

Walberta Park

September 2016

Principal Notes

Greetings, Walberta Community -

The 2016-17 school year is going to be a great year. Staff here at Walberta Park have been planning and working very hard over the summer to make 2016-17 the best year yet! We are looking forward to working with you and your child.

For at least the first month of school, we focus on establishing productive routines with students so they know what to expect each day and will be ready to learn. It is an exciting time for students as they gain more independence, make new friendships, and have opportunities to explore their curiosities.

At Walberta Park, we promote Learning by capitalizing on students' natural curiosity. Teachers have been trained in Project-Based-Learning (PBL) that maximizes an inquiry approach to learning. PBL gives students an opportunity to choose topics and learning activities, reflect upon their own learning, revise as needed and share their project.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 14th for Meet the Teacher Night.

All the Best,
Beth Kramer
Principal



September 14 - Meet the Teacher
Night - 6:30pm - 7:45pm

September 20 - WEST Meeting 6:30
@ CRS

September 23 - School Picture Day

September 28 - School Banking
begins

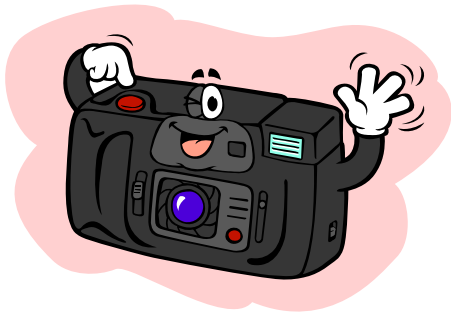
September 30 - Walberta Monthly
Program at 9:10

Save the Date:
Since Halloween is on a Monday this
year, we will be having the
Halloween Day Parade and
celebrations on Friday, October
28th.



Picture Day

School Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 23 by Lifetouch Photography. Please mark the date. More information to follow.



Halloween

No sooner do the back to school sales end and the Halloween costume and candy sales start! Please note to not have costumes with weapons, lasers, swords, etc and avoid gory costumes..... remember that Walberta students are young and may frighten easily.



Welcome New Staff

Walberta Park School welcomes the following new staff to our team:

Ms. Katrina Balla - 1st grade teacher

Mrs. Jackie Hall - Teaching Assistant (transferring from Cherry Road)

Ms. Gia Ruffini
Lunch Aide

Walberta Promise

I promise to be safe.

I promise to be kind.

I promise to do my best.



INFORMATION & IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:



- Label all of your child's belongings, and have your child check the lost and found often for missing items. The lost and found is located near the front entrance of the school.

- If your child is sick, you need to call the Main Office at 426-3200 by 8:40 am. If you call before the office opens, leave a message including the reason for the absence and have your child bring a note upon his/her return to school.

- Remember to send a note to school if your child needs to be picked up for a doctor's appointment, etc. Your child will need to be issued a pass in the morning for such events; therefore sending in a note to school with your child is crucial. In addition, REMIND your child to turn the note in to his/her teacher in the morning, as teachers will not have time to check individual backpacks.

- We welcome you to our school; however, all parents, volunteers, and visitors must sign in and have the classroom teacher's permission before accessing any part of the school building - NO EXCEPTIONS. Safety is our priority!

- If your child is celebrating a birthday at school, please note that (for health and safety reasons) we cannot distribute home baked goods. If you are sending in treats, please be sure that they are pre-packaged or store-bought. Items that are easy to distribute are preferred. Some teachers have alternate ways of celebrating birthdays so watch for notes from the teacher.

- We cannot distribute birthday party invitations at school unless the entire class is invited. This avoids hurt feelings. Please consider contributing your address/information to the WEST parent directory. This is a handy resource should you choose to invite a smaller number of children to birthday parties.

- All children should bring a healthy snack to school daily. Students can purchase a healthy snack in the cafeteria for 50 cents.

- To pre-pay for your child's meals by credit card, go to www.westhillschools.org, click on the link to www.MySchoolBucks.com directly or you can send a check payable to Westhill Cafeteria Internal Fund. Include your child's name on the memo section of your check. Please have your child practice his/her PIN number at home to help him/her remember - this helps the lunch line move quickly!

- When picking up or dropping off your child, please be considerate of the handicapped spaces. There are families that require these spaces. Also, young children should not be left unattended in a vehicle dropping off or picking up students.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labor Day - No School	6 Staff Development Day	7 First Day of School	8	9	10
11	12 7pm - BOE Mtg	13 Fall Bus Drills	14 6:15pm - AIS Mtg 6:30-7:45pm - Meet the Teacher Night	15	16	17
18	19	20 6:30pm - WEST Mtg. @ CRS	21	22	23 Picture Day 8am Staff Photo	24
25	26 7pm - BOE Mtg.	27	28 School Banking Begins	29	30 9:10am - Walberta Monthly Program - Stop, Walk, Talk	
AIMS Web						

7pm - BOE Mtg.