

October 16, 2014

Dear Walden Green Families:

Please familiarize yourself with all the information listed below. There are a number of great things happening at Walden Green Montessori.

Walden Green in the News:

We have been recognized recently in the Grand Haven Tribune for two terrific items, please open each of these links.

iPad gift – <http://www.grandhaventribune.com/article/education/1171081>

WG's Green Team –

<http://www.grandhaventribune.com/article/education/1177911>

Tomorrow's Walk-a-thon:

Tomorrow, October 17th, is our annual 'Trek for Tech' event. This is a great event that gets our students out walking and enjoying the fall color that Michigan exemplifies and also raises some much needed funding for our technology needs here at school. The schedule for tomorrow looks like this:

8:35 – School Sing in the Great Room

9:00 – Dismiss students to the curb

9:10 – Whole school photo on sidewalk above the Gaga Pit

9:30 - Trek for Tech starts

We will start with our 2nd and 3rd grade students, followed by our 4th and 5th grade students, concluding with our Children's House and Middle School students. We will be walking along the sidewalks up to Arboreal restaurant where our students will enjoy cider and cookies before returning to Walden Green. Please feel free to join us along the way. Thank you to Meijer for donating the cookies.

Lice:

It is that time of year, we have several students with lice. Please do a thorough check on your child's hair at home. Students need to be lice and nit-free. Treatment alone is not the complete process, you will need to go through your child's hair and remove all nits. Nits are the eggs. We are attaching a copy of "10 Steps to Keep Ahead of Head Lice".



10 Steps to Keep Ahead of Head Lice

- 1) Watch for signs of head lice, such as frequent head scratching. Anyone can get lice, mainly from direct head-to-head contact, sharing hats, brushes, etc.
- 2) Check all family members for lice and nits (lice eggs) at least once a week.
- 3) Be sure not to confuse nits with hair debris, (i.e., dandruff, hair spray droplets or hair casts). Nits are yellowish-white, oval shaped and are attached at an angle to the side of the hair shaft.
- 4) Consult a pharmacist or physician before applying pesticides or other lice treatments if anyone involved is pregnant or nursing, has allergies, asthma, or has nits in the eyebrows or lashes. Never use a pesticide or lice treatment on or near the eyes.
- 5) Consider all of your treatment options. Remember, lice-killing products are pesticides and must be used with caution. If you choose alternative methods, they may not have been studied thoroughly enough to determine long-term outcomes. The only completely safe alternative is manual removal by combing.
- 6) Remove all nits. Separate hair sections and remove nits with a lice comb, baby safe scissors or your fingernails.
- 7) For lice treatment, follow package directions carefully. Use the products over the sink, not in the tub!
- 8) Wash bedding and recently worn clothing in hot water (above 130°F) and dry in high heat for 30 minutes. Combs and brushes should be soaked in hot water (not boiling) for 10 minutes.
- 9) Avoid lice sprays! Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from furniture, rugs, stuffed animals and car seats.
- 10) Notify your child's school, camp, child-care provider, play partners, and neighborhood parents. **Check for lice on a regular basis.**

Annual Education Report:

A Michigan Education requirement asks that each school post a link to their annual Education Report. Please click on the link below to see our report and note our progress. You may also go to the homepage of our website. This data is in reference to last school year. I will be eager to see the significant chances

that occur with this school years' data.

http://www.waldengreen.org/uploads/1/3/3/1/13314665/aer_cover_letter_and_report.pdf

Family Fun Night:

Next Friday evening, Walden Green will be hosting the annual Family Fun Night at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome to wear a costume so long as it does not display violence. In addition to the events of the evening, I will be sending home a sheet of paper with each child tomorrow. This sheet of paper should be used to illustrate your family. Please spend some time with your child creating (painting, drawing, collaging, etc.), a visual representation of your family. Please turn in by next week Thursday so that they can be displayed around the school for Family Fun Night. All pictures should have the student's name on the back so that they can be returned in a November.

Sincerely,

Mark Neidlinger