



# Marion Walker PTO

“And just like that,  
summer fell into fall.”

## October 2017

Happy October to all! As autumn approaches, we wanted to share some highlights of our first month back to school and exciting news about upcoming events.

September was filled with many back to school activities. Our children got settled into new classes, made new friends and had many adventures.

The Walker Township Fall Festival and Marion Walker 5K were both huge successes! Thank you to all who volunteered and attended!

## Box Top Contest Winners:

Congratulations to the following students who each won a \$10 iTunes gift card. Please remember that the Box Tops program is a great way to help raise money for fun activities! Submit your clipped Box Tops to your child's teacher. The child's name and teacher should appear on the bag. For every 50 Box Tops submitted students will receive a coupon for a free ice cream treat in the school cafeteria.

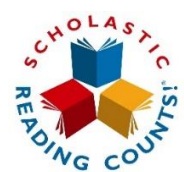
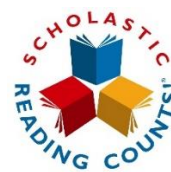
- Blaise Adams – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Hannah Hilliker – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Jacob Fedisson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Autumn Force – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Amani Guiswite – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## Membership Drive:

There is still time to submit your PTO membership! The class that has the highest level of submitted memberships will receive a treat party courtesy of the PTO. For more information on becoming a member, please contact Amanda Grindley at ([pimi812@hotmail.com](mailto:pimi812@hotmail.com)) or Ashley Price at ([ashley.j.price@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.j.price@gmail.com)).

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Many of our upcoming events require volunteers to help make them a success. Please remember the school district requires all volunteers to obtain clearances for activities during the school day. For more information about becoming a registered volunteer, please visit <http://www.basd.net/Domain/84> or contact PTO Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Wynkoop at [litcoachjackiew@gmail.com](mailto:litcoachjackiew@gmail.com).



## Reading Counts:

Every Tuesday evening, the Marion Walker Library is open for Reading Counts reading and quizzes. Monitors are needed to supervise and assist children. Please contact Bikem Oskin at [bikem523@gmail.com](mailto:bikem523@gmail.com) with any questions or sign up to monitor students at <http://signup.com/go/kMgYTAH>. Volunteer clearances are NOT required.

## Halloween Dance:



October brings one of the most popular events to Marion Walker...The Halloween Dance! This year's dance will be on Friday, October 27th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Students and parents are invited to attend a night of music, dancing, games and spooky costumes.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. You can sign up to volunteer at [www.volunteersignup.org/PWFRD](http://www.volunteersignup.org/PWFRD). Please contact Robin Sweka at [rsweka@embarqmail.com](mailto:rsweka@embarqmail.com) or Lindsey Harter at [katkr8zy@gmail.com](mailto:katkr8zy@gmail.com) with any questions. Clearances are NOT required for this event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- School Picture Day: October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- PTO Meeting: Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm (MW Library)
- Halloween Dance: Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (7:00-9:00pm)
- Marion Walker Halloween Parade, October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Bellefonte Community Trick or Treating October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Donation Corner:** Donations are needed for the following events. Please drop off items in the donation bins in the school lobby.

- Halloween Dance –
  - Baked goods for event
- Holiday Store –
  - Small baby food jars & lids
  - Wrapping & Tissue Paper
  - Wrapped Candy

## Principal's Corner

Throughout the month of September, we focused time on finding student reading and math levels so we can be more responsive in teaching to student areas of need. As we jump into October, lessons will really gear up as we are fully into content teaching. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any concerns or questions. You could also ask about this student data when you come to parent conferences in November.

On Sept. 20, we conducted our first ALICE training drill. These are intruder drills based on the ALICE philosophy. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. These are all actions that can/should be taken in such a situation. They can be conducted in any order with our priority to get students away and out of the building first in such a situation. If that is not possible, we do an enhanced lockdown and prepare to counter. If you would like more information about ALICE, I can share handouts or do a presentation some evening about it.

In October, during Fire Safety week, we will have the Walker Township Fire Company come to do an assembly about fire safety. We will also conduct the annual Great Shakeout event (Earthquake drill). In addition to these drills, students and staff will practice a full evacuation to our off-site location so teachers and students know how this will work should a need ever arise to relocate. Relocating could occur for something as simple as a loss of heat or something more serious. Our Safety Team meets several times a year to make sure our procedures are up to date.

Thank you, Mrs. Krusch

