



# The Walden School

May 2017

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## Walden School is closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 for Memorial Day

### Breakfast with Mom May 12th

Our Mother's Day breakfast will be held Friday, May 12th. Mothers please feel free to join your child for breakfast from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. If Mom cannot attend, we gladly welcome Dad or another relative.

### Taekwondo Belt Ceremony May 8th

A belt ceremony will take place for each class on May 8th. Parents are welcome to attend and take pictures. See Mr. Mike with any questions

### Pictures and Dance Recitals May 31st

Pictures and Recital for Ballet and Jazz classes will be the evening of May 31st. Refer to the letter from Ms. Katherine for times. All parents are invited to attend.



### Order Class pictures by May 12th

Class pictures will be here for you to order on the bulletin board until May 12th. Order pictures by their number. Payment is due at the time you order. The last day to order will be Friday May 12th.

### Parent/Teacher conferences

Kindergarten-2nd grade—May 1st-4th. Please sign up for a conference time to speak with your child's teacher regarding Stanford Test results. Sign-up sheets are already posted next to your child's classroom with dates and times available. Nursery-Pre-K Parent/Teacher conferences are available at anytime. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. We will be happy to work out a convenient time.

### Parent Surveys

Parent Surveys will be available for each family this month. Please look for the drop box at the office. We appreciate your input and time.

**FRIDAY-MAY 5TH—SPIRIT DAY! WEAR YOUR WALDEN T-SHIRT!**

### Summer Calendars

Summer is just around the corner! Be sure to look for our summer calendars which outline our summer program. We have a number of activities during summer, which will continue to keep children busy and stimulated. Lost your calendar? You can check your child's activity schedule by logging onto: [www.thewaldenschool.com](http://www.thewaldenschool.com). Summer programs for swimming, taekwondo, dance, and gymnastics are available.



Summer Gymnastics for children age 3 and older begins June 13th. Sign up now for classes.

Summer Ballet and Jazz for children age 3 and older classes will begin June 14th.

Summer Taekwondo for children age 4 and above begins June 12th. Sign up now for classes.



Sign up for swimming lessons at [www.swimwithswat.org](http://www.swimwithswat.org). There is a one-time yearly registration fee. Children must be age 3 and older to participate. There are 4 summer sessions which run Mon-Thurs. You will need to enroll at the above website. The deadline to register for the June 5th session is June 1st!

May 1st thru 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week.

May 5—Cinco de Mayo & Spirit Day! Wear your Walden t-shirt!

May 8— Taekwondo class belt ceremony

May 12—Mother's Day breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

May 12th—Last day to order class group pictures

May 25th—Kindergarten-2nd Grade Graduation Program

May 26th—Last day of classes for Kindergarten-2nd Grade.

May 29—Walden is closed for Memorial Day.

May 31st-End of School Year Party for Toddler thru PreK

May 31st—Dance Recitals & Pictures (see schedule)

June 5th—First Day of Summer Camp

June begins all sessions for Ballet and Jazz, Taekwondo, Gymnastics, and Swimming (see the newsletter for swimming). Check the summer calendars for start dates.



Week of the Young Child is all about hands-on learning experiences. I enjoyed watching my parents one-on-one with their

child participating during the Artsy Thursday project. Our Family Friday wearing purple was a lot of fun. We hope you enjoyed "The Message in a Backpack" activities. Mike



Teacher Appreciation week is May 1st through May 5th!

Hooray for May-hot weather and Summer is right around the corner! But before we make the transition to summer, we will all be busy little bees this May. We will honor our mothers with a Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 12th, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The end of May marks the end of the traditional school year and the beginning of our summer program. This is our last newsletter until August, so make sure you pick up a calendar listing our exciting summer events. Summer themes, stimulating activities, and visitors will continue to keep us excited about learning.

Please remember to join us for a special Mother's Day Breakfast Friday, May 12th, from 6:30-8:00 a.m.

### **Nursery**

Please remember to check your child's chart daily to see if their supplies need to be replenished, and to update your Infant Care Instructions each month. This month is full of activities including painting on flower cut-outs, playing with contact paper, working on Mother's Day projects, and playing with oatmeal. We continue exploring the world with daily outdoor buggy rides, music, and conversation!

### **Infants**

Infants will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by painting Mexican flags and tasting various products from Mexico. We will continue to explore shapes and colors as well as texture play and other sensory activities. The children will learn to walk backwards, learn to jump, and do various ball activities. Our Infants will prepare a gift for our mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. Our new favorite books are "Brown Bear" and "The Busy Squirrel." Infants enjoy rhythm activities with music and musical instruments. Our outdoor cart rides are always a highlight and a great opportunity to experience nature and watch the birds. We especially like checking on the flowers that our fellow students have planted. Please remember to check your child's diaper supplies frequently.

### **Toddler 1**

Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day projects will keep us busy at the beginning of the month. Animals, animals, and more animals are a big topic. We will learn about dinosaurs and what they ate, and explore animals that live in the sea.

### **Young Threes**

We look forward to learning more about Mother's Day, Memorial Day, the un-official beginning of summer, and we will explore differences between city and country life this month. Country life explores the animals of the farm, while city life is busy with many activities. We will explore how products get to market, and we will continue our fine-motor and phonics work with the letters C, Q, and V.

### **Pre-School**

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) and learning about the foods of the Mexican culture will kick-off this month. Mothers, you will love the project we are working on for you this month. We will review all of our letters, numbers, colors, shapes, cutting with scissors, and tracing. In addition the children will learn about flowers and the wind. This has been a busy year and we look forward to some fun summer activities.

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

Pre-Kindergarten will continue learning about different types of flowers. We will review measurements through sizing up flowers. Cinco de Mayo will be a great time to learn about some of the foods of the Mexican culture. Songs and poems will be learned in celebration of Mother's Day. We will review letter recognition and sounds of letters A-Z. We will also be recognizing and placing numbers 1-30 in numerical order. The children will continue working on their writing skills in their journals.

### **Kindergarten through 2nd Grade**

Well, this year has certainly gone by quickly. It has been a great year! The Stanford Tests are completed and scores have been tallied. Please sign up for your parent conference time posted in our classroom May 1st through 4th. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade will have their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. All students must be here no later than 6:45 p.m. Please have your child dress accordingly for the importance of this event. The last day of class for the semester for Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be May 26th. Look for a note in your child's folder at the end of May about the fun we will have during the last week of school.