

THE ASSEMBLY

October 2010

Walton Charter Academy

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Principal's Corner

Walton Families,

What a wonderful start we have had to our 2010-2011 school year! Walton is already a buzz with learning as every child is being challenged to achieve.

I would like to take the opportunity to let all of you know just how thankful and honored I am to take on the position as Principal of Walton. This is the start of my eighth year at Walton, and it is my home. I feel blessed every day to get to walk through these doors and know that I am a piece of the puzzle that is making a difference in the lives of almost 800 children. Please know that I am dedicated to the success of your child, and that I take the responsibility of this learning community with pride. I value each of your children as my own for the 7 hours they are with us each day. I promise to care for them, watch out for them, and challenge them just as I would want Brady and Ava's principal to do for them someday. Your child's success is my priority.

Please know that my door is always open to you. I desire feedback from you about things that are going well, along with any suggestions you may have for improvement. We are on this journey for excellence together.

Challenging EACH Child To Achieve...

Mrs. Amy Ebling

Our Mission

Purpose

"Challenging EACH child to achieve..."

Vision

"To better educate more children."

The Four Pillars:

Academic Excellence

Moral Focus

Student Responsibility

Parental Partnership



Moral Focus

This month's moral focus is Respect. K-2nd grade students will learn about Courtesy and what it means to consider other people's feelings as well as their own. 3-5th students will learn about Fairness, and what it means to delegate between opposing views. 6-8th grade students will learn about Tolerance and what it means to be pushed past their limit, and to tolerate unfavorable conditions. The 6th Grade will be presenting our Moral Focus this month during the assembly on October 4th, 2010, at 8:00am. Parents are always welcome to attend the assembly.



PTO News: Connecting Families to Build a Better School

Welcome back families! We are so excited about this school year. Our theme this year is "Connecting families to build a better school." We believe when our families connect with each other, we can make Walton even better than it already is! Our first meeting is September 28th at 6:30pm. We will go over ways to connect with other families, help with fundraisers and opportunities that you can volunteer and so much more. Congratulations to our winners of the open house raffles, Damin Cole, Cherita Anderson, Monique Moore and Brandi Burridge! We would also like to thank Burger King and Wendy's for donating the gift cards. Please stop by these restaurants on our fundraising nights, Burger King is on September 28th from 4pm-8pm and Wendy's is October 13th from 3pm-7pm. This is a great way to support the school and to connect with other families! We look forward to connecting with each of you this school year!

Laura McKenzie, PTO President

Walton's Reading Spooktacular

Don't miss our 2nd annual Reading Spooktacular taking place this October 19th, from 6-7pm. We have a variety of fun events planned this year. You don't want to miss it, so look for upcoming information in your Friday Folder.



Red Ribbon Week is October 25th- 31st!

During Red Ribbon week, tens of thousands of schools and organizations across the United States focus on educating young people about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and encourage prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Special Agent Camarena was an 11-year veteran of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) assigned to the Guadalajara, Mexico. On February 7, 1985, he was kidnapped, brutally tortured, and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers. His tragic death opened the eyes of many Americans to the dangers of drugs and the international scope of the drug trade.

On Monday, October 25th we will allow a **Free Jean Day** for students that wear a red shirt to kick off Red Ribbon week. We have many exciting activities planned for our students during Red Ribbon week! We at Walton understand the importance of living a drug-free life and we look forward to our students to participating with us in our school wide pledge of living a drug-free life.



Now second graders at Walton, (from left) Emmanuel Torres, Claudia Ramirez, and Johann Johnson.

Student Writers Recognized

METRO Parent magazine recognized Claudia Ramirez, Johann Johnson, & Emmanuel Torres on July 10th for their excellent writing skills. Out of 400 entries, our three Walton Charter Academy first grade students were honorably mentioned and presented a certificate, a book, and Hillberry Theatre tickets to appreciate the art of writing and drama. (Pictured Above)



"What's Brewing With Mrs. Ebling"

"What's Brewing with Mrs. Ebling" is a time for parents to sit down over coffee and donuts with Mrs. Ebling, our principal, to discuss a variety of topics. This month's topic will be "MAP testing and how my student's score effects the instruction they receive." Please mark your calendars for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:15am to join Mrs. Ebling to partner for your child's education.

Mrs. Williams' Artist Corner

Next month this will be an area where Mrs. Williams displays a girl and a boy's outstanding artwork. These are students who demonstrate moral focus virtues, follow their social contract and have Wildcat Pride.



1st Day of School!

Walton welcomed over 750 students on September 7th, 2010, on a beautiful fall morning. Despite the construction taking place on Walton Boulevard, students arrived on time and ready for their first full day of learning. Teachers waited outside with their names on signs to attract their new students and families. After teacher introductions, classes rushed outside only to re-enter the building for an energy filled assembly. At the front doors support staff and the leadership team greeted all Wildcat grade levels K-8 in a pompom filled entrance leading to the gymnasium. This particular morning was truly motivating and an awesome experience for all.



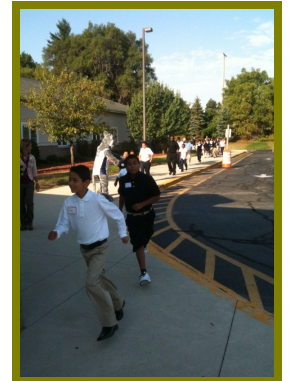
The Wildcat meets and greets!



Teachers, support staff, Mrs. Ebling, and the deans, all waved pompoms at the front doors.



Devin and A.J. showing love for the Wildcat.



The 3-5 Hallway joining the welcome assembly.

Attention Parents- Library Notice

As we start off this new school year, we have been able to put many brand new books into our library. I have discussed with the students that these new books are to be treated with respect and to be taken care of. If any of these new books come back damaged in any way, the replacement cost will be the student's responsibility. We have worked hard to supply your children with new books. Please help us to keep them that way for the whole school to enjoy.

Thank You,
Mrs. Leffew, Walton Librarian

Electronic Newsletter

Just a reminder if you decided to receive the newsletter via E-mail, instead of your child's Friday Folder, please update your E-mail address/addresses in AtSchool. You can receive it to more than one E-mail account. Thank you for taking the initiative to go green and in helping our school save paper!

If you would like to receive this newsletter via E-mail instead of in your child's Friday folder, please contact Miss Demers at 26.rdemers@heritageacademies.com or (248)371-9300 ext. 238

Valuable Volunteers

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -- DeAnn Hollis

Thank you to the following people who have made a difference in someone else's life because of their help:

Alva Ramirez
Jennifer Kreger
Mrs. McClellan
Maria Villalta
Nichole Howard
Laura McKenzie

These parents help with classroom and teacher needs, are parent readers for the P.A.T.H.S. program, and assist with other school functions that Walton supports. If you'd like to volunteer, please ask the teachers what you can do to share your time. **Thank you** again Walton family!

Community Sponsors

VG's

205 E. Walton Blvd, Pontiac
248-456-8120

Cash back incentive for turning in the VG's receipts.



Little Caesar's

453 N. Perry St., Pontiac 248-335-6151
4706 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford
248-673-6260

Provides Pizza for Pizza with the Principal



Walgreen's

690 Martin Luther King Blvd, Pontiac
248-745-8495

Provides treats for the students



Classic Lanes

2145 Avon Industrial Drive, Rochester Hills
248-852-9100

Provides incentives for the Student's of the Month



Tim Horton's

617 E. Walton Blvd, Pontiac
248-276-7588

Provides beverages for events



The Rolladium

4475 Highland Road, Waterford
248-674-0808

Provides fundraising through Skate Night



Lifetouch Photographic Studios



Athletics: Sporting Events

Volleyball:

Oct. 5, 2010 Home @5:00
Oct. 7, 2010 Reach Academy @5:00
Oct. 12, 2010 Great Oaks @5:00
Oct. 14, 2010 Home @5:00
Oct. 21, 2010 Home @ 5:00
Oct. 26, 2010 Home @5:00
Oct. 30, 2010 Tournament @Laurus



Soccer:

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Calendar of Events

October 2010

*Please remember that 100% of Candy, Pizza, and Ice Cream sales go toward purchasing student incentives for Accelerated Reader, Math and Reading departments.

4 -K-1 MAP Testing
-6th Grade Moral Focus Assembly 8am
-Pizza w/Principal

5 -K-1 MAP Testing
-"What's Brewing with Mrs. Ebling" 8:15am

6
K-1 MAP Testing
\$1 Pizza Day

7
K-1 MAP Testing

8
K-1 MAP Testing
\$1 Ice Cream Day

11
\$1 Candy Day

12

13
\$1 Pizza Day

14

15
\$1 Ice Cream Day

18

19 Spooktacular Reading Event
6-7pm

20
\$1 Pizza Day

21

22
Popcorn Day
\$1 Ice Cream Day

25
FREE Jean Day
Red Ribbon Week
\$1 Candy Day

26

27
\$1 Pizza Day

28

29
\$1 Ice Cream Day