

January Newsletter 2021

Walnut Avenue Elementary School

New Year, New Hopes

Hello Walnut Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and you were able to stay healthy and safe. 2020 was a year none of us will ever forget, but it is certainly a year we all would like to forget. I am hopeful that 2021 will be a much brighter year. With the vaccine available, hopefully life can begin to return to what most of us like to call "normal" even though we may now have a new normal. For school, we will continue with Distance learning, for most of our students, and in-person instruction in small cohorts, for our Special Education SDC (Special Day Classes). All of us here at Walnut are anxiously awaiting the return of all our students.



For now, instead of walking into classes, which is one of my favorite things to do, I join Google Classroom to see what our students are learning. I am always amazed to see our T/K and Kinder students using Google Meet and all the other apps the teachers use, like they are 6th graders and have been using technology for years and not months. In other grades, students are splitting their screens, moving in and out of break rooms, using Flipgrid, and many other apps like pros (which they are now). Music classes are taking place, Science Fair for upper grades, PE, and so much more than I think any of us thought was possible. Our students are definitely computer savvy. Our teachers have also learned so much about technology and online learning. I am so very proud of our students and our teachers for working so hard so that rigorous learning can continue.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application for Changing Learning Model JAN. 11- JAN. 22

This is your last opportunity to change your child's learning model IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE for the 3rd trimester.

- NO CHANGES ARE NEEDED IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR CHILD IN HIS/HER CURRENT MODEL

- IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE from blended/in-person to distance OR distance to blended, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION.
- Online applications can be found on Walnut's web page or the district's web page
- Once you submit your application NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE
- If you change models your child will not have the same teacher
- Completing an application does not guarantee a change
- CHANGE REQUESTS SHALL ONLY BE ACCOMMODATED IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE
- Only submit 1 application per child
- THE APPLICATION WINDOW CLOSSES AT 3:00 PM ON JANUARY 22nd

Click The Link For The K12 School Climate 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.

909 NEW DIALING PROCEDURES BEGINNING JANUARY 23

New Dialing Procedure

- When calling a number within your own 909 region, dial ten digits: 1 + (909) plus the 7-digit telephone number. (Note: The 1 is optional when calling from a cellular or mobile phone.)
- On January 23, 2021, if you forget and dial only seven digits, your call will NOT be completed. A recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again.



WHAT'S COMING UP:

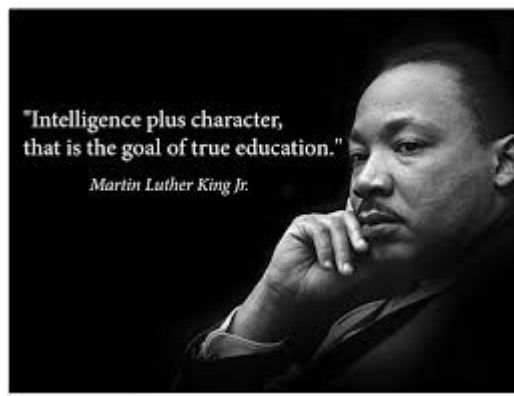
Progress Reports Go Out January 15th

Teachers will be sending out progress reports through Google Classroom or other means of communication that they use with parents.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 18th

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL THAT DAY



Martin Luther King Jr. 'I have a dream' speech



LCAP Parent Engagement Meeting Jan. 28 at 3:00

HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

I hope you have been enjoying the Home & School Connection newsletters I have been mailing out monthly. if you are not receiving them please contact the school so we may verify your mailing address.



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