

THE HOWLER

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LETTER FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Walker Families -

As we reflect on our 2019-2020 school year, none of us would have imagined we would be eLearning in April and May. Many events had been planned for the rest of the school year and we've have shifted our focus to support our students, staff, and families virtually. Walker Middle Magnet PTSA is very proud of what was accomplished this year:

August- First general meeting along with a family fun night of dodgeball and two parent meetups.

September- We has our biggest fundraiser of the year the "Color Run" and our first All Grade Fall Dance, Jeans Day, concessions at our home games, hurricane donation drive, fall teacher grants, Start with Hello Week, Dads Take Your Child to School Day/Donuts with Dads, and 1st Quarter Conference Night (including dinner for Walker teachers). Additionally, PTSA's after school enrichment clubs began.

October- Jeans Day, PAWS/Student Council held their first meeting during lunch, and Red Ribbon Week

November- Jeans Day, National PTA Reflections Showcase, Food Drive, Conference Night, Great American Teach-In

December- Jeans Day, PTSA's Helping Hands Giving Tree, ESE Holiday Feast, and Cups for Kindness.

January- Jeans Day, Papa John's Spring Fundraiser, All Grade Spring Dance, and our many volunteers and business sponsors helping as judges for the FBLA Club. PAWS students kicked off their "I Have A Dream Spirit Week."

February- Jeans Day, our PAWS/Student Council sold candy grams during lunches for Valentine's Day, Teacher's 3rd Quarter Conference Night Dinner, and our PTSA Paws Book Drive, and we collected over 750 books to donate to Tampa Bay Elementary.

March- Jeans Day, One Blood Blood Drive with Walker & Hammond parents, faculty, family, and friends. There was enough blood donated to help 27 patients.

8th Grade Families- We know our 8th graders are disappointed by missing their 8th grade celebrations, dance and other events that happen at the end of the year. We want to make sure they are recognized! Please fill out the 8th Grade Shout Out form [HERE](#)

Attention all 6th & 7th Grade parents (and incoming 6th grade parents) - It's that time of year again and we are building our PTSA for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in joining our PTSA board now is the time to sign up. ([Sign Up Here - If you are Interested in a board position 2020-2021](#))

Volunteers- If you are interested in volunteering next year or being on a committee ([Sign Up Here - If you are interested in volunteering 2020-2021](#))

PTSA Dad's Club- We are also looking to jump start our PTSA Dad's Club ([Sign Up Here - Dad's Club 2020-2021](#)) If you have any questions or would like to see volunteer opportunities that we currently don't have, please email walkerptsainfo@gmail.com

Message from Mrs. Holloway- Information for End of Year Pick Ups & Item Returns, 3rd Quarter Grade Enhancement, May eLearning Calendar, Virtual Awards Ceremonies and 8th Grade activities can be found t the end of this newsletter, pages 5-7.

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Please check the calendar on
Walkerptsa.com
for updates throughout the
summer.

Walker Middle Magnet PTSA
8th GRADE FAMILIES
 WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR
 8TH GRADERS!
 CLICK THE LINK TO FIND OUT HOW!
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/8THGRADESOUTOUTS19-20](https://bit.ly/8thgradeshoutouts19-20)

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Calendar of Events

May 1st

- Principal's Day
- School Lunch Hero Day

May 4th - 8th

- Teacher Appreciation Week [CLICK HERE](#) for Teacher Favorites & Amazon Wish List

May 12th

- Nurse Appreciation Day

May 25

- Memorial Day - No School

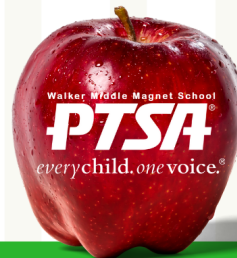
May 29 Last Day of School!

TEACHER

APPRECIATION

WEEK

5/4/2020 - 5/8/2020



If you need ideas for your child's teacher, check out Teacher Favorites and Amazon Wish List for staff located on our website

Walkerptsa.com [CLICK HERE](#) 

WE PROUDLY PRESENT

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AWARD WINNERS 2019-2020

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISON

- Golden Participation Award - Walker Middle Magnet PTSA
- Volunteer Hours Award - Walker Middle Magnet PTSA
- Volunteer of the Year Award - Rick Motomal
- Superman Award - Dad's Club WMM PTSA (Donuts with Dads Day)
- Communications Award - Walker Middle Magnet PTSA

Happy Birthday!

May

Ayden R. 5/3
Jayden M. 5/5
Addison H. 5/7
Jim Jaycox 5/8
Lyndsay H. 5/15
Amara K. 5/21
Lilly P. 5/24
Jodie Dukes 5/30

June

Carolina Paez AKA Sra. Paez 6/01
Brinn C. 6/2
Mrs. Finch 6/11
Sarah Young 6/12
Christy Adams 6/27
Klauka 6/10
Avery Doss 6/22
Teagan C. 6/29

July

Marisa L. 7/1
Renee Rubin 7/7
Coach Makinster 7/18
Mike MacKinzie 7/18
Kenella Prat 7/9
Monica Ode 7/30
Kyle Shashack 7/29



SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Our School of Excellence survey has been postponed by National PTA until next year. Thank you to everyone who took the time and completed the survey in August/September and February/March. It will resume next year.



Take a
**SNACK
STOP**

Mondays
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Hillsborough County Public Schools want to make sure all learners have nutritious snacks at home. Families can pick up light snacks at all 147 Grab-and-Go sites between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

These snacks will also be available at more than 300 bus stops around our district.

Stay up to date with eLearning on the Hillsborough County Schools Website [HERE](#)

Grab-and-Go FOOD LOCATIONS

Wednesdays **ONLY** starting April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

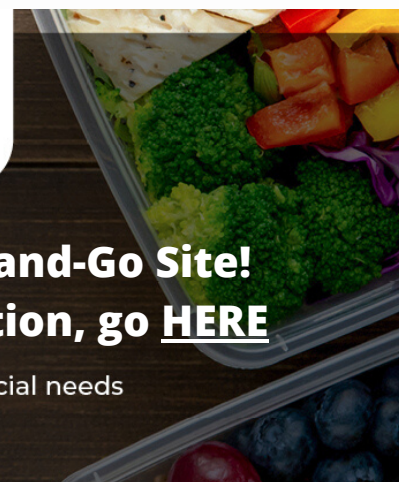
Children will receive a week's worth of meals

Nutritious meals at **NO COST** to children 18 and under or 21 and under for students with special needs

You ARE ALLOWED to travel to get these meals under Hillsborough County's "Safer at Home" restrictions



Walker is a Grab-and-Go Site!
For more Information, go [HERE](#)



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Greetings Walker Families,

4/30/20

I hope this communication finds you and yours happy and healthy. As you know, we are quickly approaching the last few weeks of this unprecedented school year. I know you have many questions about how we will close out our year. Below is information that I hope will answer all of your questions, and clearly communicate some very important processes and exciting events. We will send reminders and updates of this information over the course of the next few weeks. Please look for emails from Sarah Caldwell, Cynthia Gonzalez and myself.

A reminder that next week, May 4th - May 8th is Teacher Appreciation Week. We so appreciate all the hard work of our teachers, especially as we have transitioned to eLearning! We have had several parents reach out about dropping off cards or notes for the teachers. If you would like to do so, you can drive through the bus ramp area on Wednesday, 5/6. Assistant Principal, Henry Lefler, will be there to collect any items.

Finally, I have attached our academic calendar for the remainder of the school year. Since students will begin to return items to Walker on 5/26, our last day of scheduled classes will be Friday, 5/22. Teachers will still be available for support through Friday, 5/29, which is the last official day of school.

3rd Quarter Grade Enhancement (applies only to students who earned a D or F grade in Language Arts, Math, Science or Social Studies during quarter 3)

As you may have read, our district has cancelled second semester exams for this school year. Second semester final grades will be based on the average of the 3rd and 4th quarter grades. Students must earn a minimum of two quality points to pass a semester course.

Our district has developed a School Closure Grade Enhancement Plan to provide an additional opportunity for middle and high school students to meet promotion and/or graduation requirements. If your child earned a D or F for the 3rd quarter in a core course, he/she is eligible to improve the grade by at least one letter grade upon successful completion of required assignments. Please refer to the 3rd quarter report card, available online, for specific course and teacher.

We hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. We need each of them to ensure they are engaging in eLearning and completing required assignments. Individual teachers will be sending you a communication with the requirements for their course. Please contact your child's teachers by Friday, May 8th, to let them know whether your child will participate in this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Assistant Principal, Sarah Caldwell (sarah.caldwell@sdhc.k12.fl.us).

End of Year Pick Ups & Item Returns

We have established one day per grade level for the return and pick up of items. This will be a drive-through process. Please enter campus through the gate you would normally enter for the car line (gate closest to Gunn Hwy). We have been advised by the school district that no parents or students are to be permitted inside the building. Please place a visible sign in your windshield with your student's first and last name.

6th Grade – Tuesday, 5/26 – 9am to 1pm

7th Grade – Thursday, 5/28 – 9am to 1 pm

8th Grade – Friday, 5/29 – 9am to 1 pm

*****Please Note: We have recently been notified by Lifetouch that yearbook deliveries will be delayed approximately 4 weeks due to COVID-19. We will establish a time for pickup of yearbooks when we have more information.**

If your student borrowed any of these items from Walker, please plan to return them on your assigned day.

- ✓ Laptop
- ✓ MiFi Device
- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Band and Orchestra Instruments

If your student needs to pick up any of these items from Walker, please plan to pick them up on your assigned day.

- ✓ Locker Contents
- ✓ Classroom Notebooks
- ✓ Spring Pictures
- ✓ Awards

Virtual Awards Ceremonies – Dates TBA

*****Please Note: Students will receive a notification if they will be recognized at an awards ceremony.**

Each grade level will host a virtual awards ceremony that honors students for a variety of accomplishments. Students will be recognized for outstanding performance or growth in service, academics, attendance, IB Learner Profile Traits, athletics and this year's theme of Kindness. The 8th Grade awards ceremony will also include the announcement of our 2020-2021 Golden Wolves. These will be in the form of a video link sent to families of those being recognized.

8th Grade Activities

Our 8th Grade Team, Administrative Team, and Walker's PTSA are currently planning a few end-of-the-year activities to honor our Walker graduates! As we streamline our events, we will be sure to communicate with 8th grade families!

Walker Middle Magnet – eLearning Student Calendar – May 2020

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1 <i>B Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	2
3	4 <i>A Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	5	6 <i>B Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	7 <i>B Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	8 <i>A Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	9
10	11 <i>B Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	12	13 <i>A Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	14 <i>A Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	15 <i>B Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	16
17	18 <i>A Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	19	20 <i>B Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	21 <i>B Day</i> 1 st – 8:34 – Class 3 rd – 10:16 – Class 5 th – 12:00 – Class 7 th – 1:44 – Class	22 <i>A Day</i> 2 nd – 9:25 – Class 4 th – 11:08 – Class 6 th – 12:52 – Class 8 th – 2:35 – Class	23
24	25 Non-Student Day	26 6 th Grade Drop Off/ Pick Up Day, 9am-1pm, Bus Ramp	27	28 7 th Grade Drop Off/ Pick Up Day, 9am-1pm, Bus Ramp	29 <i>B Day</i> 8 th Grade Drop Off/ Pick Up Day, 9am-1pm, Bus Ramp	30

Notes:

- All "Class" times are OPTIONAL
- Assignments are posted on Edsby

VE Teachers –

Mr. Jennessee, Ms. Wehust and Ms. Stevens have DAILY office hours
Contact the VE teachers for appointments outside of their scheduled office hours

Updated 4/30/20