

# Walnut Grove Elementary FCRC

September 2016



## Welcome Back Eagles!

### The Family-Community Resource Center is open!

We are here Monday – Friday from 8-4. The FCRC is here to support families and student success. We can help connect families to resources in the community, as well as food, clothing, shoes and other necessities that we have on hand in our resource room. The FCRC is open to all Walnut Grove students and their families. Feel free to drop by!

### Got School Supplies?

The start of school is an expensive time for families. If you need help getting the supplies that your student needs please contact us @ 360-313-2964.

### 1-2-3 Grow and Learn

Every Monday from Noon to 1:30 starting 9/12 we will be having Grow and Learn in our Media Center. This fun group is designed for kids that are not yet in school (0-5) and their guardian. We play games, make crafts, sing songs and read stories. There is no sign-up, no cost and it is a drop in program so come any week that works for you!

### Fall/Winter Clothing Exchange

The FCRC would like to host a clothing exchange for our families. This is a great way for parents to trade out good quality clothes their children have outgrown and get some that fit. But we need YOU! We are looking for 2 or 3 parents that would be willing to help organize and plan this event. The time frame we were thinking is October/November. Just in time for that cold rainy weather. Please contact us soon if you are interested.

### Backpack Food Program Sign up

Could you use some extra help with food? We have a weekly food program for families that are interested. Each week students on the program will pack their backpack with a few pounds of household staples like tuna, bread, canned vegetables, and other items. They are designed to be light enough for the students to carry and to provide extra food for the weekend. If you are interested in signing up for this free program call Mrs. Harding at 360-313-2964

### All Day. Every Day.

#### Chronic Absences

Did you know that if a student routinely misses 2 or more days a month they are considered chronically absent? Regardless of if they are excused or unexcused absences. While 2 days may not seem like a lot, it works out to a student losing 10% of their education.

#### Kindergarten Attendance

Kindergarten is an important time for kids. Children set up their entire education on this foundation. Attendance plays an important role. K and 1st grade students that are chronically absent are much less likely to read on level by 3rd grade and statistically have lower 5th grade achievement than their peers.

Learn more about the importance of attendance: [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

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### **The FCRC is looking for volunteers!**

If you are interested in helping out in the FCRC please call Mrs. Harding @ 360-313-2964. There are many different volunteer opportunities from once a week to just one time. We would love to have you!