



WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wildcat Weekly - August 27, 2026

Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

4th - Fun Run Kickoff

7th & 8th - No School for Students

18th - Fun Run Race Day!; 1st Grade Vehicle Day at Papio Bay, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

25th - Spirit Day with popcorn from PTO!

28th - Picture Day

 Please check our [online school calendar](#) for future dates of events and activities!

✓ Check out the [PTO Page](#) on our Walnut Creek website for upcoming events and ways to get involved!



The sidewalk along the south side of the building on Fenwick Street is being **reinstalled!**



Thank you for your patience and understanding as this change was being made.



We have also asked that construction vehicles **not park** along Fenwick Street.



GREAT NEWS!

THANK YOU! 

School Nurse's Corner

Hydration & Breakfast

Starting the day fueled and hydrated helps students feel their best and stay ready to learn! Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of water throughout the day. Sending a labeled water bottle to school is a great way to help them stay hydrated.

Healthy Sleep Routine

Back-to-school means getting back into a routine! Consistent bedtimes and wake-up times can help students feel rested, focused, and ready for the school day. Try to keep bedtime routines consistent—even on busy school nights.

Medication at School

If your child needs medication during the school day, please make sure it is brought to the Health Office by a parent/guardian in its original, pharmacy-labeled container. A completed Medication Administration Form must also be on file before medication can be administered at school.

? Questions or concerns? Please reach out to your school nurse or health para. We're here to help keep our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn!

Traci Longenecker, BSN, RN

School Directory

Our PTO is compiling the 2026–2027 School Directory. If you **do not want your contact information included**, please call Olivia Weddell at **(402) 898-9630**. Thank you!



**WALNUT CREEK
Clubs**



Our Walnut Creek staff is excited to offer a variety of clubs and activities for students this year! Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about the available opportunities and indicate your child's interest. The link will close on **Friday, Sept. 4th!**

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

Cycle 2 | August 27th - September 11th

What We Are Learning

Kindergarten: We will discuss building and maintaining positive relationships with our classmates by using problem solving skills.

First Grade: We will identify different feelings people might have, people might have different feelings, and all feelings are okay.

Second Grade: We will define empathy and share different ways we have shown empathy to others.

Third Grade: We will discuss that part of being a good friend is being able to relate to others by recognizing how they are feeling and it is ok to have different feelings about the same situation.

Fourth Grade: We will review problem solving and coping skills from last cycle - using scenarios to identify how to turn a negative into a positive.

Fifth Grade: We will give examples of different stressors in their lives and discuss different problem solving skills.

Sixth Grade: We will discuss what self-respect means and how positive thinking about ourselves can have an impact on daily decisions.

Contact Info

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Wildcat Bakers Needed!

We want to give a shout out and huge thanks to our amazing volunteer bakers who already signed up to fill 12 spots. We still need 24 more volunteer slots filled throughout the semester.

We're also looking for desserts and treats for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 6 & 7.

Whether you enjoy baking from scratch or picking up a favorite treat, every contribution helps make our staff feel valued and appreciated. Sign up [here](https://tinyurl.com/9a4vwtu4)!



WILDCAT BAKERS

HELP US SWEETEN THE SCHOOL YEAR!

SIGN-UPS ARE LIVE!
8 volunteers have already filled 12 spots.

WE STILL NEED 24 MORE SLOTS FILLED THIS SEMESTER!

SPECIAL NEED: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 6 & 7
Desserts needed for our amazing teachers! ♥

BAKE. SHARE. APPRECIATE.
⇒ Let's show our staff how sweet they are! ⇒

SIGN UP TODAY!
<https://tinyurl.com/9a4vwtu4>

Golden Sower Reading Program

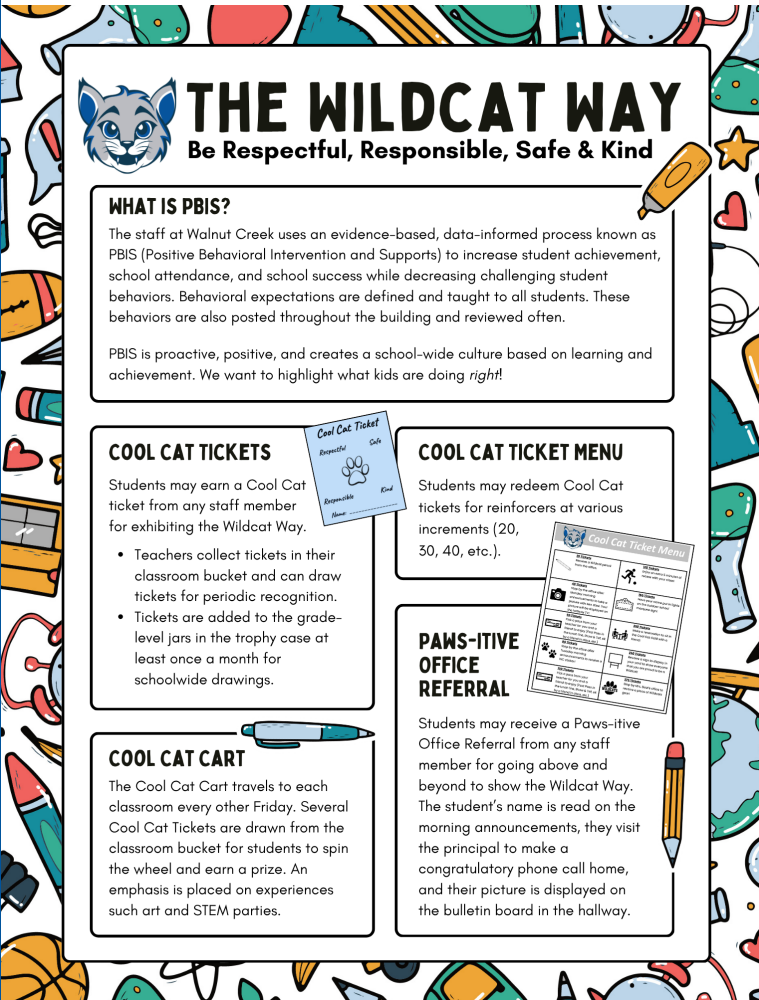
We are thrilled to kick off our participation in the Golden Sower Reading Program! This year, our K-3 students will explore a selection of nominated titles which introduce themes such as kindness, courage, and friendship. Throughout the year, school librarians will share these titles with students in preparation for voting in April, when children across the state submit their votes to award the winning title. While the program is introduced to all K-6 students, we will specifically read all the picture books ([Little Bluestem](#)) [Golden Sower nominees](#) to our K-3 students.

The purpose of this program is to encourage independent reading and cultivate a love for literature among our students. The program aims to stimulate critical thinking and foster an appreciation for quality writing and illustration. [Here is a link to the Golden Sower website](#) to learn more about the program and the selection process.

As we share these engaging stories throughout the year during library specials, our activities will align with standards focusing on comprehension and literary analysis. We invite you to engage in daily discussions with your child about their reading and classroom conversations. If your family has questions about this process or specific titles, please notify the school librarian.

To learn more about the titles in the Golden Sower program, please visit: [Common Sense Media](#) or [TitleWave](#).

To access the list of Nominees for this year, [please visit this website](#).



THE WILDCAT WAY

Be Respectful, Responsible, Safe & Kind

WHAT IS PBIS?

The staff at Walnut Creek uses an evidence-based, data-informed process known as PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) to increase student achievement, school attendance, and school success while decreasing challenging student behaviors. Behavioral expectations are defined and taught to all students. These behaviors are also posted throughout the building and reviewed often.

PBIS is proactive, positive, and creates a school-wide culture based on learning and achievement. We want to highlight what kids are doing *right*!

COOL CAT TICKETS

Students may earn a Cool Cat ticket from any staff member for exhibiting the Wildcat Way.

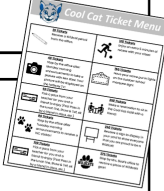
- Teachers collect tickets in their classroom bucket and can draw tickets for periodic recognition.
- Tickets are added to the grade-level jars in the trophy case at least once a month for schoolwide drawings.

COOL CAT TICKET MENU

Students may redeem Cool Cat tickets for reinforcers at various increments (20, 30, 40, etc.).

PAWS-ITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Students may receive a Paws-itive Office Referral from any staff member for going above and beyond to show the Wildcat Way. The student's name is read on the morning announcements, they visit the principal to make a congratulatory phone call home, and their picture is displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Jaime Bizal, Principal
Olivia Weddell, Administrative Assistant



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Lunch Menu

Lunch Visitor Sign-Up