



P T O Parent Teacher Organization

Walker's Grove Elementary PTO 2018-2019 Parent
Packet

Be a part of a community –meet new people
Be active in your child's school—build new student
programs

Stay informed—make your voice heard

Packet includes: PTO membership form, Spirit Wear In-
fo, Classroom Party Volunteer Form and more!



Dear Walker's Grove Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Walker's Grove Elementary as we start our 2018/2019 school year.

First, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jena White and I am the new President of the PTO. This is my 3rd year on the PTO and I am super excited to take on this new role. I have some big shoes to fill and I will try my best to be the best President I can be and make my predecessor proud. The Board and I have worked hard this summer to come up with amazing events for this school year. There will be some new things and some things will stay the same. But one thing's for sure this year is going to be.... wait for it..... epic!!

As President, it is my responsibility to talk to with you about what the PTO does and how you can be involved! The PTO sponsors any fun events throughout the school year. We have planned a Fall Fun Fest and a Spring Carnival, a super assembly, awesome class parties and much more. We also take time to celebrate our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. We raise money by collecting Box Tops and with fundraising throughout the year. We also are involved with a local philanthropy project. We spend a lot of hours planning and organizing these activities. This is where YOU come in. Believe me I understand how daunting volunteering can be. Questions like: How much time is it going to take? (As much time as you are willing to give us) Will I be required to take on an event or chairperson responsibilities? (Not if you don't want to) Or something as simple as What will be required of me? (Whatever you feel comfortable doing) Can't I just pay you to lose my number? (That depends how much your number worth to you?)

To start, in this packet you will find your PTO membership form, complete and turn it in to school with your \$15 membership fee. During the school year the PTO will send out an "SOS" for volunteers. If you feel that an event is something that is in your wheelhouse let us know and we will be happy to put you in contact with the chairperson for that event. If you feel that your services can be better used behind the scenes that's great too. We can ALWAYS use the help. Either way you are appreciated, and your help is valued more than you can imagine!

I joke, but my goal this year is to increase PTO memberships and have more parent volunteers than I know what to do with. Our school is great, and it can only get better with your help. As your President I promise to listen to your ideas and address any concerns as quickly as possible. If you see me in the halls at school or in Target stop and say Hi!

Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing you at our 1st PTO meeting!

Jena White
PTO President
2018-2019

2018-2019 WGPTO Executive Board Members

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Committee Chairs 2018—2019

Breakfast with Books—Allison Ryan Veterans Day—Andrea Parr
Box Tops—Sarah Stanley Mother/Daughter—Crisa Barriball & Amy Rauen
C.A.P.E. Rep—Andrea Parr Father/Son - Lisa Majchrowski & Julie Wattenberg
Hospitality—Laura Turner Mother/Son—Jigna Shah & Aimee Buckert
Philanthropy—Lynn Quinn Father/Daughter - Crisa Barriball & Amy Rauen
Scrip Pro—Amanda Eager Teacher Appreciation—Jen Maloney
Supply Kits—Jennifer Platt Yearbook Coordinator—Sue Majchrzak
Pizza Bingo—Emily Bell & Kim Street Fall Fun Fest—Sarah Stanley
Write On! - Annie Klupshas Spring Fun Fest—Teresa Pakla & Lynn Pollack
5th Grade Celebration - Carly Martin, Laura Turner, Jocelyn Czerwinski & Jeannine Berg

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees, please contact Julie Girdwood and she can put you in contact with the Chairperson for that event. Any and all help is appreciated!



- ___ Halloween Party—Am Kindergarten 10/31/18 10:30am-11:15am
- ___ Halloween Party—PM K, All Day K & Grades 1-5 10/31/18, 2:45—3:30p
- ___ Winter Party—AM Kindergarten 12/20/18 10:30am—11:30am
- ___ Winter Party— PM K, All Day K & Grades 1-5 12/20/18 2:15pm-3:15pm
- ___ Friendship Party—AM Kindergarten 2/14/19 10:30am—11:00am
- ___ Friendship Party—PM K, All Day K & Grades 1-5 2/14/19 2:15p—3:15p



Name

Child (1) Grade Teacher

Child (2) Grade Teacher

Child (3) Grade Teacher

Email

Preferred Phone Number

Classroom Party Parent Responsibilities:

- Staying in touch with Room Parent and other volunteers assigned to your party
- Coordinating and executing the plan agreed upon by everyone volunteering for the party
- Attend the classroom party with the items and /or supplies agreed upon during party planning

IF you would like an opportunity to become a Classroom Party Parent please complete the form above and return to school by 9/7. Mark your preference in order 1-3, you will be notified by 9/14 if you have been selected.



The PTO helps to make Walker's Grove a better school in two ways:

1. We raise money by holding fundraisers like restaurant nights, Fall Fun Runs, Spring Carnivals, Pizza Fundraisers, Box Top Collections, etc. All of the funds raised go towards the students of Walker's Grove Elementary School for new technology, educational assemblies, Field Day fun and many more activities!
2. We show up! Family Fun Nights, Book Fairs, School Events—all events planned and staffed by PTO volunteers and WG Staff. These activities give our children a chance to have fun and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Your annual support of \$15 for your family helps fund these events and helps to continue to make our school an amazing place for our children. It also gives you priority to ticketing to all school sponsored events (Pizza Bingo anyone?) and you will be able to vote in the elections for any bylaw changes suggested at the 1st PTO meeting*.

Don't Forget to LIKE US ON FACEBOOK WALKER'S GROVE ELEMENTARY PTO

www.wgpto.org

For questions please contact on FB Messenger

*application and dues must be received by 8/30 in order to vote to change bylaws

☐ I wish to join the Walker's Grove PTO and have enclosed \$15 which entitles me to vote as well as any perks offered by the PTO

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Student _____ Teacher _____

Student _____ Teacher _____

Student _____ Teacher _____

For PTO use only: Date Received _____ Cash/Check Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

Room Parents

We need parents to volunteer as PTO Room Parents! A Room Parent's responsibilities include:

- working with your classroom's teacher to keep them informed of your activities and coordinated scheduling
- Overseeing the volunteers for the PTO classroom parties: Halloween , Winter, and Friendship
 - Assisting with Teacher Appreciation Week for your classroom
- At any point in time, if you feel you are not able to fill these responsibilities , it is your responsibility to contact Jena white or Annie Klupshas so other arrangements can be made to fulfill the balance of your commitment or help you fulfill them.

If you would like an opportunity to become a PTO Room Parent for this school year, please complete the form below and return to school by 9/7/18. You will be notified by 9/14/18 if you have been chosen. If you have more than one child please list in order of room preference.

Name

Child (1)	Grade	Teacher
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Child (2)	Grade	Teacher
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Child (3)	Grade	Teacher
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Walker's Grove

Watch D.O.G.S.



WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. The primary goal of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program is to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

Program Benefits

- Students gain a positive male role model. Many students do not have a father-figure present in their home and these students benefit when a positive male role model is present.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life in three critical areas including:
academic performance, self-esteem, social behavior.

Who are WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students)?

Watch DOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncle and other father-figures who volunteer at an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® school. During the day, Watch DOGS. may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they can actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a Watch DOGS dramatically reduces reports of bullying.

Program Goals

WATCH D.O.G.S.® strives to:

- Raise the banner of positive fathering through the forum of schools across America and the world.
- Awaken fathers to the values and benefits of committed fathering.
- Change culture by where every student has a father or father-figure to connect with in a positive way at school.
- Help every school in America be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life.

How to get involved at Walker's Grove

Please provide the following information and we will work with you to schedule a day for you to participate in the program. Due to the popularity of the program, we must limit Watch DOGS to one Watch DOG per family.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Students Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____

Available Dates: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Please return this form to school with your student or email the form to AAIwood@psd202.org.

Thank you for supporting the WATCH D.O.G.S.® Program.

PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 202 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL CALENDAR INFORMATION IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE BASED ON STATE REQUIREMENTS, WEATHER, AND OTHER FACTORS**

August				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

September				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

August

- 13-15 Teacher Institutes - No Student Attendance
- 16 First day of Student Attendance - Grades PreK-12 (Full day)
- 17 First day of Student Attendance - BMLC 3-day programs

October				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September

- 3 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 17 School Improvement Day - Early Release *

October

- 8 Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 End of First Quarter
- 22 School Improvement Day - Early Release *

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

January				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November

- 5 Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance
- 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening Schedule) - NO SCHOOL
- 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

December

- 21 End Semester One
- 21 School Improvement Day - Early Release *
- 24 Winter Break Begins

February				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January

- 7 Classes Resume Following Winter Break
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday - NO SCHOOL

February

- 4 School Improvement Day - Early Release *
- 18 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

April				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

March

- 1 Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance
- 8 End of Third Quarter
- 11 School Improvement Day - Early Release *
- 25 Spring Break Begins

April

- 2 District Institute - No Student Attendance
- 3 Classes Resume Following Spring Break
- 19-22 Spring Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 29 School Improvement Day - Early Release *

June				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

July				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		


May

- 27 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- 29 School Improvement Day - Early Release *
- 29 Tentative Last Day of School if NO emergency days are used - Early Release *

June

- 5 Tentative Last Day of School if ALL emergency days are used

 No Student Attendance

 * SIP/Early Release Day; HS (7:05-11:15), MS (7:55-Noon), ES (9:05-12:45), Lakewood Falls (8:55-12:35)
NO Pre-K or Kindergarten

Emergency Days : May 30, 31 June 3, 4, 5

Approved : December 18, 2017

September

9/4 Curriculum Night (K,4,2)

9/5 Curriculum Night (1,5,3)

9/5 Character Counts Respect -Wear Yellow

9/7 Room Parent & Party

Volunteer Forms Due

9/13 PTO Mtg

9/14 Spirit Wear Due

9/19 Fall Picture Day

9/25 All School Picture Day

October

10/1—10/5 Spirit Week

Monday: PJ Day **Tuesday:** Team Tuesday

Wednesday: Wildcat Wednesday **Thursday:** Heroes & Villains

Friday: Funky Friday

10/10 National Walk to School Day

10/10 Character Counts Responsibility—Wear Green

10/11 PTO Mtg

10/12 Mother Daughter Event

10/27 Fall Fun Fest

10/31 Halloween Classroom Parties

November

11/7 Character Counts Citizenship—Wear Purple

11/8 PTO Mtg

11/12 Book Fair Begins

11/13 Math and Literacy Night

11/15 Picture Retake

11/18 Father/Son Event

11/27 3rd Grade Musical

December

12/3 Giving Tree Begins

12/6 PTO Mtg

12/20 Winter Classroom Parties

January—HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

1/9 Character Counts Fairness—Wear Orange

1/17 PTO Mtg

1/25 Pizza Bingo

1/28-2/1 Battle of the Books

February

2/6 Character Counts Caring—Wear Red

2/7 PTO Mtg

2/8 Father/Daughter Event

2/12 2nd Grade Musical

2/14 Friendship Classroom Parties

March

3/6 Character Counts Trustworthiness—
wear Blue

3/14—PTO Mtg

3/25 -4/2 Spring Break

April

4/13 Mother/Son Events

4/15-17 Book Fair

4/16 Family Book Fair Night

4/18 PTO Mtg

May

5/6-5/10 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/10 Spring Fun Fest

5/16 Fine Arts Night

5/22 Field Day

5/29 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

