

News and Notes - Walden Academy

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**Responsibility &*

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Self-Control



Director's News

Thank you to Amanda Philps who is volunteering as our resource coordinator this year! She recently put together our first list of request items including supplies for our classrooms.

We have a few events this week. Tomorrow is Picture Day. Wednesday, we will be hosting Family Math Night in our classrooms. Last but not least, we're celebrating Red Ribbon Week by wearing red this Friday.

We recently switched Walden's email service provider. We have heard that our emails are going into some folks' Spam/junk folders. Please be sure to check your Spam/junk folder and to add us to your contacts so you can receive up-to-date information.

Go River Hawks!

Upcoming Family Events

- ◆ 10/23: Picture Day
- ◆ 10/24: Family Math Night
- ◆ 10/26: Wear red for Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ 10/29: Canned Food Drive begins
- ◆ 10/31: Book Character Parade @ 8:15

Questions?
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Dear Parents

Here are some tips on creating the right environment for homework from National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling:

- Establish a quiet zone. This is the place where you designate as undisturbed thinking and working time.
- Make sure there's a comfortable working space. This doesn't mean your children need their own bedrooms or desks, but find a place in your home (or even outside of it, like a library) when he or she can spread out and work comfortably.
- Require some non-plugged-in time. Of course, a lot of students will tell you that they work better when they're multitasking. But they're wrong.

Each time a student responds to a Facebook ping or text, it can take up to 15 minutes to get back into a critical thinking "zone." Students have to learn how to be fully present and engaged in whatever they're thinking about.

- Try not to save it until the last minute. I know this can be tough, especially as kids get busier and busier. Yet, I know that when my kids are tired, it's a lot more difficult to make progress on homework than when they still have some after-school energy.

When it comes to homework, I think teachers want parents to know that your home routines will speak loudly to what you value about your student's learning.