykienke@waldengreen.org)).

#### Walden Green Families:

Today your child will come home with a piece of paper that says “family” on it. Please spend some time with your child tonight or tomorrow creating an image of your family. I would like these returned tomorrow or Friday morning so that we can assemble a wall full of Walden Green Families. We are a community full of all sorts of diverse families and I look forward to honoring all of us here at school. We will also have these “family” sheets available at our craft table on Friday evening.

#### Innovation Week:

This is one of my favorite weeks here at Walden Green Montessori. It is so much fun watching our students display their knowledge and become the experts in their chosen topic. We have had some really creative projects this year. Thank you for working with your child at home, it makes all the difference in their level of confidence. This is one thing that sets us apart as a Montessori school. Thank you again for supporting our mission and our growth.

#### Picture Retake Day:

If you would like your child’s photograph retaken, please send them to school with the original on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please also alert your child’s teacher so that we are aware of any child that needs to be photographed that morning.

#### Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night, 6 – 8 PM  
Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween, no costumes  
Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Collecting Box Tops  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Time Change (set clocks back 1 hour)  
Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture retake day  
Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Foundation Meeting, open to the public  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – PIC meeting, open to the public  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Greenery Sale begins  
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Half day for conferences  
Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Evening conferences  
Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – board meeting, 6:30 PM  
Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Greenery orders are due  
W/TH/F, November 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, no school. Thanksgiving.

The staff and I deeply appreciate your ongoing support as we strive to make Walden Green Montessori a safe, nurturing place to educate our students. Thank you for your commitment to our fine school.

Sincerely,  
Mark Neidlinger  
Principal/Walden Green Montessori