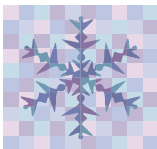


*** Newsletter ***

Hilda Walker Intermediate School – December, 2009



Walker Cares...2009-2010 Giving Initiative

Dear Walker Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your generosity during the month of November! We were able to help fill the **Frankfort Township Food Pantry** shelves right before Thanksgiving! The food drive ends Monday, November 30th.

During December, Walker families are encouraged to bring new or gently used children's clothing to help **Together We Cope** in Tinley Park serve those families in need of assistance. In particular, this community service organization is asking for new, warm sleepwear of any size (for smaller and larger children).

Other suggested (needed) items are as follows:

New sweat shirts

Pajamas

Winter hats, gloves/mittens, scarves

Shoes, boots

Socks

Sweaters

Jackets

...and any other basic, unworn/unused clothing items that families (all ages and sizes!) in need can utilize.

For your information...**Together We Cope** provides clothing to children in need through their Adopt a Child program during the holidays. This year there are over 2000 children eligible for the program.

We will be collecting clothing through December 17, 2009. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Have a safe and fun holiday season!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jan Zevkovich, Principal
jzevkovich@summithill.org

Mrs. Christine Hudziak, Assistant Principal
chudziak@summithill.org

**Seasons Greetings**

General Information

Hilda Walker Intermediate School
19900 S. 80th Avenue
Tinley Park, Illinois 60487
Phone: 815-464-2285

Student Attendance Hours: 8:20 A.M. to 2:50 P.M.*
*early dismissal for students every Tuesday at 2:35 P.M.

School Office Hours: 7:55 A.M. to 3:55 P.M.
Teacher Attendance Hours: 8:10 A.M. to 3:10 P.M.

For your information...

The after school activity bus departure time from Walker is 3:45 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

TUESDAY ONLY: Every Tuesday the after school activity bus will leave Walker School at 3:30 p.m. There is no activity bus service on the first Tuesday of each month.

Important Dates

12/1 - 6th Grade Band Concert (7 p.m., Gym)

12/3 - Choir, Orff & Dance Program (7 p.m., Gym)

12/4 - HWSCO Treat Day

12/10 - 6th Grade Field Trip to see "A Christmas Carol"

12/11 - HWSCO Hot Lunch

12/17 - Beginning Band Holiday Concert (7 p.m.-Gym)

12/18 - Last day of school before winter break (no activity bus)

12/21 - 1/03 – Winter Break

1/4 - Classes Resume



Parent-School Contact Procedure Flow:

1. First, contact the teacher.
2. If you want to schedule a conference, please call or email the teacher to make an appointment to address your concerns.
3. If you need further assistance after you have had a conference (or phone conference) with the teacher, then contact the principal or assistant principal.

Reminders.....

Buses:

In order to provide safe transportation for all of our students, children must ride the same bus to and from school each day. They will not be able to switch buses without written permission from the school office. Permission will only be granted for emergencies, which do not include babysitting arrangements or going to a friend's house. Students also need to use their designated bus stop for boarding and drop off each day.

Car riders:

Please remember that the building is not open for students until 8:00 am each day. Please do not drop off your child before this time. Our primary concern is the safety of your child.

All student pick-ups are in the front of the building at the main entrance only.

All drivers picking up students must enter the parking lot using the east entrance that is nearest the baseball field. Please follow the driveway along the outside of the parking lot. Vehicles are to form a single file line stopping at the sidewalk in front of the main entrance to the school. Your student(s) **may not** cross the parking lot to get into a vehicle. All vehicles must exit the parking lot using the west exit. Vehicles are not to drive across the parking lot to use the east exit for departure (**as it is designated a one-way entrance during school hours**). If a driver needs to enter the building to pick up their student(s), please park in the middle of the lot and walk towards the main entrance. During pick-up times, students are not permitted to cross the parking lot without an adult.

Drivers picking up students (or absent work from the office) are asked not to park in the spaces adjacent to the sidewalks. Parking in these spaces poses a danger for a collision during this time. If your student is not outside when your vehicle is the lead one, the driver will need to pull around and go back through the pick-up line of cars.

Visitors:

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors must sign in at the main office. This includes before, during, and after school hours. Please have a picture ID available when you check in. We understand that you will periodically need to talk with your child's teacher. You are always welcome to do, but we do ask that you arrange for a date and time in advance with your child's teacher. This will ensure that they are available to talk with you when you arrive.



Cell Phone Use:

The use of cell phones at school is detrimental to the academic climate because it takes valuable time away from instruction and creates disciplinary problems. Students' cell phones should be turned off and **NOT JUST SILENCED** while inside the building before, during, and after the school day. Cell phones must be stored in backpacks and not in student possession during the school day. Students who violate this policy will have the cell phone confiscated and will receive disciplinary consequences.

Veterans Day

Mrs. Tucker is proud to announce the winners of the Veterans Day Model, Art, and Essay Contest. The winners for the following areas are:

Transportation: First: Maddie Brzeczek, Second: Austin Roth, Third: Clint Underwood.

Art: First: Natalie Cheshire, Second: Francis Genesis, Third: Jazzmine Phillip

Essay/Poetry: First: Brittany Nush, Second: Delany Hoger, Third (Tie) Katherine Plesniak and Rebecca Budd

Shadow Box: First: Noah Battari, Second: Natalie Seidel, Third: Kailey Hinkle

The students won the following monetary award for first, \$15.00, second \$10.00, and third \$5.00. We would like to thank the SCO for supporting our students and veterans with the prize money and for the veterans' luncheon. Thank you to all the students who participated in the contest. All entries will be on display until the end of November.



Fifth Grade Feast

The 5th Grade students at Walker Intermediate School participated in an exploration of culture. Each student was asked to bring in a recipe that represented some portion of their culture or ethnicity to share with their classroom. The students then put their recipes together into a cook book. On Wednesday, November 25th, the students invited a guest to school to share in their feast where they were able to sample other students' recipes and learn a little more about their culture. During the feast the students were able to incorporate some of their character education lessons of graciousness, kindness, caring, and generosity. The students worked hard on this project and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.



Girls' Basketball

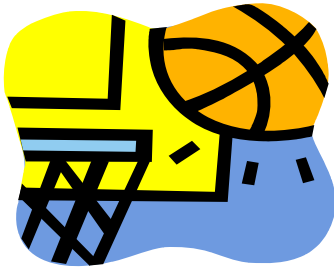
The girls' basketball team had a tremendous season. The A team had a record of 9 wins and 5 losses. The B team had 12 wins and 2 losses. The team placed 4th as a whole in our last tournament of the season. The girls received a trophy which they are extremely proud of. This group of girls could not have worked any harder this season. As their coach, I am so proud of each one of them for putting forth amazing effort throughout the entire season.

Ms. Satalic, Coach

2009-2010 Girls Basketball Team

Alyson Cappel
Amber Schissler
Anne Allen
Erin Dilger
Jen Pozza
Jess Miller
Lanie Hicks
Molly Kapala
Sam Ritter
Sara Grygus

Ava Eggert
Alexa Lee
Bailey Kramer
Cassidy Mikrut
Haley Holder
Kaitlyn Scukanec
Kelsey Blanchard
Kimmi Barkus
Mallory Hoekstra
Riley Lang



Hilda Walker Speech Team

The Hilda Walker Speech team participated in the IESA Speech Contest held at New Lenox Liberty Junior High on November 14th 2009. Students competed against local schools ranging from fifth to eighth grade students. Speech members rehearsed scripts of their choice either as a monologue, duet or a choral reading. All Walker students who participated at the contest received a second place rating! Students who participated in speech this year include: Angeleena Rivera, Gianna Labriola, Madeline Rydzewski, Lauren Pergolizzi, Donna Surma, Karli Johnson, Rebecca Wolf, Zack Ramos, Sabrina Steck, Karley Rozack, Sam Allard and Michael Gaertig. Mrs. DiSabato, Speech Team coach, congratulates the team on a job well done! See you next year!!



The Summit Hill Educational Foundation

The Summit Hill Educational Foundation (SHEF) welcomed six new directors to the board at their September 14th board meeting. The new directors Linda Arnold, Rachel Bucich, Georgia Drew, Mickey Fowler, Amy Meacham and Julie Mirabella are all parents in the Summit Hill School District. The new directors bring a variety of experiences and ideas that will help enrich the educational opportunities in our district.

The six new directors will join the existing board's ongoing efforts to coordinate Summit Hill Educational Foundation's 2010 spring fundraising event on Friday, April 30, 2010 at CD & Me in Frankfort. Look for more information regarding the benefit and new electronic registration in the coming months.

Look for the Principal for the Day raffle form that will be coming home with your child the first week of January. This exciting raffle will run thru January 22, 2010 with the winners announced the week of January 25, 2010. A student who is chosen to be Principal for the Day can read morning and afternoon announcements, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, visit classrooms and eat lunch with the principal as well as many other exciting duties! Be sure to purchase your raffles tickets!

For more information about the Foundation, please visit our website at <http://summithillfoundation.org>. or you may contact us via email at board@summithillfoundation.org.

Pep Club News

The Wildcat Nation has been in fully force cheering on the boys and girls basketball teams. Any student that pays a \$1 admission will receive a raffle ticket to take part in the Half Time Hot Shot. 2 tickets will be picked and you get 1 chance to make a free throw. If the shot is made you will win a \$5 gift card for the concession stand. You do not need to be in the Pep club to win, all you have to do is attend the game. The Half Time Hot Shot will take place at the following games; 12/16, 1/7. 1/14. Game time is 4 p.m.

PE News

Congratulations to the PE students of the month. October PE students of the month are 6th grade Brian Keck and Olivia Morgenthaler. 5th grade Nicole Kliestik and Spencer Hein. These students have displayed outstanding effort and enthusiasm during physical education.

During the month of October students worked to improve their fitness levels by participating in the Haunted Obstacle Course, The River Cross, and Ghostbusters. The students also learned the benefits of dance. During dance week the students learned how to perform Ice Cream and Cake, Cotton Eye Joe, Cha-Cha Slide, The Cupid Shuffle, and the Alligator Stomp.

SCO News

Thank you to all who participated in our Cookie Dough fundraiser. We were able to raise \$4,000 for our students!

Top selling 5th grade class was Ms. DiSabato with \$730 in sales. Top selling 6th grade class was Mrs. Klein with \$900 in sales! Top selling 5th grade student was Jeremy K in Ms. Chikerotis' class with \$238 in sales followed closely by William C in Ms. DiSabato's class with \$200 in sales. Top selling 6th grade student was Alyssa C in Mrs. Klein's class. She was followed very closely by Andrew J in Mr. Kolhbacher's class and Michaela P in Ms. Satalic's class both with \$310 in sales!!

Cookie Dough delivery is set for December 10th. For those who sold 5 or less tubs, your cookie dough will be sent home with your student. For those who sold 6 or more, please come to the multi-purpose room to pick up your cookie dough between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Also, please mark your calendars for our 5th & 6th grade Winter Social to be held on Friday, January 22, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Admission will be \$5. To coincide with the school's food drive in January, any student who brings in a non-perishable food item will receive a complimentary concession stand item.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Hilda Walker SCO Board



Art to Remember for First and Second Quarter Students

Our school, in conjunction with Art to Remember, is offering a program that reproduces your child's personal artwork onto a variety of colorful products. Some include: magnets, key chains, quilt blocks, beverage insulators, matted prints wall calendars, bookmarks, ceramic mugs, sports towels, mouse pads, heart ceramic ornaments, journals, art sketchbooks, placemats, CD cases, stainless steel travel mugs, pillows, teddy bears with T-shirts, tote bags, ceramic tiles, aprons, and T-shirts.

Your child will create artwork following the art class curriculum. Order forms have already gone out for the first and second quarter art students and are due to Ms. McCarthy by Monday, December 7th.

You will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring your child's artwork. You are under no obligation to purchase. However, we believe you will be excited by these unique personal keepsakes and a portion of the proceeds is donated to the Hilda Walker Art Program. They make great gifts for family and friends. We are excited to share this unique art program to promote your child's art! Remember to get the packets in by Monday, December 7th.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. McCarthy, Art Teacher amccarthy@summithill.org



Safety Patrol

The Walker Staff would like to congratulate the following 5th grade students for picked as safety patrol members. Jamir Hunt, Amanda Malley, Brittany Nush, Kelsey Eaheart, Kyle Varvell, Rachel Geekie, Alyssa Keller, Nicole Hradek, Natalie Anderson, Tom Sturino, Qwynn Walker, Tyler Gordon, Abby O'Donnell, Michaela Petrassi, Michael Graham, Katie Ryan, Alex Loftin, Omotola Balogun, Sydney Beamann, Amanda Grabski, Rebecca Wolfe, Samantha Mooney, Vicky Nyder, Maddie Hauser, Valerie DeMuri, Melissa Vazquez, Sara Grygus, Erin Dilger, Sean Ryan, Evan Bottari, and Kavanaugh Dempsey.



American Education Week**Walker Family Reading Night – November 19,2009**

Walker families set aside time at home on November 19th to read together! The number of minutes you reported totaled 7,209. Mrs. Johnson's (6th grade) and Mrs. Schaefer's (5th grade) led their grade level in the time families read together. Congratulations!



IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL...you are on the District 161/Walker School emailing list. **If not, please email Ms. Zevkovich** ASAP and she will add you to our emailing list so you can receive important school notices quickly (and paperless!)

If you do not have access to email, we will continue to send school notices home with your child.

Jan Zevkovich, Principal
Walker Intermediate School
jzevkovich@summithill.org

Appearance Code reminder.....

Students' dress for school and all school activities (including SCO events) must be appropriate.

- Sagging shorts or pants are prohibited. Pants must be securely fastened at the waist.
- Pants with holes/frayed areas are not appropriate.
- Skirts and shorts must be to the fingertips regardless of additional leg wear underneath.
- Necklines must be 3" from the collarbone area.
- Tube tops, halter, see-through shirts, mesh shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, crop tops, or tops which expose cleavage or midriff will not be allowed.
- Pajama pants (flannel pants and blanket fleece included) may only be worn on designated spirit days.
- No slippers.

“Outerwear, such as coats, jackets, gloves, sunglasses, hats and other head coverings may not be worn during the school day unless the student is directly entering or leaving the building.”

You may consider sending your child with a sweatshirt or sweater to keep at school in case they get cold during school day.

