

News and Notes - Walden Academy

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Cooperation

Assertion

**Responsibility &*

*Respect**

Empathy

Self-Control



Director's News

Please join us tomorrow for our board meeting in Room 3 at 5:30 pm.

We have lots of field trips coming up with trips to the Chico Creek Nature Center, Shasta Caverns, the Pumpkin Patch, Thunderhill Raceway, and Turtle Bay. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who make these hands-on learning experiences possible!

Last week, we sent out usernames and passwords for Powerschool. The username is the string of numbers and the password is the letter string. Please contact your teacher or the front office if you are having any difficulty logging on.

October is fire safety month. The fire department will be here on October 24th with their fire safety house. Students in K-2 will tour the house and students in 3-4 will participate in a fire safety assembly.

Please remember to return your gold communication folder each week, so we can keep you up-to-date.

Go River Hawks!

Upcoming Family Events

- ◆ 10/9: Board Mtg. @ 5:30 PM in Rm. 3
- ◆ 10/23: Picture Day
- ◆ 10/24: Family Math Night
- ◆ 10/29: Canned Food Drive begins
- ◆ 10/31: Book Character Parade @ 8:15

Questions?
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Dear Parents

Science is all around you. Your backyard, your kitchen, and other areas around your home provide natural "laboratories" for children. Children are curious; exploring with science can be lots of fun while also teaching them a great deal about themselves and their world.

As your family gets involved with science at home, keep two important issues in mind: education and safety. While science projects can be fun, they should be based on solid educational standards that provide them with knowledge and skills that are age-appropriate and, wherever possible, related to their school science curriculum. At-home activities should be designed by professionals with the child's safety and success in mind. Remember: even the simplest activities with the most basic of materials can be harmful or dangerous, so parental supervision and guidance is critical at all times.

Interested in more? Check out these additional resources!

- **Science resources for parents and kids**
<http://www.reachoutmichigan.org/learn/tutorials.html>
This comprehensive list of science resources for parents and children has links to, and summaries about, a multitude of science activities.
- **Hands-on science activities**
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/explore/handson.html>
This easy-to-use page on the website of the Exploratorium, the renowned science center in San Francisco, offers many hands-on science activities and knowledge resources in 10 different categories. You can learn about candy or even how to make a mummy!