

# Walnut St. School

## The Monthly Newsletter

December 8, 2008

### Principal's Message

First off, I want to take a moment to thank the H.S.A for taking on this new initiative of a monthly Walnut Street News Letter. I am pleased to be included in this monthly mailing and hope it serves as another way that the School, H.S.A. and parents can increase communication and collaboration. As a result, each month I will provide brief updates and messages with regards to the school as a whole.

This month it seemed fitting to begin with a construction update, since there has been a lot of work occurring the past several weeks. At this point, I have been informed that the exterior wall and roof should be complete by mid-December with a goal of moving the 4th and 5th grade classrooms back upstairs over the holiday break. Interior construction will also continue with bathrooms, a faculty room, and small office space reaching completion in the near future. Despite these minor daily inconveniences caused by the ongoing construction, I am extremely proud of the students' behavior and how they have adjusted to, and handled, the deviations in routine caused by this ongoing project.

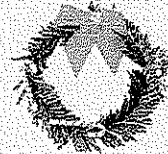
In terms of school wide programs we continue to push an agenda focusing on positive behavioral choices on a daily basis. Through classroom lessons facilitated by our guidance counselor, the Terrific Kids program, coupled with school wide messages we continue to focus on the area of character education. Although we have had to address some specific issues with regards to behavior this year, on Wednesday, November 26th, the students were awarded a school wide Ice Cream party for reaching a collective goal of 45 days of good behavior.

As we approach the upcoming break I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Holiday season and I look forward to continuing to provide a family friendly educational atmosphere for your children in 2009!!!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Adams, Psy.D. Principal

### H.S.A News



We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to work at the foot ball concession stand. Without your help, it would not be possible to run the stand.

The cookie dough fundraiser was a success and the top seller was Gabe Cupps who won a \$25.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

We will be having our Christmas Shop Tuesday and Wednesday December 8th and 9th. The hours are 9-11 and we still need volunteers to help the children shop. The Holiday concert will be Dec. 9th at 7:00 at the High school. On Friday Dec. 19th we will be having our make a gift shop from 3:00 - 3:30, we could use parents to help assist children with their craft. December 22 will be the holiday parties, and Santa will be making a special visit to Walnut St. on December 23.

### Teacher's Corner Mrs. Theresa Richman

December in Kindergarten is an exciting time! We are currently working with our literacy theme, "We're a family". When we conclude this theme we will be hosting a family breakfast. Families of our kindergarten students will have the opportunity to look through items from our new literacy program at this time. The children have been excited to learn with this program and will be giving their families a tour of their favorite parts.

The Monday before holiday break we will be participating in "Holidays around the World" Activities. We will move through the kindergarten, first grade, and second grade classrooms to create a craft to represent Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We are eager to be involved in this multicultural experience.