

Waddell Way Newsletter

Parent Engagement Opportunities

We know that increased connections with parents usually results in increased student achievement, so this past spring, teachers sent welcome letters to students and parents to establish early positive connections.

The entire faculty and staff also organized to provide an **Evening Verification** opportunity for parents on *August 1st*. This was the day before MCS D Verification Day. The Thursday evening before the first day of school, the faculty and staff provided an opportunity for families and faculty to connect socially in our **Meet & Greet** held on evening of *August 3rd*.

At the Meet & Greet, families enjoyed complimentary hotdogs and chips in a relaxed atmosphere which included a tour of a Public Library Book Mobile, the Marshal’s Office’s Robot, The Ice Cream Lady, music, hoola hooping, games, relays, and music. *Many teachers and parents also set up conferences at this time.*

Our **Title I Annual Meeting** and **Open House** were both held on the evening of *August 24th*. *Many parents and teachers set up conferences at this time.* Parents participated in a school climate survey, and learned about numerous ways to support learning. Parent Portal Letters were also distributed during Open House. The **Parent Portal** app enables parents to monitor student progress using a convenient phone app. These letters are available in the office to the legal guardian of students anytime. A photo ID is required.

Many families and faculty members also came out to support **Waddell’s Chick Filet Spirit Night** on *September 7th*. This monthly fundraiser is held the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-8:00. By saying “Waddell Spirit Night” and purchasing dinner for your family, you can support our goal to provide a field day t-shirt for each student and employee of Waddell.

Our **“State of the School Report”** was held on September 21st 5:30-6:30. We discussed achievement data, climate data, and our school’s School Improvement Plan goals achievement and climate. *If you have not yet met with your student’s teacher, please schedule a conference as soon as possible. Parent engagement is a critical ingredient in student success.* We are in need of parents willing to serve as officers and members of our PTA. PTA provides organized ways for parents to support and promote learning in our school. We need your support. Please contact the principal via email or in person if you wish to serve.



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