

October 7, 2014

Dear Walden Green Families:

Below are a handful of items that are important to share with you. Walden Green continues to grow in some significant ways, please read below.

Parent Education Lecture Tomorrow Night

Please plan to join me tomorrow night in our Great Room. Linda Zehren is driving in from Chicago to discuss Montessori. The title of her lecture is "Building Independence". She will discuss parenting ideas for supporting your children at home with a mind toward the academic environment. Linda has lectured at several Montessori communities and is highly involved in growing Montessori schools throughout Chicago.

Our Middle School students will provide childcare at the cost of \$5 per child. Please make certain that your children are dressed warmly for outdoor exploration. Our lecture will begin at 6 PM and conclude right around 7:30 PM. I encourage you all to come and I encourage you to bring your neighbors as well or anyone else who may want to know more about the core principles of our Montessori education.

Trek for Tech

Next Friday, is our annual Trek for Tech walk-a-thon. Please make sure that your child's pledge package is returned back to the teacher so that our Foundation committee can tally the school earnings. All monies collected will go right back to our students via the purchase of technology. I know we are still looking for volunteers to set-up, teardown and walk with our students. Please let us know if you are able to join us for this great activity.

School Library

I am thrilled to announce that Walden Green's first school-wide library will be opening for check out by the end of next week. Along with a library full of new books, we will also have a lending library for our students. The guidelines will be reviewed at our School Sing this Friday. I am grateful to Jasmine Rogers for all of the processing work she has already put into these new books. If any parent would like to commit some on-going time to helping us manage our new library, please let me know.

Parent Library

Walden Green Montessori now has a lending library for our parents. We have purchased a number of books that are geared for parents of Montessori students. You will find these books right at our entrance underneath the window that looks into the main office. Please borrow, read and return these great resources so other

parents can also educate themselves on Montessori practices. In February, I would like to start a Parents' Reading Club so we can work together as a community to build a stronger Montessori environment for our students. There will be much more to come in subsequent newsletters.

Parent Volunteers

I am incredibly grateful to all of our parents who assist by rolling up their sleeves and helping in a variety of ways. Whether you are cataloging books, helping with drop-off, purchasing science equipment, securing donations, picking up donations, teaching math skills or reading a book to a group of children. You are making an impact. Your gift of time and energy is invaluable to our sense of community. Thank you. We all prosper with your assistance.

Before and After Care

Andrea will provide care before school, while Frank, our PE instructor is providing aftercare. I am grateful to both of these individuals and am confident in their ability to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students who need it. If you will need before or after care for your children we must have the proper paperwork on file. Please see Patty in the front office.

iPads

After last week's big announcement of the gift of 37 iPads, covers and keyboards, I want to thank the parents who have sent "thank you" emails to our anonymous donor. I have forwarded your sentiments and will continue to do so. Our students have begun using the devices already and will benefit so much by this extraordinary gift.

Dates to Remember

October 8th, 6 PM – Lecture by Linda Zehren

October 17th – Trek for Tech, 9 AM

October 24th – Family Fun Night, 6 PM

November 3rd – Picture Retake Day

November 11th – PIC Meeting

November 12th – Half-day for parent conferences. Please pick your child up by 11:30

November 13th – Evening conferences

November 26th, 27th & 28th – No school/Thanksgiving break begins