



# Principal's Newsletter

Sumeet Singh, Principal  
Fall 2023

## WELCOME!



We are happy to welcome the following new staff members to Walnut:

*Cory Vargas- 5th M/S*  
*Sarah Bruce- 2nd M/S*  
*Lori Quillen- Kinder VPA*  
*Isabel Jardin- Kinder VPA*  
*Sarah Sousa- 1st VPA*  
*Amber Smith-Reading Interv.*  
*Diana Fairbanks- 3rd VPA*  
*Quinn Waterson-Reading Specialist*

The following staff members will be in a new role this year:

*Sherri McMillan- 3rd M/S*  
*Sabrina Almaraz- 3rd VPA*  
*Kelli Ashby- 2nd VPA*



**As a part of our campus safety protocols, we will continue with the following procedures this year:**

- Parents may walk their student to class on the mornings of Aug 14-16 but will have to stop at the gate starting Thursday, August 17.
- Only the STAR, HEART, & CRESCENT gates will open at 8:00 AM for students to enter campus. All other gates will be locked. All gates will be open at dismissal, and parents may enter the campus to pickup their student.
- All visitors/volunteers must check in at the office and wear a visible visitor's badge at all times.
- Parents may attend morning opening when invited by a staff member for a special event.

## WALNUT ELECTIVES UPDATE



Walnut is excited to share a more integrated approach to our popular elective program for sessions A-C. Students will choose an elective in either magnet program as a pilot that will support our school's STEAM theme. The staff will review its success and determine future plans.



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## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Meals will be offered to all students at no cost in 2023-2024. Lunch applications are no longer required to participate in the meal program. Visit [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) to create an account today.

## Save the Date

**August 14:** 1st day of school

**August 23:** Back to School Night

**August 29-September 1:**  
Outdoor Education (6th grade)

**October 3:** Fall Pictures

## Walnut PTO

The Walnut Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an active and committed group of Walnut parents who are looking for your support! Through various fundraisers and donation efforts, our students have benefited greatly from thousands of raised dollars.

***Join today!***

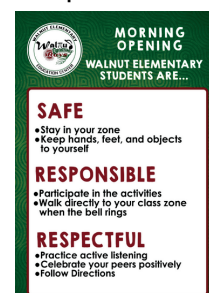
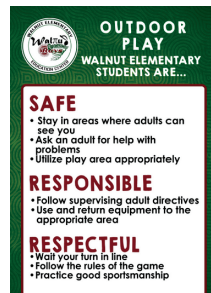
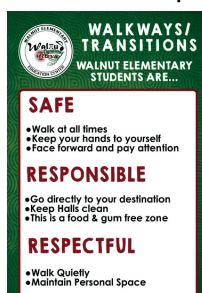
## POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL

## INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS (PBIS)

Walnut will continue its PBIS implementation in the 2023-24 school year. PBIS is a school-wide management system that focuses on three simple rules:

***Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible***

Students will be recognized and rewarded for following these three simple rules throughout the school day. Students will be explicitly taught the three expectations in various settings around the school. Below are examples of PBIS posters found around campus:



## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL/ELAC

Our School Site Council and English Learners Advisory Council exist to monitor our categorical programs and provide staff and elected parents with the opportunity to provide input into the school plans. Meetings for these two groups are held at least 4 times a year. Parent representatives are elected to these committees. Please email [ssingh@turlock.k12.ca.us](mailto:ssingh@turlock.k12.ca.us) if you are interested in serving on one of these important committees or if you would like to nominate someone to serve in the 23-24 school year.



## Volunteer Information

Walnut is excited to welcome volunteers on our campus. More information on completing an application can be found on the TUSD website:

<https://www.turlock.k12.ca.us/Page/1771>