

News and Notes - Walden Academy

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Walden CARES

Cooperation

Assertion

**Responsibility &
Respect**

Empathy

Self-Control



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 5/27: Memorial Day - No School
- ◆ 5/29: End of Year Celebration
- ◆ 6/3: Last Good Morning Walden
- ◆ 6/7: Last day of school

Enrichment:

5/8: Drama, Art & USDA
5/15: Drama & Spanish
5/22: Drama & Bureau of Reclamation

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Director's News

STAR testing is May 6-14. Make-ups will be on May 15.

Volunteer of the Year Award

We are getting ready to take a look at volunteer hours to determine who will win the Volunteer of the Year award. Please make sure your volunteer hours are up-to-date.

Bike Rodeo Award Winners

We are announcing our award winners and will be handing out ribbons at Good Morning Walden in June. Congratulations to the students who scored first, second, and third!

Say No to Summer Learning Loss

Here's a story from ThinkStretch.com about the importance of summer learning:

A Tale of Two Summers

John reads this summer, Ashley does not.

Imagine that this coming summer, John continues to read 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. He left school in a level C reading group.

Ashley, however, does not read regularly in the summer. She also left school as a level C reader.

When the new teacher assesses John and Ashley at the beginning of the new school year, John is still

a level C reader, but Ashley has lost ground and is now a level B reader.

Ashley will learn at the same rate as John during the school year. But her consistent setbacks from summer learning losses will put her behind by up to 2 years for verbal skills and 1 1/2 years for math skills by 5th grade.

Ashley and John enter middle school, adjust to a much more complicated class schedule, and deal with all of the social and emotional challenges.

As Ashley and John leave middle school, they are tracked into high school classes. John is tracked as a high performing student, while Ashley is not. Ashley is now less likely to graduate from high school and enter college.

We will be completing the second year of our two-year pilot by providing our families with summer workbooks. Students in K-6 will be using ThinkStretch workbooks, while our 7th and 8th graders will receive Summerbridge workbooks. We will be kicking off the summer learning program at Good Morning Walden in June.

Go River Hawks!