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CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

NOVEMBER

- 4 Conferences – dismissal at 11:28 am
- 5 Conferences – **no school**
- 4-5 Walden Book Fair
- 10-12 WKCE Testing
- 11 Family Night – Infusino's
- 12 Early Release – 12:31pm
- 12 Harvest Dance 6:00-9:00pm
- 15-24 Harvest Food Drive
- 16 – PTSA meeting 6:30-8:00
- 16 - Market Day pickup 2:30-4:30pm
- 24 - Feast Banquet
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

- 3 Barnes & Nobles Book Fair
9:00am –11:00pm
- 9 Cocoa Concert 7-8:30pm
- 14 Market Day pickup 2:30-4:30pm
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Holiday Recess

JANUARY

- 3 School resumes
- 13 Dine Out at Domino's
- 14 Early Release – 12:31
- 17 MLK Day – **no school**
- 18 PTSA meeting 6:30-8:00
- 20 Conferences – dismissal at 11:28
- 21 Conferences – no school
- 21 Winter Formal 5:30-9:30pm
- 25 Market Day pickup 2:30-4:30pm

LIBRARY NEWS.....

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 4** from **11:30-7:30pm**, and **Friday, Nov. 5** from **8:00-10:00am** by the main office in the hallway during conferences. A large selection of great books will be available, including suggested reading for English classes. This is an important fundraiser for the Library, so please stop by during conferences and bring your checkbook or credit card!

Recently I was able to stop at three venues during the course of Walden's observance of 'Make A Difference Day.' I need to tell you how proud I am of the great spirit of participation of your sons and daughters in this regard.

While there were many activities taking place around the school, neighborhood, and town, I observed a group of Green School committee members helping to insulate a neighbor's home, with money obtained from fundraising (noted in a RJT newspaper article). Then I saw a large group of our students weeding, tilling and toiling at the community gardens. Lastly, I was able to check out a few other groups at the dog walking park near highway 38, clearing away brush and overgrown trees and bushes in paths to the river.

All of which, really does MAKE A DIFFERENCE! I know we often hear about how the kids of today are tomorrow's leaders. I believe that, and I feel really good about our collective futures, because the kids I saw on that day are not only our best hope for the future, but they lead TODAY as well. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you, parents, for sending Walden the best kids we could ever hope to work with.

COUNSELOR NEWS.....

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available for the senior with the highest grade point average and does not require an application. In the event of more than one eligible senior with an identical grade point average, the tie-breaking procedures are:

1. The grade point averages will be computed to as many decimal places as needed to break the tie.
2. If the first criterion does not determine the recipient, the student with the higher ACT composite score will be ranked higher.
3. If the first two criteria do not determine the recipient, the student with the greater number of credits used to compute the GPA will be ranked higher.
4. If the first three criteria do not determine the recipient, the student with greater number of weighted credits will be ranked higher.

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

Racine Unified, in conjunction with Gateway and Parkside, have created a Youth Options program, which allows juniors and seniors in good academic standing to take college courses. Both fall and spring classes can be paid for by RUSD if the district does not already teach that specific course. Deadlines for approval are October 1 for spring courses and March 1 for fall courses options.

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

There are many websites to search for information about colleges and scholarships. Go online to Fastweb.com, collegeboard.com or anycollege.net. For financial aid information, try finaid.org, ed.gov, or fafsa.ed.gov.

HONORS INFORMATION

RUSD Central Office sends honors information to the Racine Journal Times, using the following criteria:

High honors = GPA of 3.5 and above
Honors = GPA of 3.25 – 3.49

ACT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration
12/11/2010	11/5/2010	11/6-19/2010
2/12/2011	1/7/2011	1/8-21/2011
4/9/2011	3/4/2011	3/5-18/2011
6/11/2011	5/6/2011	5/7-20/2011

SAT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration
12/4/2010	11/5/2010	11/19/2010
1/22/2011	12/23/2010	1/7/2011
3/12/2011	2/11/2011	2/25/2011
5/7/2011	4/8/2011	4/22/2011
6/4/2011	5/6/2011	5/20/2011

Register online to take the ACT test at www.actstudent.org or at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT. The code for Walden is **501-919**.

WisCareers is a computer-based program to help students explore colleges and occupations as well as take an interest inventory. Students can access this program at school or at home. Opportunities to set up an account will be provided throughout the year, or call Katie to schedule at 664-6250.

WI ASSOC. FOR TALENTED & GIFTED...

The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted offers an invaluable website for parents and educators at www.watg.org/. If you have not yet had the opportunity to check out this website, I strongly encourage you to do so. Please also consider becoming a member of this organization that supports parents, educators, and students in Wisconsin.

Information is also available on this site on how to join the statewide Gifted Education List-Serv-WISGIFT-L. This is an email list designed for discussion of issues related to gifted children and gifted education in Wisconsin. This list is a cooperative project of the UW-Whitewater and WATG.

Students should not have phones, ipods on their person during testing. They should leave them at home or in their lockers

FIRST QUARTER CONFERENCES..NOV. 4-5

Parent-teacher-student conferences for the first quarter will be held Thursday, Nov.4 and Friday, Nov. 5. Students sign up for a conference time with their homegroup teacher – all students must be in attendance for their conference. Dismissal on Thursday is at 11:14 with conferences in the afternoon, and there is no school on Friday, Nov. 5.

MODEL O.A.S./U.N.

Walden's Model O.A.S./U.N advisor Tom Kohl is looking for 1 female chaperone for the Nov. 11&12 conference at UW-Parkside and for the Mar. 21&22 conference at UW-Milwaukee. The March conference is an overnight fieldtrip.

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE NOV. 15-24

Walden's annual Harvest Food Drive has grown to become one of the biggest food drives in the county – second only to the postal carrier's collection! Everybody contributes something daily for a week, and the generosity of our Walden families is outstanding.

A list of food items collected will be given out by homegroups during 1st quarter conferences. Each day has a theme such as Breakfast Day, Snack Day, Pantry Day, etc., and each item is assigned a point value. Homegroups compete against each other for the most donations to determine their place in line for the Thanksgiving Feast.

Take advantage of food sales and stock up now on food and household items like shampoo and toothpaste, pancake mix and cereal, peanut butter and jelly, salsa and other staples. **See the complete list at the end of this newsletter.**

We could also use donations of clear packing tape!

WALDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS.....

CROSS COUNTRY

Special Congratulations to out to the 2010 Walden Cross country Team. Our season ended on Thursday, October 14th at the ALL CITY MEET at Lockwood park. A great job by all runners, but a special HUGE CONGRATS to the 6th grade boys and girls teams who both took first place in the city against all of those other really big schools! All 20 of our runners improved on their times during the season. 7th grader Braiden (fast runner) Murray had a undefeated season, easily winning all 4 of his races. Nice job everyone!! Sue & Betty

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball season has begun. See Sue or Sam for your schedules.

WKCE STANDARIZED TESTING

Students in grades 6,7,8, & 10 will be taking the standardized tests on **November 10-12**. Please help your child get a good night sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and make an extra effort to arrive on time. To help with the longest day of testing, the PTSA is providing snacks during the morning break. Students in grades 9, 11, & 12 will report to classes on the days of testing. Regular classes will be held.

YEARBOOK INFO.....

Attention Walden! First quarter is almost done! The yearbook is still \$35. Hurry up and come to Joe Kane's room, 304, with cash or a check, made out to Walden III, and preserve your 2010-2011 school year memories forever. Alternatively, go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and purchase your Yearbook online. Hurry, hurry, hurry! The prices increase at the turn of the quarter!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS.....

Our next fundraiser will be our annual poinsettia sale. Our poinsettias come from Milaeger's and come in three colors and four different sizes. We also are selling 24" wreaths and hanging evergreen baskets. The poinsettias are always beautiful and last a long time.

Order forms are included in this and are due back to Vanessa by **Tuesday, Nov. 23rd**. They can be picked up at our Cocoa Concert **Thursday, Dec. 9th**.

Poinsettias are a great gift idea and decorate your home or office nicely for the upcoming holiday season. Support the Music Department at Walden and sell them to your family, friends, and neighbors!

JAZZ BAND CONCERT at Park High School – **Nov. 9, 2010**. Jazz Band will be performing as will Park's jazz bands. This is a required performance.

COCOA CONCERT on Thursday, **Dec. 9th**, 7:00-8:30pm in the Walden gym. All bands perform.

CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT is **Dec. 16th 7:00pm** at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

If you're a parent of one of our musicians, please consider Volunteering that night! We need people to: set up the gym, prepare and serve the hot cocoa, run the silent auction (formerly the raffle), & a cashier.

We could use your help!

We would also appreciate your donations to the **Silent Auction** – large and small items or baskets are needed. To volunteer, please call Vanessa at 664-6250.

ART NEWS.....

Sarah Horn, a 10th grader and Kayla Simanek, an 11th grader, each had an art piece selected from the Spring Racine Unified School K-12 Exhibit to be on display at the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread Racine. Sarah will have a painting and Kayla will have a ceramic vase on exhibit beginning **October 18** at a 4:30 reception as part of the 21st Wingspread Collection and continue through the 2010-2011 school year.

HORLICK HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR

Visit the Horlick High School Holiday Fair, **Saturday, November 20th, 9am to 4pm**, hosted by the Horlick Student Council and school. See Cathy in the Walden office for a 2 for 1 admission coupon.

PTSA'S FAMILY NIGHT.....NOV. 11

Please join us for Walden's:

3rd Annual Family Night
Thursday, Nov. 11
5:30-8:30 pm

This is Walden's annual kick off of the new school year and to welcome new families, staff and students. This event will be at Infusino's Banquet Hall on November 11, 2010 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. There will be a Silent Auction, raffle prizes, T-shirts, good food, music and great company! Don't miss it!!

Tickets are **\$10.00** and include dinner, beverages and entertainment. Tickets will be available at www.waldeniii.org or in the school office or homegroup teachers soon.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

We need **baskets** or **decorative boxes** for Silent Auction items.

If you can contribute a door prize please contact us at fundraising@waldeniii.org

**FAMILY NIGHT SILENT AUCTION
AND DOOR PRIZE LIST as of 10.22.10**

Donated Items	Donated By:
2 - Walden Shirts	AD-vantage Promotions
1 - Basic Tune-up	3rd Coast Bicycles
1 - Small Dog Grooming	A - 1 Grooming by Barbie
1 - Grooming	All 4 Paws
3 - Discounted Courses	American Professional Driving School
3 - Certificates	
1 - lg. 2 topping pizza	AMNJ Enterprises
1 - order bread sticks	(Domino's Pizza)
1 - 2 liter Coke	
\$50 Check	Arcade Drivers' School
4 - Brewers Tickets	
Ancillary Merchandise	Associated Bank
1 - \$250 Savings Bond	
1 - \$30 Gift Certificate	At Your Bark N Meow
2XL Sweatshirt	Batten Int'l Airport
5 - Diamond Car Washes	Better Day B. P. / Gus's Gyros
100 - 1 month membership	
100 - uniform	Black Belt Karate Studio
\$50 Gift Card for Alterations or Merchandise	Bravo Bridal
Handmade Quilt	Breit/Nicholson Family
4 - Children's Helmets	Bright Star - Racine & South Milwaukee Counties
1 - 1 lb. bag of coffee	Caribou Coffee
1 - mug	
10 - 2 game tickets	Castle Lanes
\$20 Gift Card	Ceramic Garden & Gifts
Gift Basket	Common Scents
2 - Music Stands	Copy Cat Music
Animal Lovers' Basket	Countryside Humane Society
1 - 1 month membership for 2	Curves for Women
1 - 8 in. D. Q. cake	
1 - 6 pack Dilly Bars	Dairy Queen (Douglas)
\$10 Gift Card	
1 - \$12 Gift Certificate	Danny's Meats & Catering
1 - Mini Songbird bird feeder	Diva Nails
1 - 5 lb. Bird Seed	Douglas Hardware
1 - Finch Sock w/ seed	
10 - Free coffees	
2 - dozen free donuts	Dunkin Donuts
2 - bottles of booze	Evelyn's Club
\$100 Gift Certificate	Eyeopenerz
1 - Free Oil Change	
1 - 18 point inspection	
1 - Car Wash	Fast Lube U. S. A.
1 - Fluid Top Off	
Auto Detailing	Finishing Touch Auto Body

\$15 Gift Card
 Bouquet& Gift Card
 Insinkerator Garbage Disposal
 Lube and Oil Change (5Wx30)
 1 - Beading Class
 4 - \$5 Gift Certificates
 4 - \$15 Gift Certificates
 Discounted tux rental
 Free shoes and Guarder w/ purchase of dress
 \$25 Gift Certificate
 2 slice toaster
 Electric hot pot
 20 - sub vouchers
 10 - sub vouchers
 1 - lg. cake
 Hurricane Lamp w/ wall Mount
 2 - \$20 Gift Cards
 \$15 Gift Certificate
 Discounted African Queen Suite
 "Desert Suite
 iTouch NANO
 2 - 6 pack of Dilly Bars
 2 - Coolers
 2 - Emergency Blankets
 2 - Mini Tool Kits
 1 - XL Sub Voucher
 Afghan Quilt
 1 - \$10 Gift Certificate
 1 - Pink Nail Polish
 1 - Pink Face Cold Pack
 1 - Pink Calendar
 2 - \$5 Gift Certificate
 \$50 Check
 \$25 Gift Card
 "everything chocolate" basket
 1 - lg. pizza
 4 ticket voucher
 2 ticket voucher
 2 - \$25 Gift Cards
 7 - \$90 Gift Cards
 6 - Kringles
 1 - Wooden Serving Platter/Cutting Board
 2 - Autographed Books
 2 - 2 meal coupons

[Fired Up! Racine](#)
[Floral Creations by Eilee](#)
[Flynn Family](#)
[Franksville Auto Service](#)
[Funky Hannah's](#)
[Georgie Porgie's](#)
[Hallman/Lindsay Paint](#)
[Images of Racine](#)
[Infusino's](#)
[Janet Kruger](#)
[Jimmy John's \(Main Street\)](#)
[Jimmy John's \(Washington\)](#)
[Joe Cool](#)
[Johnson Furniture](#)
[JoJo's Toys](#)
[Jose's Blue Sombrero](#)
[Kalahari Resorts](#)
[Kim Leslie](#)
[Kook's Dairy Queen \(Washington\)](#)
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[Linda St. Marti](#)
[Linda's Hair Extraordinaire](#)
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[Maresh-Maredith Funeral Home](#)
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[Michelle Beegle-Knurowski](#)
[Mike and Angelo's Milwaukee Admirals Hockey Club](#)
[Milwaukee Wave Professional Soccer](#)
[Moxie Child Children's Boutique](#)
[Noodles and Company](#)
[O&H Danish Bakery](#)
[Pam Veenstra](#)
[Panera Bread](#)

15 - 3 game tickets
1 - 2 topping Party Pizza
\$25 Gift Card
\$20 Gift Card
\$20 Gift Card
\$20 Gift Certificate
2 - Wii Games
B. M. X. Package
(Grips, Shin Guards, Pegs)
2 - T-shirts
1 - 4 ticket to Miracle On
34th Street Voucher
1 - Family Fun Pack
\$75 Gift Certificate
1 month membership
6 - Basic Washes
\$20 Gift Certificate
5 - BOGO Free Drink and
Cocktail
Books
Portrait Setting
1 - 1 person Hot air
balloon ride
More TBA (depends on
auction)
1 - \$10 Gift Certificate
3 bags of coffee
Portable Desktop
Organizer

Paradise Lanes
Pias' Pizzeria
Pick n Save (Douglas)
Pick n Save (Rapid's)
**Pick n Save (South Green
Bay)**
Pierce General Rental
Piranha Gaming
Racine Cyclery
Racine Harley Davidson
Racine Theatre Guild
Racine Zoological Society
Rasmussen Diamonds
Razor Sharp Fitness
Royal Car Care

Shilling's Irish Pub

Simply Pictures

**Soaring Adventures of
America, Inc.**

Sparti's Gyros
Starbuck's Coffee

Sturino Funeral Home

3 - \$5 Gift Certificates
1 - \$20 Gift Certificate
1 - 5 tanning sessions
\$20 Gift Card
13 weeks subscription
\$50 Gift Certificate
6 - Handmade Necklaces
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1 - Various Harley
Davidson Items
1 - Coloring Book &
Carrying Pouch
1 - Jelly Belly Jellybean
Dispenser
1 - Pillow, Blanket, and
Key chain
2 - \$5 gift certificates
5 - lg. pizza and order of
stix
Beauty Bouquet Basket
\$20 Gift Certificate
\$15 Gift Certificate
2 - Free Oil Change
1 - Dog Grooming

Sugar Shack Sweet Shop
Tacos El Rey
Tan-tastic
Target
The Journal Times
The Studio Tattoo
Theresa Stofli

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Top Dog Hot Dog
Topper's Pizza
Touch of Elegance
Whey Chai (Main Street)
Wilson's Coffee and Tea
Wisconsin Muffler
Woofdorf-Astoria

WALDEN HARVEST FOOD DRIVE 2010

November 15 – November 24

Goal: To collect more than **300 boxes** of non-perishables and raise **\$3,000.00**

This revised point system reflects the need to increase the quality of items being donated.

Monday, November 15 – Snack Day

Popcorn	Nuts	Trail mix	Cylinders of chips, pretzels, etc.
Cookies	Raisins	Snack crackers	Protein bars
Juice	Fruit cups	Other	

Tuesday, November 16 – Lunch Day

Canned fruit	Soup	Mac & cheese	Canned vegetables	Olives
Pickles	Ketchup	Mustard	Beans (canned or dried)	Other

Wednesday, November 17 – Grains/Vegetarian/Household Items Day

Ethnic rice or starch (Spanish rice, pilafs, barley, Mexican, etc.)				Salsa
Refried Beans		Cleaning products	Toothpaste/brush	Spices
Oriental noodles (Asian, Soba, etc.)		Dish soap	Feminine hygiene products	Soy Sauce
		Laundry soap	Plastic Zipper Bag	Other

Thursday, November 18 – “Super 6+” Day (Most requested quality items)

Peanut butter (minimum size 8 oz.)	Cooking spray or oil	Tuna	Toilet paper
Canned fruit or vegetable		Baby food	Paper towels
Canned meat (beef stew, corned beef hash, etc.)		Diapers/Pull-ups	Other

Friday, November 19 – “Holiday Basket” Day

Cranberry sauce	Stuffing mix	Instant Potatoes	Yams or sweet potatoes
Jell-O or Pudding	Cake mixes	Frosting	Canned fruit or vegetables
Boxed dinners (i.e. Hamburger Helper, Meals in a Can)			Other

Monday, November 20 – Breakfast Day

Boxes/bags of cereal	Jelly/ Jam/Preserves	Coffee or tea	Syrup
Hot cereal mix (oatmeal, etc.)	Protein or cereal bars	Coffee creamer	Other
Pancake/waffle mix		Cocoa Mix	

Tuesday, November 21 – Dinner Day/ “Two for Tuesday” (all points double today)

Boxed or canned dinners	Soup, stew, chili	Canned meats
Spaghetti or other pasta	Canned fruit	Canned vegetables
Rice or instant potatoes	Dessert mixes	Other

Wednesday, Nov. 26 – “Walk a Day in my Shoes” - \$\$\$ Day Middle vs High School

Instead of spending money at the school store or going across the street, throw in some change and donate your money during our final town meeting to celebrate the fruits of our labor.

Point Values:

“Other” Is any item not listed.

“Two for Tuesday”. All points are doubled on this day’s items AND cash.

Point values are assigned according to the quality and need for each item, as suggested by the Food Bank.

Please only donate QUALITY items – ask, “Would I eat this?” Dented cans CAN NOT be used and won’t be accepted (Points will be deducted accordingly). Quality is more important than quantity, as always.

Please purchase containers appropriate for a single family.