

THE ASSEMBLY

November 2010

Walton Charter Academy

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Principal's Corner

Dear Walton Families,

Is there anything better than a Michigan fall? I love everything about it! The beautiful changing colors of the leaves, trips to the apple orchard, cider and donuts, pumpkins, the crisp fall mornings, followed by beautiful sunshine in the afternoon...I love it all!

The other thing fall brings in Michigan is...MEAP testing! If you have a 3rd-8th grade student, they have just concluded their 2010 MEAP test. This test is the most important assessment a public school student in the state of Michigan takes each year. I want to thank all of you for encouraging your child to take this test seriously. While we will not have the data from this test back until the spring, I am confident Walton will once again shine! Over the past 3 years, our 3rd-8th grade students have averaged 20% proficiency over the traditional local district. That is incredible! I believe this confirms the amazing things we (staff, parents, teachers and students) are doing each day at Walton to provide your child with the best educational environment around. This test reaffirms our mission ("Challenging EACH Child To Achieve..."), as well as our vision ("To Better Educate More Children"). So as I think about fall in Michigan, I even love MEAP!

Thank you for your partnership!

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 Gratitude. K-2nd grade students will learn about Thankfulness and what it feels like to be thankful for things or to give thanks. 3-5th grade students will learn about Generosity, and what it means to be unselfish and sharing one's gifts with others. 6-8th grade students will learn about Appreciation and how to recognize when someone does something for them, that it should be appreciated or shown gratitude for. The 2nd Grade classes will be presenting our Moral Focus this month during the assembly on **November 8th, 2010**, at 8:00am. Parents are always welcome to attend the assembly.



Families donating cans for the food drive.



Mr. McGuffey juggles cans as an incentive for donating.

Walton News and Updates

Electronic Newsletter

Remember to update your E-mail address/addresses in AtSchool if you decided to receive the Walton Newsletter electronically. This newsletter will be available on AtSchool as well as through e-mail. Thank you for going green and helping our school save paper!

***Please contact Miss Demers at 248-371-9300 or 26.rdemers@heritageacademies.com for more information.**



PTO News: Connecting Families to Build a Better School

This past month has flown by with many PTO fundraisers and events that will aide Walton in many activities this year. These firsts involved our popcorn day, Burger King fundraiser, Wendy's fundraiser, PTO meeting, and skate nights. We were so pleased with the turn out, and are excited for our future of *connecting more families*. (see the **Monthly calendar for skate night, popcorn days, Burger Kind and Wendy's events, and PTO meeting dates/times**)

A new fundraiser Walton Charter Academy will take place at Max and Erma's restaurant in Auburn Hills, **Thursday, November 4th**. This will be an all day fundraiser to benefit Walton, which we will send more information home shortly.

In addition to fundraisers, we participated in **National World Hunger Day on October 16th**, by donating canned food for this day. Thank you to all our families that donated as you have taught your students a great lesson in giving.

Please mark these special dates on your calendar and remember to check your AtSchool account for current updates. Feel free to contact any of the PTO board members with questions. We believe if we all work together it will be a great year here at Walton Charter Academy! Don't forget our next PTO meeting is **Tuesday October 26th at 6:30 p.m.**, where we will be giving away **free jean day passes!** We still have many opportunities to volunteer, so please let us know if you can help in any way.

Thanks for making Walton a great school!
Laura McKenzie, PTO President

High School Information Night

Through a new National Heritage Academies initiatives, Walton Charter Academy is proud to announce the College Bound Scholars Program. This program partners Walton Charter Academy with area high schools to help provide quality high school education for the students and families of Walton. This new program will help Walton create strong relationships with local /area high schools so that our students have many choices when seeking a high school. We invite 6th - 8th grade parents to Walton's Gymnasium on **November 11, 2010, at 6:00pm** to get information regarding area high schools of choice, as well as some local private high schools. We currently have attendance commitments from the following public and private high schools; Lakeland High School, Notre Dame Preparatory High School, Oakland Christian, Oxford High School, and Orchard Lakes St. Mary's Preparatory High school. These schools will have representatives that will be available to answer any questions that you might have about the enrollment process, tuition, academic programming, and athletics. Please make plans to come and support this new program and this event. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Williams, Middle School Dean or Mrs. Ebling, Principal (248) 371-9300.

Picture Day Reminder

Picture day is fast approaching on **Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010**. Please be sure your students come to school in their uniforms for this event. If your child needs retakes for any reason, these pictures can be retaken in December on the 9th.

Attention Parents- Library Notice

With the busy schedules of testing and the school library being closed, it is very important students keep track of their library books. If your children bring library books home, please be sure they bring them back during their library day. Even if students are not finished with a book and their library day is occurring, they must re-check out a book to avoid getting an overdue notice sent home.

Thank You—Mrs. Leffew, Walton Librarian

A Sergeant's View of Respect and Tolerance

Respect is a virtue that Walton honors not only during the month of October, but throughout the entire school year. During October's monthly morning assembly Johann and Malaya Johnson's father came in to talk about Respect. Mr. George Johnson is a "technical sergeant" for our country. He was here on Monday, October 4th, 2010 to sing our national anthem, start our pledge of allegiance, and speak to students what it means to be respectful and tolerant. It was an honor to hear you speak Mr. Johnson, thank you!



Mr. Johnson during October's Monthly Assembly, and in uniform after the assembly. (Above)

OLHSA

Emergency Food Assistance/Spartan Gift Certificates & Emergency Utility Assistance

Apply for food assistance once a month. Pick up an application at the turn style in the main office. **Call OLHSA to schedule a time to pick up your gift certificate.**

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency South

345 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, Michigan 48220-1719
248-542-5860 or 248-542-5897 www.olhsa.org



"What's Brewing With Mrs. Ebling"

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 2nd @ 8:15am**. Coffee and donuts will be served in light of the autumn season. At this meeting, we will focus on **communication** between the teacher/school to parents. We look forward to your attendance.

Walton's Reading Spooktacular



The second annual Walton Reading Spooktacular was another success this year! We had a great turnout of students and parents with over 200 people in attendance. The Spooktacular is our Family Literacy Night, promoting literacy in the home, with a spooky spin. There were age appropriate scary stories read for grades K-2 and 3-5 and a Twilight New Moon movie/book comparison for grades 6-8. Books and other literacy materials could be won at the two book walk games for grades K-3 and 4-8. Students could be found painting pumpkins or enjoying spider cider and deadly doughnuts dressed as favorite story book characters or in their Halloween costumes. The night ended with a drawing giveaway of the scary stories heard during the event. We are looking forward to many more Spooktacular years to come!



Red Ribbon Week

Walton's Red Ribbon week was truly captivating. Between the QTMC group who came into perform for students, and the motivational speech given to 4th—8th graders, Walton was positively geared for our campaign against drugs. Teachers and students decorated beautiful doors to demonstrate their dedication against drugs, as well as each hallway signing a banner that they "CHOOSE TO BE DRUG FREE". Educating students about the severity of drug use is the first step to giving them the power to resist them in the future.

Thank you to:

Ladonna Hunter & Audra Bell for Organizing Walton's First Red Ribbon Week's Events.

Also,

Steven Dewberry @ Phatheadz Barber Shop
45826 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac Michigan 48341

Mr. McNeal @ McNeal's Barber Shop
1101 Joslyn Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48340

Annie @ Luxor Nail & Spa
3974 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

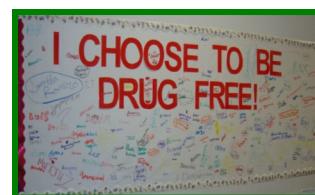
Hubert Distributors
1200 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342-3312
(248) 858-2340

For sponsoring our Red Ribbon musical guest QTMC
(Quest to Make a Change)

For donating your services as incentives for our Red Ribbon Week!

We'd also like to thank our "Amazing" guest speaker, **Mr. Willie Watkins** who shared with us the consequences of using and selling drugs. Mr. Watkins said that having low self esteem is the primary reason why kids and people in general use and sell drugs, as well as engage in aggressive behavior.

Thank You Mr. Watkins!!



Mrs. Williams' Artist Corner

Congratulations to Victoria Bell and Carmen Aranda our Student Artists of the Month!!!

Our Student Artists of the Month are dedicated leaders who exhibit good moral focus, follows the social contract, and cares about their classroom community. Stop by the art room to see examples of their student work. **Congratulations!!**



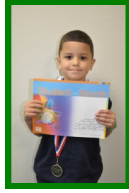
Students of the Month



Donna Bermudez-Lopez



Quentin Todd



Javion Rosario



Moriah Germany



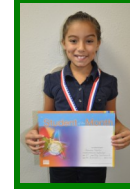
Daniel Cordova



Rachel Hawkins



Jessie Reyes



Jazmine Claudio



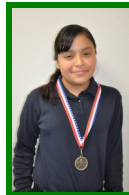
David Mikkola



Synthia Yang



William Sanchez



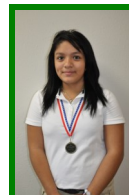
Crista Rodriguez



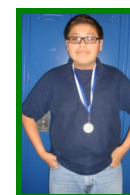
Skylar Wright



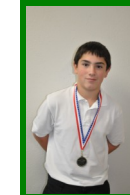
Gabriella Garcia



Crista Torres



Isaias Cruz



Nicholas Moniz



Madison Garza

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	Alkinie Lewis
Mrs. Escalante	Mrs. Lozano
Jennifer Kreger	Rachel Schuman
Mrs. McClellan	Veronica Lozano
Maria Villalta	Leticia Martinez
Laura McKenzie	Wanda Negron
Nichole Howard	Tina Sabourin
Mrs. Ramirez	Merlyn Parra
Mrs. Para	Amy Tansel
Yearim Rodriguez	Jarod McGuffey
Penny Glenn	Mrs. Lewis
Sohari Miller	Irene Leffew



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!

MSU vs U of M

Walton celebrated the friendly rivalry of Michigan State University and University of Michigan on Friday, October 8th, 2010. Students were able to support their team of choice by wearing the team's color and jeans on this day. Additionally an assembly was held at 2:30pm with activities that attempted to predict the winning team this year. One of these activities was "Minute to Win it", where two teams had one minute to unravel a roll of streamer. The MSU team was composed of Jahdai Winn and Ashanti Huddleston, while the U of M team included Josh Turner and Payton Sabourin.



Athletics



Boys' Soccer

Walton's Boys' soccer team finished the regular season with five wins and two losses. They will be participating in the NHA tournament on October 30th at Reach Academy in Roseville. If you'd like to come support the team, information will be available in the office.



Lady Wildcat Volleyball

The Lady Wildcats of Walton's volleyball team have been having a successful season. The young ladies have been working hard to build on the experiences and challenges of last season. The hard work has paid off, as they have had victories at home and on the road. We look forward to their continued success during the rest of the season and in the tournament. Good luck ladies!

Community Sponsors

VG's
205 E. Walton Blvd, Pontiac
248-456-8120

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

Walgreen's
690 Martin Luther King Blvd, Pontiac
248-745-8495

Provides treats for the students

Tim Horton's
617 E. Walton Blvd, Pontiac
248-276-7588

Provides beverages for events

Lifetouch Photographic Studios



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

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

Provides incentives for the Student's of the Month

The Rolladium
4475 Highland Road, Waterford
248-674-0808

Provides fundraising through Skate Night



Spirit Week!

November 8-12th is Spirit Week when students can wear the indicated attire (or jeans) on each day. Spirit week costs \$1 a day, or prepaying \$4 on Monday for all five days. Note the days on the calendar and what your child should wear to school if they chose to participate.

****All proceeds go toward student incentives throughout the year****

Calendar of Events

November 2010

1
NO SCHOOL
Teacher PD Day

2 "What's Brewing with Mrs. Ebling" 8:15am
*\$1 Candy Day

*Hearing Screening Retests for K, 2, & 4th Grades

3 Picture Day
*\$1 Pizza Day
*Hearing Screening Retests for K, 2, & 4th Grades
*Math Club: Ches 3:15-4:15pm
*K-2 Movie Night 3:45-5:30pm

4
PTO Fundraiser Diner @Max & Erma's 11am-10pm

5
\$1 Ice Cream Day

8 \$1 Pajama Day
Monthly Assembly 8am

9 \$1 Hat & Tie Day
*\$1 Candy Day

10 \$1 Wacky Day
*\$1 Pizza Day
*Wendy's Wednesday

11 \$1 Multicolor Day
6:00pm High School Information Night Grades 6-8

12 \$1 Sports Day
*End of 1st Quarter
*AR Prize Day
*\$1 Ice Cream Day

15

16
Math Medal Jean Day

17
\$1 Pizza Day

18

19
Report Cards
*\$1 Ice Cream Day
*\$1 Jean Day
*Popcorn Day

22

23 Award's
8:15am K
9:30am 1st/2nd
10:45am 3rd-5th
1:30pm 6th-8th
Spelling Medal Jean Day

24
NO SCHOOL

25
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

26
NO SCHOOL

29

30
PTO Meeting 6:30pm

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