

# February Newsletter

Walnut Avenue Elementary School

## Attendance

Hello Walnut Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the year, and the end to our 2nd trimester for this school year. February 23rd will be the beginning of trimester 3. Last trimester, I raffled off 2 Amazon Fire tablets in our perfect attendance drawing, and this trimester we will be having a drawing for 2 Toniboxes. Every student who has had perfect attendance for the trimester will be entered into our drawing.



School success starts  
with attendance

The district's goal is for each school to have at least 97.5% attendance. Currently, Walnut is at 94.5%. We have 226 students who have between 0-1 absences, but we have 87 students who have 11+ absences, putting them in the chronic absenteeism range. It is extremely important that students attended school everyday for the full length of the day. Please try to schedule appointments for doctor, dentist, etc. after school hours or on minimum days. To limit learning loss is always important, but it is even more important right now during distance learning.

## HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY



## ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

16th President of the United states



## PRESIDENT'S DAY

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 15, 2021



## George Washington's Birthday

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

AMERICA'S 1ST PRESIDENT

## WHAT IS PRESIDENT'S DAY- WATCH THIS VIDEO

Presidents Day Information for Kids



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history including the civil rights movement and their artistic, cultural and political achievements. The story of [Black History](#) Month begins in 1915, half a century

after the [Thirteenth Amendment](#) abolished [slavery](#) in the United States. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

## LEARN ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Click the button to watch this short video from PBS Kids

## STILL TIME TO COMPLETE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

### CLICK FOR THE K-12 SCHOOL SURVEY

The K12 School Survey is available for parents to complete. If you would like to submit your feedback about academic, student support, school leadership, safety and behavior, family involvement, and more, please complete your survey by February 26.

## WHAT'S COMING UP



### MINIMUM DAYS

Distance Learning students will have an extra minimum day on Thursday, February 18th.

Blended Learning students doing distance learning or in-person learning will have an extra minimum day on Friday, February 19th.



### TRIMESTER AWARDS

Trimester Awards will be presented virtually during classes on March 3rd. Teachers will notify parents of time of presentations for their classrooms.



### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be mailed out by the school district at the end of the month.





## PBIS

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and support) framework is still in full force even with Distance Learning. We will begin using the app PBIS Rewards, which will make it easy to continuously recognize students for meeting behavior expectations from anywhere in the school, not just the classroom. We will be able to reward students electronically with points instead of PACK tickets. This will also allow us to move our PACK store virtually so students can pick the items they want to purchase with their tickets online without having to go into our store. More information will be coming home shortly.



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