

September 23, 2014

Dear Walden Green Families:

I hope that you are able to carve out some time to enjoy the beautiful weather throughout the rest of the week. This is the perfect opportunity to take your child for a nice long walk and enjoy the best of Michigan. I marvel every day as I watch our students enjoy the playground. We are profoundly fortunate to be able to educate your child in such a beautiful setting with such a dedicated and committed faculty. This has the makings of a spectacular school year for the Walden Green Montessori community.

Please read below for updates and events.

Family Breakfast:

Please plan to join in on this long standing Walden Green tradition. This Friday morning between 8:15 AM and 9 AM, you are welcome to join your child in their classroom for a school-wide Family breakfast. Each of our teachers, passed out a sign-up sheet for a dish to pass. This is a great opportunity to get a glimpse of your child's room, spend some time with their teacher and getting to know other Walden Green Families. Starting at 9 AM, all of our students will head to the Great Room for the School Sing. We hope you will be able to join us.

Vermont Sock Fundraiser:

You have until this Friday to order a great pair of socks, mittens, scarves or hats from our annual Vermont Sock Fundraiser. These are terrific gifts for the holidays and from what I understand; will last a long, long time. All proceeds will go to your child's classroom to cut down on field trip costs. I plan on ordering mine this afternoon.

Here is a link to the website which gives great examples of the many colors and choices. Please do not order from the site as those proceeds will not apply to Walden Green.

[www.solmatesocks.com](http://www.solmatesocks.com)

Parent Education:

Please join the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) and I as we co-sponsor our first Guest Lecturer of the school year on October 8th. Linda Zehren will give a free lecture here in our Great Room for families that want to make a better school-home connection for their children. Linda's lecture: "Montessori at Home", will be a great opportunity to learn some new tactics and ask all sorts of parenting questions. Linda has a vast experience as both a Montessori and a traditional teacher. Please plan to join us at 6 PM in the Great Room.

Middle School Store:

Too tired to run to Meijers or Walmart to replace that lost folder or broken pencil? Fear not, our Middle School students are here to assist. Please think about supporting Walden Green's supply store. All proceeds will help support our Immersion Week field trips. Our students can purchase pencils, pencil cases, folders, notebooks, Walden Green canvas bags, bumper stickers and lots, lots more. All items are priced to move ranging anywhere from 25 cents up to \$3. Our school store is open each day from 12-12:20 PM and 3:00-3:25 PM.

Officer Teune:

Walden Green welcomes Officer Teune from the Ottawa County Sherriff's Department. Each school in the tri-cities has been assigned an officer who stops into the school periodically to meet with each administration and review safety and security plans. Officer Teune has also made himself available to speak to our students about the police force and safety and address any questions our students might have. Please say "hello" to Officer Teune and welcome him to our school should you happen to meet him.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 AM, Family Breakfast

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – All Sock orders are due

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Count Day

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Day

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Parent Ed, guest lecturer – Linda Zehren

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – PIC meeting, 6 PM

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Walk-a-thon

Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Rain date for Walk-a-thon

Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night

See you on Friday for the Family Breakfast.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger  
Principal