## **News and Notes - Walden Academy**

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#### Walden CARES

\*Cooperation\*

\*Assertion\*

\*Responsibility & Respect\*

\*Empathy\*

\*Self-Control\*



# Upcoming Family Events

- 9/19: Back to School Night @ 6 PM
- 9/19: 4/5 Fieldtrip to Farm Day
- 9/26: Town Hall@ 6 PM in ParishHall
- 9/26: Glenn County Spelling Bee

Questions? mbenz@ waldenacademy.org

#### **Director's News**

Two weeks in and we're on a roll! Please join us this Wednesday evening at 6 PM for Back to School Night. We'll have two rotations that last 45 minutes each so you can visit more than one classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation with our drop-off and pick-up procedures! We are going to work this week on getting all cars to park in our Walden parking area (in front of the classrooms, in the area closes to Wood Street). We park in that area to avoid pedestrians walking through the drop-off traffic. I will be putting out cones on Tuesday morning to delineate the "No Parking" area.

Our new administrative assistant, Yvette Garcia, joined the Walden team today. Yvette is a graduate of

#### **Dear Parents**

This year, Walden is implementing Everyday Math as our K-5 math curriculum. Here is an explanation of how ED Math helps all students:

How does *Everyday Mathematics* meet the needs of students at various levels of ability?

Simply stated, the primary goal of *Everyday Mathematics* is to help more children learn more mathematics. The curriculum expects higher levels of accomplishment at every grade level, but also incorporates features that help make mathematics accessible to all students. It does this by:

\*Connecting the study of mathematics to real-world, age-appropriate contexts

Hamilton Union High School and has her bachelor's degree from Chico State. Yvette has extensive administrative experience working with non-profits in this area, and we are pleased to have her join us. Please help us welcome Yvette to the Walden family when you stop by our office.

Our CARES card drawing winners this past week were Abby R., McKayla G., and Kelly C. Way to use your CARES to make Walden a great place to learn!

### Go River Hawks!

- \*Providing multiple avenues for representing and solving problems including the use of manipulatives, tools, spoken and written words, pictures, diagrams, and symbols
- \*Incorporating individual, partner, and small group activities that make it possible for teachers to provide individualized feedback and assistance
- \*Encouraging risk-taking by establishing a learning environment that respects multiple problem-solving strategies
- \*Building in multiple exposures to concepts and skills and providing frequent opportunities for review and practice
- \*Providing engaging open-ended activities that can easily be customized to meet the needs of students with a range of abilities

Want to know more about ED Math? Visit the parents' section of the ED website @

http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/