



WALKER WEDNESDAY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

WALKER ATTENDANCE LINK

[Click here](#) to report all absences:

- ⇒ Leaving early/Arriving Late
- ⇒ Medical/Dental Appointments
- ⇒ Overslept
- ⇒ Illness
- ⇒ Travel/Vacation
- ⇒ Funeral
- ⇒ Hospitalization
- ⇒ And many others!

RETURNING FAMILIES REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

We still have about 35 families who need to register students for next year. It is **very important** that you register for the 2024-2025 school year. Next year's staffing and sections are dependent on verified enrollment numbers.

Follow these steps:

1. [Skyward Family Access Portal](#) – Only the primary guardian will have access to online registration.
2. [Step by Step Registration Instructions](#)
3. [SchoolPay Fees Instructions](#)
4. [Walker PTO Registration](#) – After registration and fee payment is complete, complete the PTO tasks, including ordering supply kits, registering for the directory and signing up to volunteer.
5. [D181 Foundation](#) – optional donation
6. Final Submission – After completing the PTO tasks, **return to Skyward Family Access** and complete Steps 8 and 9.

Technical Questions? Email nskrip@d181.org

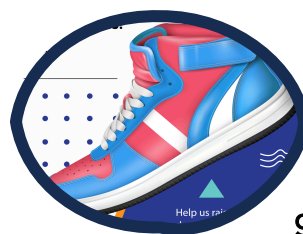
Registration Questions: Email arangel@d181.org



SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Ordering Deadline: June 16, 2024

[Click here](#) to place your order or scan the QR code on the attached flyer and you'll be ahead of the game! The PTO has already done the hard work for you in finding school supplies for next year. The supply kits will be shipped directly to Walker so your child doesn't have to lug all of their supplies to school on the first day. Questions? Marisa Cadarin: 630.212.7688 or marisacadorin13@gmail.com



SHOE DRIVE

April 8 – May 30

Help the PTO raise funds by donating **gently worn, used and new shoes!** Be sure to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too! Collected shoes not only help support the PTO, but they will be reused and given a second life for those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN! Send the shoes to school--drop boxes located at school. The Gr 4 ECO Club will assist with the collection process. Questions?

Jenny Pace, PTO Going Green Chair

dewitt.jenny@gmail.com

Sarah Karrow, Gr 4 ECO Club

skarrow@d181.org

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GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!

Five Friday **Spirit Days** were purchased at WalkerFest this year. Each family chose a theme to celebrate Walker Spirit!

~~4/19 Crazy Hat/Socks Day~~

~~—Sponsored by Elise Alsmann~~

~~4/26 Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey/Shirt~~

~~—Sponsored by Knox Hartman~~

5/3 Bring Favorite Stuffed Animal to School

Sponsored by Cannon Smith

5/10 Crazy Hair Day

Sponsored by Coen Smith

5/17 PJ Day

Sponsored by Nikita Lal

RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

START CLEANING!

Saturday, 5/18 9am – Noon

Do some Spring Cleaning and then bring your recycling items to the drive-through Clarendon Hills Recycling Extravaganza at Walker School.

*See attached flyer.

Questions? katylacrosse@hotmail.com



EARTH PAINT – Latex Paint

SCARCE – Books, Instruments, Brita Filters

And Pitchers

PROJECT CURE – Medical Equipment

STAPLES – Markers, Pens, Batteries, Pencils

SHOE DRIVE – Gently worn shoes of all

Types, cleats, etc.

SHREDDING – Onsite Paper Shredding

BIKES – Donations and/or Recycling

FRONT ROW TICKETS

The year is coming to a close and we've planned some final events. [Click here](#) to order front row tickets!

Gr 4/5 Choir Performance – May 8 at 7 pm

Tickets available on May 1 at 10 am

Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony – May 30 at 1:30

Tickets available May 14 at 10 am

An email with links will be sent out the day before.



MAY JUBILEE!

Want to share your talent with Walker School? Submit a video introducing your name and grade. You may only appear in ONE video. Your video may be no longer than 1 minute. All music and videos must be school appropriate and approved by parents in order to submit. We look forward to celebrating your talents!

[Gr K-2 May Jubilee Video Link](#)

[Gr 3-5 May Jubilee Video Link](#)

POM CELEBRATION TIME!

Friday, May 3

Congratulations Walker Students! You earned another Spirit Day based on following the **Walker Way** and earning poms for positive behaviors. On Friday, May 3, students will play BINGO in their classrooms.

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FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Please take a moment to review the attached flyer that shows the changes that are coming to Walker in preparation for full day kindergarten! Construction begins June 3rd with first floor updates completed by August 2024 and second floor completed in August 2025. A new playground will be installed during the summer of 2024.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell Phones, Smartphones,
Smartwatches

All cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, and other similar electronic devices must be kept **powered off** and out of sight during the regular school day. Texting, receiving / placing calls, etc. should not be available to students during the school day, as it poses a distraction to the learning environment. Please see the [D181 K-8 Student Handbook](#) (page 25) for more information. NOTE: These devices are especially **not allowed** during testing (such as IAR) as they present a distraction.

As always, we welcome you to contact the office by phone/email or teacher via email if you need to communicate any *emergency* last minute changes to your child's day. Keep in mind we do not disrupt the classroom to convey play dates and/or other non-emergency messages.

BOOK FAIR (May 13 – 17)

Please see the attached flyer for more details about the Spring Book Fair!

YEARBOOK COVER WINNERS!

There were great submissions this year! The 5th and 4th grade winners will be used on the front and back cover of the yearbook, respectively. The other grade level winners will be included within the yearbook! Thank you to all of the participants and congratulations to these winners!

KG: Kendall Decker

Gr 1: Aryan Chandra

Gr 2: Sydney Decker

Gr 3: Grace Wilton

Gr 4: Cannon Smith

Gr 5: Luke Schremser

FIELD DAY
Friday,
May 24th

Field Day is held after lunch on Friday, May 24th. All students participate and most activities will be held outdoors, so please have your children dress accordingly and wear sunscreen. Students should bring a labeled water bottle to stay hydrated.

Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.

If you have a shade tent that you are willing to lend us, email Mrs. Marshall:

mmarshall@d181.org). Thanks so much!

Be ready for Field Day:

- Wear class t-shirt
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Running shoes (no flip flops/sandals)
- Bring a labeled water bottle

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ERIN'S LAW

House Bill 6193, known as Erin's Law, was passed in 2013. This law requires public schools to implement an age appropriate sexual abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for all students in grades pre-K-12. Mrs. Voss, Social Worker, will be delivering classroom presentations over the next couple of weeks using the "Think First and Stay Safe" program, which teaches students the importance of treating themselves and one another with kindness and respect. They learn how to set personal boundaries, recognize appropriate vs. inappropriate behaviors and make safe and healthy choices.

The program provides a balanced perspective, while keeping students engaged in learning vital safety strategies. Students are continually reassured that most people are good and kind and can be counted upon for help when the need arises. They learn to identify trusted adults in their lives and are encouraged to reach out to them when needed. Following the presentation from Mrs. Voss, your child will be sent home with a follow-up informational sheet. Questions? Please contact:

Allison Voss (avoss@d181.org)

Eric Chisausky (echisausky@d181.org)

STUDENTS vs STAFF KICKBALL GAME

Tuesday, May 7 at 3:15 pm

PTO raffle winners will compete against Walker staff on Tuesday, May 7th at 3:15 pm on the blacktop in the popular Students vs Staff Kickball Competition! Join us for some good old fashioned school spirit!

STRANGER DANGER REMINDERS

Spring is just around the corner, and we'd like you to review the following ideas with your children:

- Always walk with a friend or group of friends;
- Don't talk to strangers;
- Run away from a stranger;
- Run to a friend's house;
- Report an incident immediately to an older sibling or adult;
- Try to remember important details about the stranger to tell to the adult;
- Make sure your parents report the incident to the police and the school office.



WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE TO SCHOOL?

AM Arrive between 8:25 and 8:40am

PM Arrive between 12:10 and 12:20

The AM and PM sessions begin at 8:40am and 12:40pm, respectively. AM arrival times are between 8:25 and 8:40am, and PM is between 12:10pm and 12:20pm. **There is no supervision prior to 8:25am or**

12:10pm. Doors are opened at 8:35am (12:15pm) for students to enter and the tardy bell rings at 8:40am / 12:20pm. Please plan your drop-off accordingly. Thank you!



WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

BIKE RIDING

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are allowed to ride their bikes to school. Remember to wear a helmet and park bikes in the Walker bike racks.

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WALKERS

Children should use the sidewalks coming to and from school instead of cutting through neighbors' yards. Spring is here and everyone wants grass to grow.



DRY CLOTHES

Students get wet while playing outside and want to change into dry clothes. Please send a set of clothes for your child to keep at school, including: top, pants, underwear and socks.

DRESS CODE

With warmer weather around the corner, we need to remind students to dress appropriately for school. This includes tops that do not show the midriff and no spaghetti straps or halter-tops. Please keep shorts at an appropriate length for school. Keep safety in mind when buying shoes for the spring/summer. Children will be playing outside and need to be able to run and play without twisting an ankle (avoid slides, stacked heels) or stubbing their toes (avoid skimpy sandals). They should wear socks with their gym shoes to avoid getting blisters with bare feet. Please remind children that hats/scarves should be removed when inside the school.

GR 2 GIRL SCOUTS

Ronald McDonald House Donations

Due by Sunday, 5/12

On May 17th, second grade Girl Scouts are completing a service project to provide Grab-and-Go Meal Kits for Ronald McDonald House. Walker families are invited to help them with this project by donating items to include in the kits. [Click here](#) for a list of requested items. The

Meal Kits are one way to offer busy families staying at RMH with a quick, satisfying meal so they don't have to find time to cook or pay for delivery. *Please drop off any of the requested food/beverage items at 342 Ruby Street (Nicole Decker) by Sunday, 5/12.* Thank you for helping our Scouts with their service project !

CH CENTENNIAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Come and join other volunteers on Saturday, May 18th, to decorate signs to show appreciation to teachers and staff in our community. [Click here](#) for more details and to sign up.

CH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reserve your Centennial Book and Ad Space Today! See the attached flyer for more details and [click here](#) for more info about the Historical Society.

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PAWPRINTS

5/2	2:00	Gr 2 Music Performance	5/16	2:00	Gr 4 Music Performance
		Doors Open at 1:50 pm			Doors Open at 1:50 pm
5/2	7:00	Band Concert @ CHMS	5/16	3:05	Gr 3 Girl Scouts
5/3		Spirit Day: Bring Your Favorite Stuffed Animal to School	5/17		Gr 4 to Naper Settlement
5/3	10:00	PTO Exec Board Meeting	5/17	11:25	PTO Hot Lunch
5/3	11:25	PTO Hot Lunch	5/17	3:05	Gr 2 Girl Scouts
5/3	2:30	All School BINGO	5/17	3:05	Claffy Draw and Paint
5/2	3:05	Gr 2 Girl Scouts	5/17	3:05	Elementary Golf
5/3	3:05	Claffy Draw and Paint	5/18	9:00	PTO Recycling Event
5/3	3:05	Elementary Golf	5/20		Placement Appeals Due
5/6		Staff Appreciation Week	5/20		Gr 1 to Brookfield Zoo
5/6	3:05	Lee Han Martial Arts	5/20	3:05	Lee Han Martial Arts
5/6	3:05	Chess Club	5/21	3:05	Language Labs
5/7	9:30	PTO Presidents' Meeting	5/21	3:05	Sticky Fingers (Make-up Day)
5/7	11:25	Gr 4 ECO Club	5/22		Gr 3 to DP Children's Museum
5/7	3:15	Staff vs Student Kickball Game	5/24		All KG Attends in PM
5/7	3:05	Sticky Fingers #1	5/24		End of Trimester 3
5/7	3:05	Language Labs	5/24	9:00	KG Sneak Peek
5/8	3:05	Sticky Fingers #2	5/24	12:30	Field Day
5/8	6:00	Kindergarten Music Performance	5/24	3:05	Elementary Golf
5/8	7:00	Gr 4/5 Choir Concert	5/27		No School—Memorial Day
5/9		Gr 5 Step Up Day at CHMS	5/28	3:05	Language Labs (Make-up Day)
5/10	3:05	Gr 4 Girl Scouts	5/29		Last Day for KG Rising Stars
5/10	3:05	Claffy Draw and Paint	5/30-5/31		Incoming KG Screening at Oak
5/10	3:05	Elementary Golf	5/30	AM	Gr 5 Pancake Breakfast
5/12		Happy Mom's Day!	5/30		Last Day for KAM and KPM
5/13 – 5/17		Book Fair in Library	5/30	1:30	Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony
5/13	3:05	Lee Han Martial Arts	5/31		Last Day of Student Attendance
5/13	7:00	BOE at HMS	5/31	9:30	Recognition Assembly
5/14	3:05	Sticky Fingers #1	5/31	11:30	Gr 5 Clap Out
5/14	3:05	Language Labs	5/31	11:30	All Student Dismissal
5/15		Book Fair Open Until 4 pm			CELEBRATE SUMMER!
5/15	3:05	Sticky Fingers #2	8/20		Welcome Back!!
5/16	8:45	RISE-2 Parent Visit—Music Class			
5/16	9:15	RISE-1 Parent Visit—Music Class			

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DEADLINES FOR WWNews

Due Monday by Noon . . .

All information to be included in WWNews is due by Monday at noon. This includes both written content and flyers. Items received after that deadline will be included in the following week.

CONTACT US:

Walker School 630.861.4600

Jan Martin, Secretary Ext. 4601

June Zogas Ext. 4608

Eric Chisausky Ext. 4604



[Walker Attendance Link](#)

WALKER SCHOOL HOURS:

School Day: 8:40 am – 11:25 am
12:20 pm – 3:05 pm

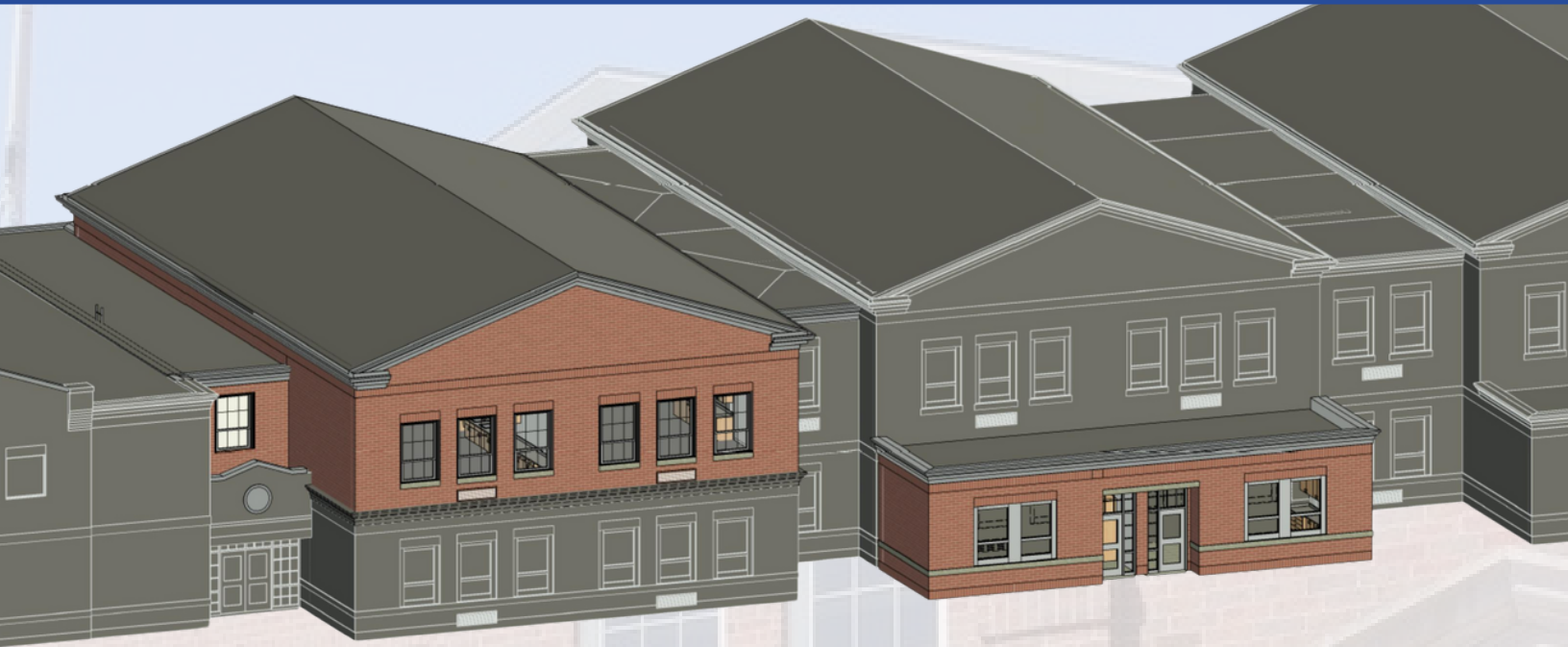
WALKER FLYERS:

Supply Kit Flyer
PTO Shoe Drive
Recycling Event
Book Fair
Full Day Kindergarten Constructional Update
CH Historical Society



WALKER SCHOOL

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



TIMELINE

Extending two classrooms on the first floor and adding three classrooms on the second floor

- ✓ Starting - June 3, 2024
Completed - July 18, 2025
- ✓ The first floor will be completed for return to school in August 2024
- ✓ The second floor will be completed for return to school in August 2025

Second Floor

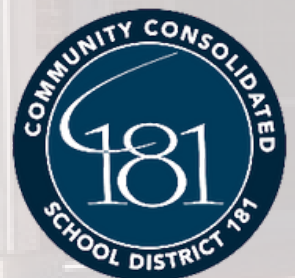


First Floor



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ✓ Construction will be minimized during the school year. Any construction during the school day will not disrupt the learning environment.
- ✓ Other work being completed this summer at Walker: The playground will be closed June 3-August 9 for installation of the new playground.





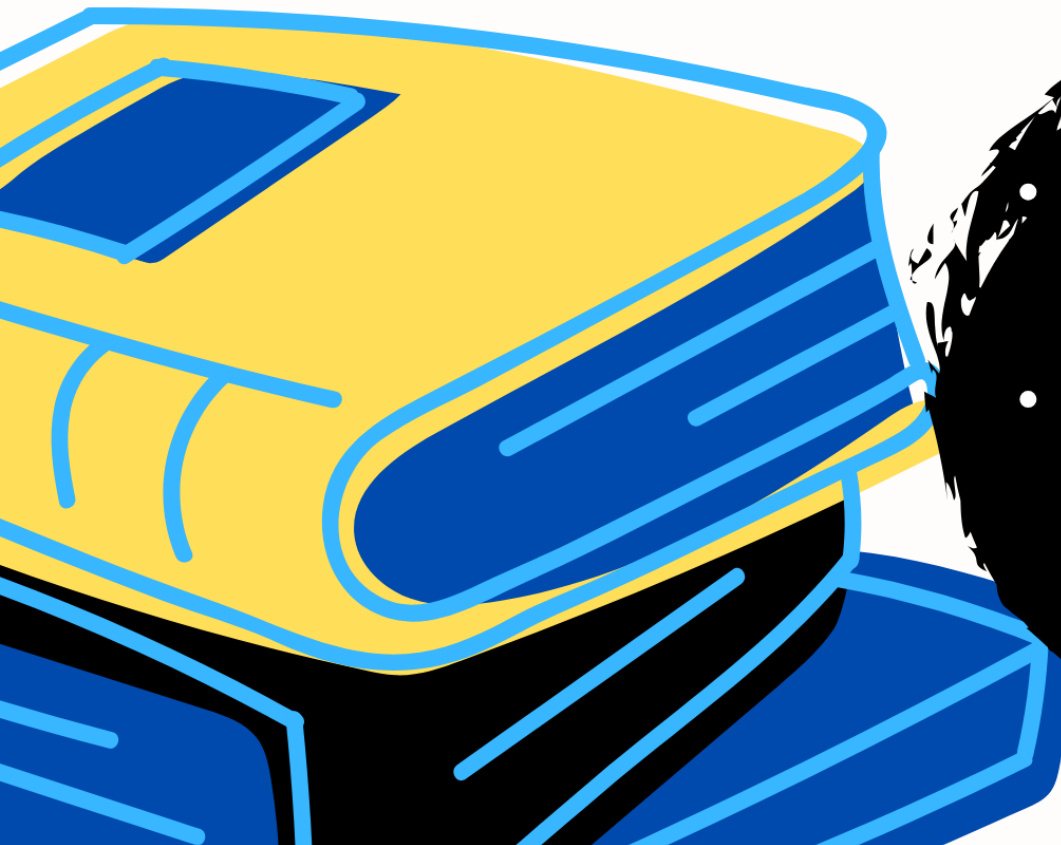
It's Time For A...

Spring BOOK Fair

Students will be able to shop and purchase books during their weekly library time slot.

May 13th- May 17th

If you'd like your child to buy books, simply send them with cash on their library day.



Featuring:

- Summer reading recommendation books
- 2025 Monarch, Bluestem & Battle books & many more titles

We'll also be open for shopping after school until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15th.

Walker Elementary School Recycling EXTRAVAGANZA!
In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration Volunteer Day
May 18, 2024
9am to 12 pm
Walker Elementary School Parking Lot (120 Walker Ave)



The following vendors will be present to collect the items to be recycled:

- EARTH PAINT - Paint
- SCARCE - books, instruments, Brita filters and pitchers
- PROJECT CURE - Medical Equipment
- STAPLES - markers, pens, batteries & pencils
- SHOE DRIVE - gently worn shoes of all types, cleats, etc.
- Onsite paper shredding
- Bike Donations/recycling

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Questions? Please email katylacrosse@hotmail.com.

If you would like to help out at the Extravaganza or any other projects on the Centennial Volunteer Day please visit the sign up genius at:

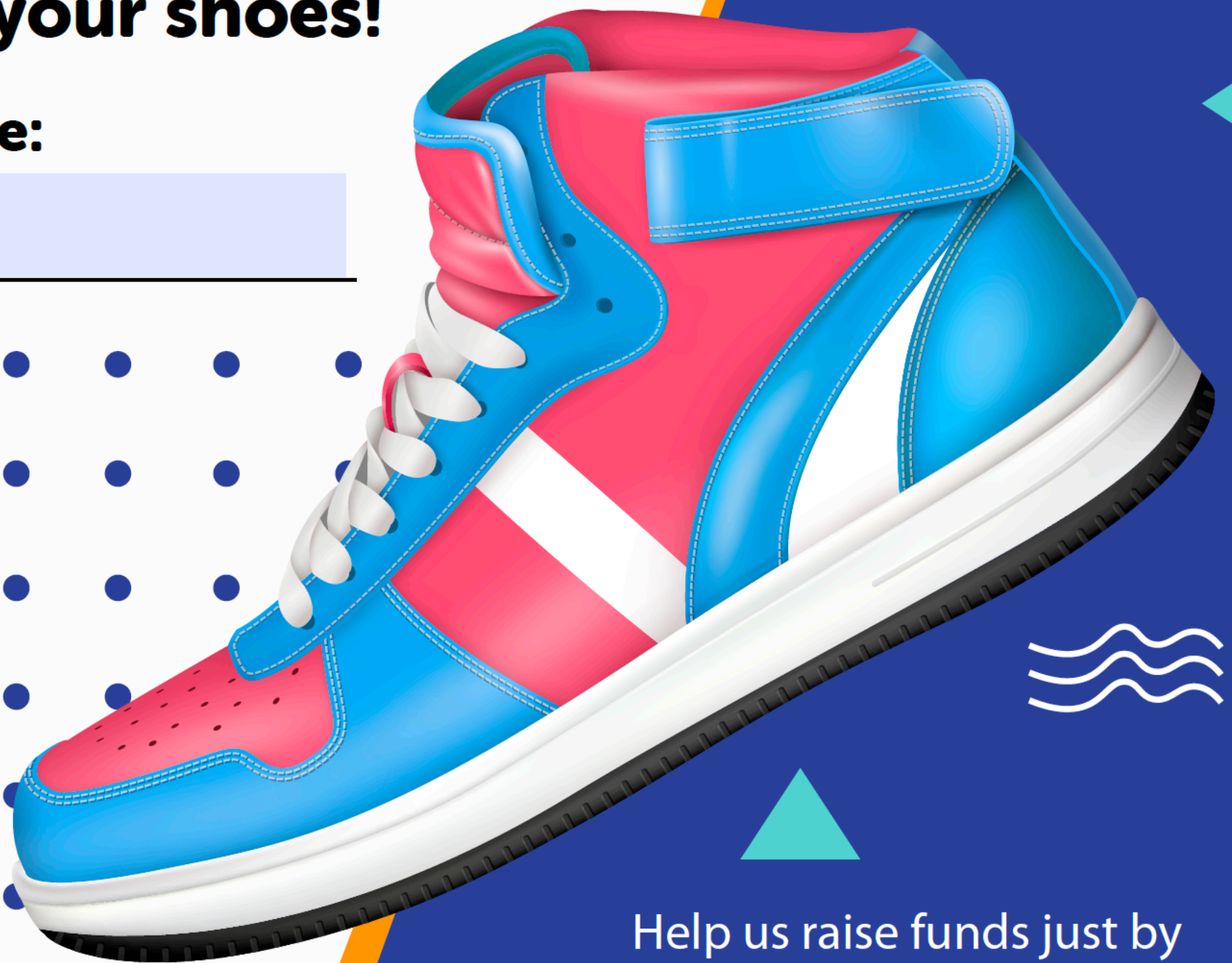
<https://bit.ly/CHCentVol>

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

We need your shoes!

Group Name:

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Drop-Off Location:

WALKER SCHOOL

Drop boxes at front and gym doors

Dates:

April 8 thru May 30

Contact:

Jenny Pace: dewitt.jenny@gmail.com

Sarah Karrow: skarow@d181.org

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Let us do the shopping for you!

We are providing a one stop shop!

No hassle— No crowds —No worries

All supplies included in your order have been approved by your school.

To order online go to:

www.write-stuff.com/storefront/school/walkes

Order deadline to receive FREE shipping to school is June 16th.

Ordering is EASY!

- Go to the website OR scan the QR code.
- Select your grade level for **next year**.
- Enter your student's name.
- Follow prompts to check out, or keep shopping and add another student.
- Kits ship to school.

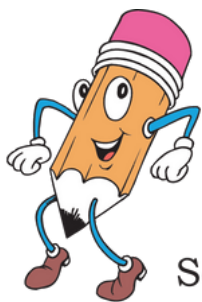


Questions??? contact your school coordinator:

Marisa Cadarin

630-212-7688 or

MarisaCadorin13@gmail.com

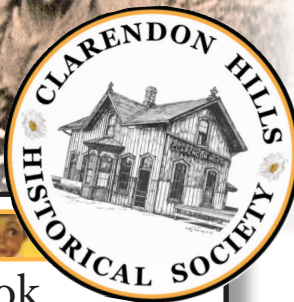
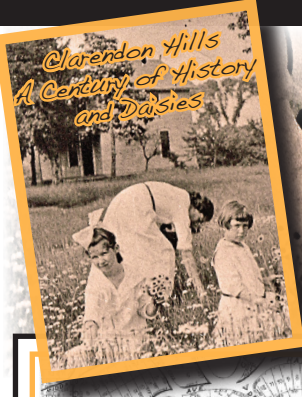


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School Supplies

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR SCHOOL IS RECEIVING PROMOTIONAL PRICING AND FREE SHIPPING TO SCHOOL UNTIL JUNE 16th. BEGINNING JUNE 17th, REGULAR PRICING & SHIPPING RATES WILL APPLY AND EDITING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. THE LAST DAY KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE IS JULY 15th. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S SUPPLY KIT IS A CUSTOM ORDER. CAREFULLY READ THROUGH THE ORDER TERMS AT CHECKOUT.

Clarendon Hills Historical Society Celebrates the Village's 100 Years



Reserve your Centennial Book and Ad Space Today!

- Visit our Website: Clarendonhillshistory.org for more details.
- Pre-Order Your Centennial Book
- Reserve your copy of Clarendon Hills 100 years of history and its volunteers!
- Books are \$50 each, available by September 30, 2024



Reserve Ad Space In Centennial Book

- Create a lasting legacy for your family or business
 - Available only to local residents and businesses
 - All ads are placed in the back of the Centennial Book
 - All ads are full color, 4" by 5.25" and \$150 each
 - An ad in pdf format must be ready at the time of purchase
 - May 31st Deadline, see website for more details
- Become a Member**
- Support and join your local Historical Society
 - Memberships: \$25 single, \$40 family, \$50 business
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