

November 11, 2015

Dear Walden Green Families:

I want to wish all of our military families a very happy Veteran's Day. We appreciate your dedication both home and abroad. We are glad to have you as part of our Walden Green family.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger
Principal

Conferences:

We are looking forward to our conferences tomorrow afternoon. Please plan to be prompt as we work diligently to speak with 100% of our families between the hours of 12:30 and 8 PM. All families will need to stick to the 15 minute window that you have signed up for. If we need to schedule an additional meeting to address any larger concerns we will happily do so, but we want to honor everybody's time commitment. A special thank you to the families that are graciously supplying lunch to our staff tomorrow, it is very much appreciated.

Note: If you are bringing your children to the school during conferences, they must stay with you. Please do not send them to the playground or other areas of the school. Thank you!

No School on Friday:

Please remember that Friday is records day for our staff and school will not be in session. We wish everyone a nice long weekend!

Shop4Schools:

This Saturday, November 14, Grand Haven and Spring Lake merchants and restaurants are hosting the annual Shop 4 Schools event. In this generous community, these merchants and restaurants will donate **15% of profits back to schools** for all purchases made that day. All you have to do is shop or dine in town, check off Walden Green on the paper they have in the store or restaurant, and our school will earn 15%. This is a great way to combine shopping for yourself, early Christmas shopping, making money for our school, and supporting our downtown businesses!

Mark Roessing and Amy Hart will also be in town handing out cookies from 12:30 - 1:00 PM by Jumpin Java, so stop by and say "hi" while you're there.

Thank you for supporting Walden Green Montessori!

Square One Art Projects:

Walden Green students have long participated in the Square One art project. This year we moved the date up so that all projects could be finished and ready for the holidays. If you are interested in ordering, please be certain your form is returned to school by November 20th. Due to the quick turn around, no late orders will be accepted. We've seen some great pieces of art from our students and we hope you will participate.

Coat Drive:

Walden Green is participating in the Salvation Army Annual Coat Drive again this year. If you are in need of a coat, mittens, gloves or hats, please jot me a note (or Patty) and we will be certain to assist you. We've been incredibly fortunate with a warm fall thus far, but we want to make certain all of our families are well prepared for our Michigan winter.

Calendar of Events:

Today - Veteran's Day

November 12th - Half-day (dismissal @11:30). Parent conferences from 12:30 to 8 PM

November 13th - No school

November 14th - Shop4Schools event

November 17th - Picture retakes

Families and Foundation Meeting, 6:30 PM

November 25th-27th - Thanksgiving Break

December 7th through the 11th - Scholastic Book Fair

December 17th - Holiday performance, 1:30 PM

December 18th - Last day before winter break

January 4th, 2016 - School will resume.

Walden Green is Looking for Community Board Members:

We are looking for new Community Board Members to join our governing board. If you know someone that has a passion for Walden Green or a belief in Montessori or who has a drive to support a small progressive school with their time, energy and commitment, please send them our way. We meet once a month as a governing board and are actively seeking new members.

Ways to Support Walden Green:

- Clip and return boxtops.
- Mention "Walden Green Montessori" when checking out at Target.
- Search and click "Walden Green Montessori" when checking out at Amazon.com.
- Volunteer with your child's teacher.
- Spread the good word about our fine school.

As always, thank you for your commitment to Walden Green Montessori. We love what we do here and are so very pleased that you are a part of it.