

# News and Notes - Walden Academy

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## Walden CARES

- \*Cooperation\*
- \*Assertion\*
- \*Responsibility & Respect\*
- \*Empathy\*
- \*Self-Control\*



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/27: Spirit of Alaska Assembly @ 10:30 AM
- ◆ 3/28: Glenn County Science Fair
- ◆ 4/1: Good Morning Walden @ 8:15 AM
- ◆ 4/9: Board Mtg. @ 5:30 PM at GCOE Board Rm.
- ◆ 4/10: Talent Show @ 1:45 PM

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## Director's News

This week's newsletter has a slightly different format based on parent feedback. I hope you'll find it easier to read. Your feedback about News and Notes is always welcome!

### Work it Out Wednesdays

This Wednesday, we will begin Work it Out Wednesdays with 30-60 minutes of test preparation time in our classrooms. On these days, our classrooms will practice creating a testing environment like the students will experience during STAR testing. Teachers will share test-taking strategies to help students show what they know. We ask that volunteers not work in classrooms during the test prep time and teachers will hang signs on their doors to help alert volunteers.

### **STAR testing is May 6-10.**

### Hands Are Not for Hitting

Glenn County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council and First 5 Glenn County AmeriCorps will be presenting "Hands Are Not for Hitting" to our K-3 students next month. AmeriCorps volunteers will be reading a book of the same title and leading a discussion and activity with our students.

### **Spring Break is April 15-19.**

### Bike Rodeo

Walden Academy will be hosting its first Bike Rodeo on April 25 at 9 AM.

The event will help teach students about bike safety. To participate, students must bring a bike and a helmet. All bikes must have proper locks. We are looking for six volunteers to help with the event. Double hours will be given to those who help out - please contact Mrs. Benz if you are interested.

### Think Tank

I have started a lunchtime detention to help promote responsibility and respect on campus. When students break our rules during recess, they are given a time out on the wall. For students who continue to break rules or show disrespect, we will be assigning lunchtime in the Think Tank. Think Tank is held in the Fireside Room. Students sit quietly and may eat lunch, do schoolwork, or read. At the end of lunch, I have students reflect on their choices and what they will do differently. After lunch, I call parents of students who were assigned to the Think Tank to make sure we are on the same page.

### Upcoming Enrichment

3/27: Drama & Spanish  
4/3: Drama & Art  
4/10: Drama & Bureau of Reclamation  
4/24: Drama & Spanish

## ***Go River Hawks!***