

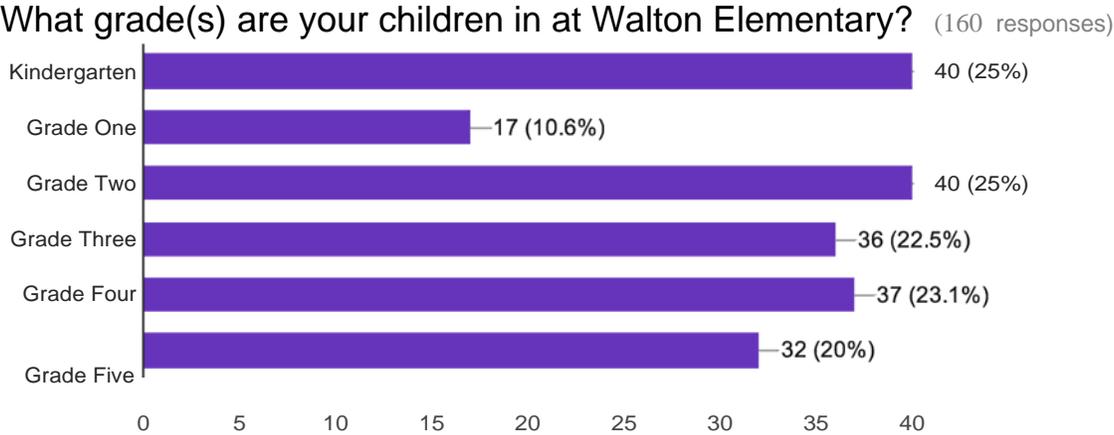
Walton PAC Parent Survey

The Walton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has put together a short anonymous survey to gather information from Walton parents so we can ensure we are on the right track in serving the needs of Walton students. This survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. We greatly appreciate your feedback! Thank-you!

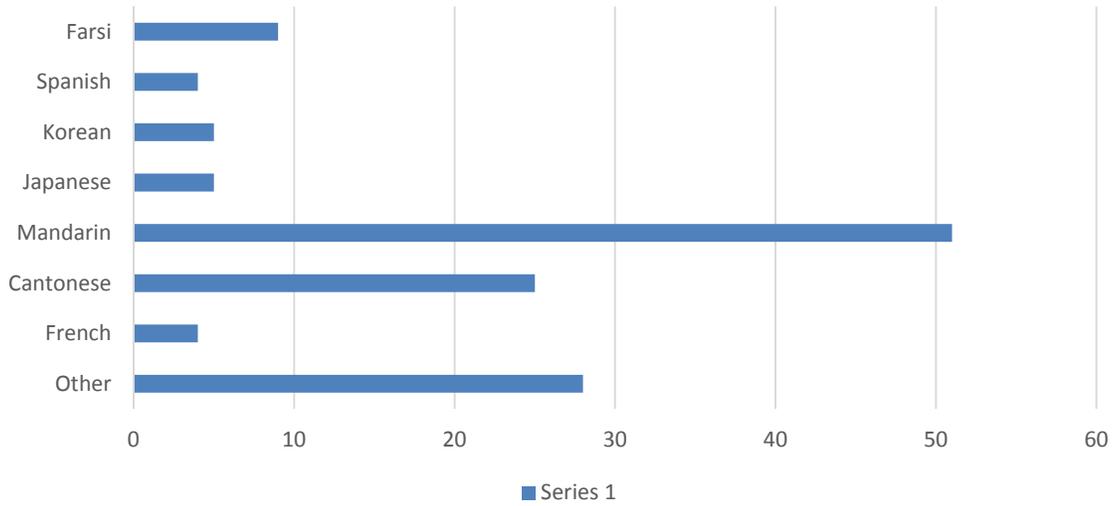
Walton Elementary School PAC's mission is to advocate for excellence in education, the safety and well being of our students, and for the effective and meaningful involvement of parents as partners. Every parent/guardian who has a child currently enrolled at Walton Elementary as a student is automatically a member of Walton PAC - we are all the PAC!

To make sure the PAC Executive and Elected Officers are accurately serving the needs of our school community, we would appreciate parents and guardians of Walton students answer the following survey questions so we can assess our progress and plan for future school years. Please remember that you may always contact Walton PAC via email at waltonpac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have about what the PAC does and how we do it.

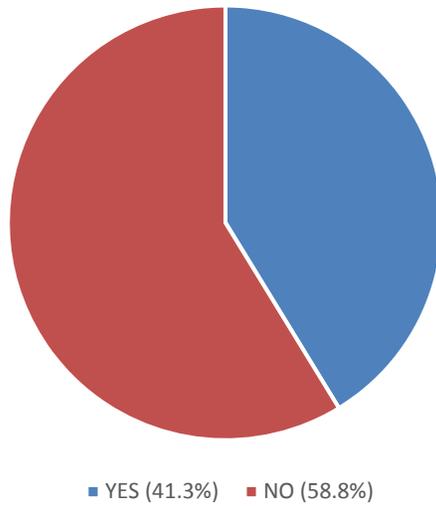
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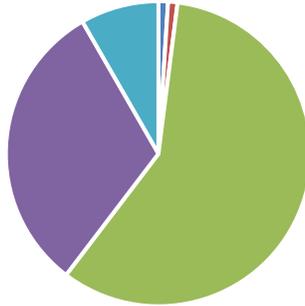
What languages does your family use at home (other than English)?



Have you ever attended a PAC meeting at Walton Elementary?

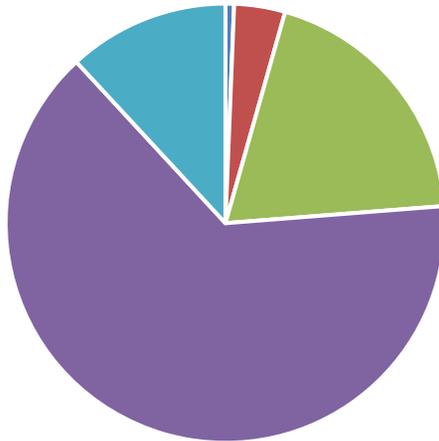


If you have not attended a PAC meeting why not?



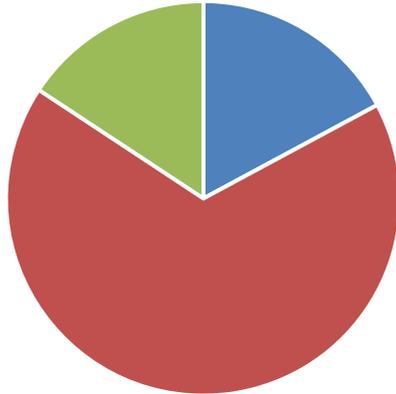
- I was not aware of the PAC meetings
- I was not aware that all parents/guardians of Walton students are invited to attend
- Time and date of meetings is not convenient
- I do not have time to commit to volunteer work
- Other

How often do you visit the PAC website at waltonpac.ca



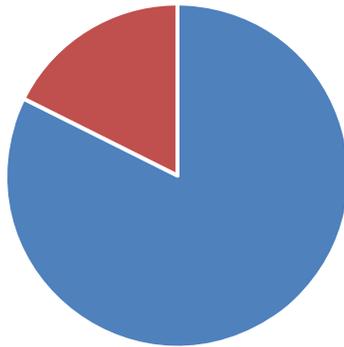
- Daily (1)
- Occasionally (103)
- More than once a week (6)
- Never (19)
- More than once a month (31)

If you do not visit the PAC website, why not?



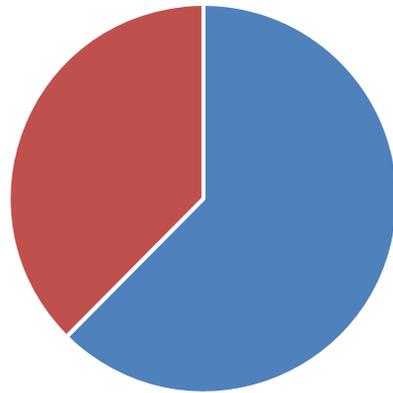
- I did not know there was a PAC website (12)
- I find information on PAC and school activities elsewhere (47)
- Other (11)

If Walton PAC hosted discussion evenings with guest speakers on topics such as parenting strategies, education resources, homework help, or online safety, would you be interested in attending?



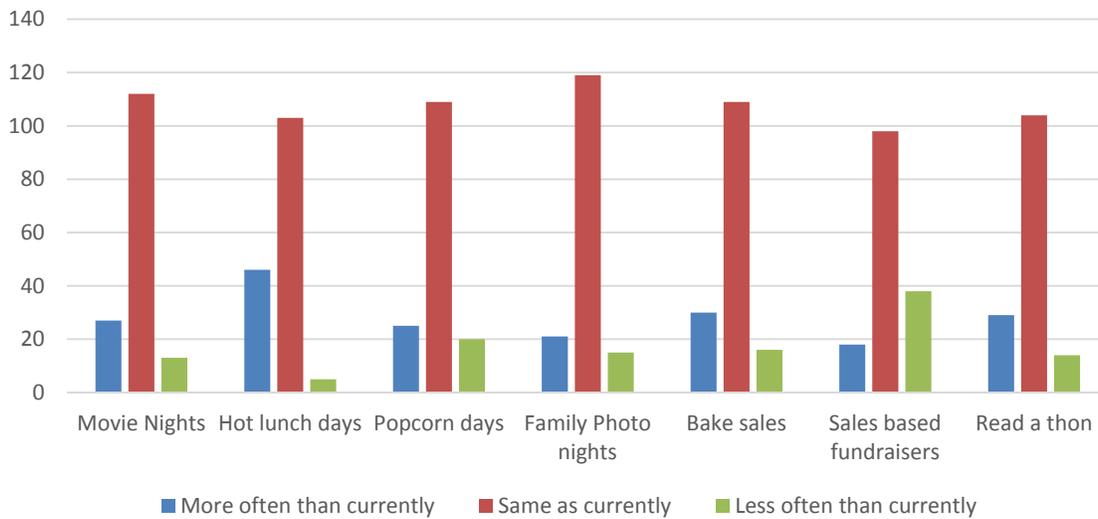
- YES (131)
- NO (28)

Would you like to see more large fundraising events that involve the community? (for example: swap meets, silent auction nights, carnivals, trivia nights, etc.)



■ YES (98) ■ NO (59)

How often would you like the PAC to hold the following types of fundraisers?



■ More often than currently ■ Same as currently ■ Less often than currently

Are there any fundraising ideas you think the PAC should pursue?

Asking people to donate money for a specific need
 Pub night
 silent auction nights, swap meets
 Last year's Sports Day concession prices were too high/inflated too much. Pls keep in mind that many kids bring their own money to purchase items during this school time event . Pls price items to recoup

costs as this is something that we are doing for the kids and shouldn't be a profit maker. There are plenty of other fundraisers during the year already. Thank you for taking this under consideration.

None - The PAC is doing an excellent job.

Summer BBQ weekends

no

NO

No

1. Mother's/Father's Day Flower or Cupcake Sales. 2. Photo Nights for special occasions like Mother's Day, Father's Day.

bottle driving

1. Reusable Snack Bags I haven't used plastic snack bags for at least the last few years - instead of ziplocs and sandwich bags, I use fabric, lined, washable snack bags from local Canadian companies. Alexa takes one with her every day; it holds her recess snack as usual (which may contain a smaller one for popcorn, crackers, fruit etc), and then, once empty, it supports Walton's Litterless Lunch as she puts all her garbage, recycling, food waste, etc in it to come home in. This way, the stuff she's bringing home doesn't make her lunch bag all yucky, and we just wash and dry it. Simple! And environmentally friendly. If you're interested, here are some links you can check out: Canadian:

<https://colibrifundraising.myshopify.com/> <http://www.snackpackreusables.com/fundraising-program/>

American: <http://www.snacktaxi.com/about-us.html> ; <http://fundraising.snacktaxi.com/>

http://greentimebags.com/index.php?main_page=fundraiser

2. Art Cards Would be great if started early enough to use as Christmas/Holiday cards, or, any time of year as thank you/general cards. 3 Local

companies: <http://artcardsbykids.com/how-it-works.html> <http://www.thecardproject.ca/fundraising.php>

<http://www.createdbykids.ca/>

Talent, culture dress event

bottle drive

Contests where you have to guess something for a prize; auction lunch dates with Mr Mah

Gift card sales

Group discounts for event tickets

More fun stuff for that involve the kids, while raising money for PAC initiatives.

I've seen schools do Manure Sales, Ice Cream Sales, Sales of pre-packaged dinners for busy family to take home right after school. Sales of 'Pre After School Activity' snacks/mini meals. Most people rush to McDonalds to feed kids before their after school activity such as skating or swimming. This would save the running around and time!

Fund raising that involves beautifying the community like: 1.Cleaning up garbage/litter and they raise money for how much they collect, etc. Take photos for before, during, and after. 2. Planting flowers/shrubs/placing Planters in key areas, or remove invasive species of vegetation. By donation or by how much they collect. 3. Repair stuff small appliances whereby people can bring in things (small appliances/small electronics) that can be repaired instead of throwing away the item and buying a new one. Just charge for a donation fee that is less than the cost of purchasing a new one.

Popcicle

Have the Young Wizards Academy (for example) do a show after school / one evening (another option to movie night) and part of the ticket fee goes to fundraising Ice Cream Fridays (or whenever) - PAC sells ice cream treats after school

Parents Night Out: Plan a Friday or Saturday evening where parents can drop off their potty trained kids for 4 hours (5pm-9pm). Coordinate pizza dinner, some games in the gym or a movie for the kids watch. Charge a meal & babysitting fee of \$20/child. This will allow parents to have a night out for themselves and the kids to play with their school mates.

Swap Meets

Mini Marathon

I realize they are a lot if work I'd be interested to see Walton create a photo with a question about which fundraising ideas does your family enjoy the most. People could share the photo to their page and see what friends around thd world would say. On the Walton Patent's page on Facebook thete could be a

photo posted and pinned to the top where people could drop any suggestions they receive. Or something like that It's a research project of sorts.

Yes. For example: Greeting cards and calendars using child's own artwork; parents social night out; parents day time activities; Artists in the classroom grants, etc

Easy ones would be best but I don't know what that might be

Kids craft night

I did have an idea a while ago. When we have things like Christmas Concert, parents always try to get a good picture or video for the children. However, usually most of us won't get a good shot unless we sit really close to the stage. And it is very unpleasant with all the parents holding camera in front of you. I am wondering why don't have setup a couple of good cameras or video recorders, and do a recording for all the kids, and we sell them. I would pay reasonable money for them for sure.

Frozen cookies and pies?

i would like to see fund raisers that are able to unite the school community.

Runathon?

I'd happily pay a \$10 or \$20 PAC membership fee instead of seeing the kids doing sales-based fundraising. Also, I believe that people can donate to the PAC via SD43 and get a tax receipt - you should be reminding people of that, especially in November and December as the yearly tax deadline approaches. Some restaurants will arrange to donate a portion of proceeds for an evening to an organization if people mention it. For example, Me-n-Ed's Pizza can arrange this, then you just have to advertise a "pizza night" and get people to mention "Walton PAC" when they order. Probably an easy way to get a couple hundred bucks. The more often you do a fundraiser, the less effective it usually becomes, so be careful about doing it too often.

Kids art turned into blank greeting cards. Trivia night Fun fair

How about picking up/dropping off kids services ???!! Books exchange ?

Swap meet, arts craft meeting

Parking Spot sale for parents' pick up/drop off (raffle, auction), silent auctions (with donations from parents, community, businesses), other snack sales (can go along with hot lunch days and bake sales), Walton memorabilia (hat, shirts, stationary etc)

Not sure this is possible but volunteering one night at the casino to raise money

Kids Artwork into journal cover, Kids Artwork

Pay to Postively Contribute event (pay to do an activity together), 24 Relay, Food Truck event, family dance...

Aside from what you know of what the PAC currently does, what one contribution would you like to see the Walton PAC make for students?

You do amazing work, thank you!

Bring back the Walton Tshirts that used to be handed out at the 1st/2nd week of school! They were great in promoting inclusiveness and school spirit!

introduce more fun Mandarin after-school activities to encourage non-native speaking students

Educate students to do more house work to help parents

scheduled swimming lessons for each class at ccac.

more after school activities

Please give some PRACTICAL & COHERENT resources or tips or textbooks for parents (mother language is not Mandarin) to help kids keep up learning Mandarin without tutoring.

If can provide the microwave during lunch, kids can eat the warm lunch everyday which is much better.

More participation with having the kids be able to help as well

I am not sure whether this is under PAC or school, I have seen other school has ski club for students or even book club for students which I find very interesting.

Even though you already support this, I think we should increase fundraising that goes towards technology upgrades. With the new curriculum our teachers and students need more access to iPads, laptops, software, etc.

Understand curriculum

they've done well.

Have more themed days, it is fun for school spirit

Provide financial support to underprivileged children in our school.

More school community builders (such as the movie nights), and keep advocating for kids' education on behalf of all parents.

Education of parents on PAC. Be more available to parents. Have a much better social media presence.

Safer for students with security cameras

Bigger variety of after-school programs would be appreciated.

More opportunities for arts and less electronics

You are doing a great job!!

The PAC does an amazing job already, I wouldn't want to add anything more to their schedual. They are parents with kids, familys and work outside of the PAC afterall.

The Pac is doing an excellent, excellent job!!!!

Increasing games at the playground

Coding, computer

More support teachers/volunteers/ resources for children who require help in reading, math, mandarin etc.

resources for the classrooms to help those students who have a harder time sitting still while in class or tend to fidget - like wiggle chairs and balls, stress/squeeze toys, etc. I know some classes have these but there are only a few. Teachers may have other ideas for resources that help with students who like to move more than sit.

Support the Applied Skill Design and Technology Curriculum at Walton through the purchase of ipads and coordinating an after-school-activity coding class.

N/A

Find a way to have adults in the classrooms during lunch time.

After school care/club

After school Financial education classes for real life lessons

Hold meetings on different nights, it would be easier for me to attend.

Raise fund to improve the quality of the sports field

There is no General Feedback section in this survey. I will add my general feedback here. Not enough is known about the PAC Committee. There are no faces/people to the names I see on the PAC Minutes I get from Craig Mah. There is no direct engagement or outreach from the PAC Committee. At major events like the Christmas concerts- there should be a "Meet Your PAC Committee" booth or desk. The PAC should have a parent to parent interactive Evening or similar event. I have seen the online presence of the PAC and it is very low with not a lot of information. Most parents work 8-9 hours full time + kids activities + homework, eating, bathing and sleeping I which leaves little to no spare time = Engagement online should be much more interactive for PAC where parents can engage in between all of the above. I am very, very grateful for all the work you do! Please pass this gratitude on to all the PAC committee. Thank you

Awards such as: kindness/helpfulness/caring/sharing/welcoming

I'd like yo see more patent ed opportunities that ultimately help the children. (Not duplicating district wide efforts, of course.)

A bit more on students' academic improvement. For example, PAC can share useful study websites for parents who are interested to give their kids a bit extra homework. Some websites may require payments. Interested parents can join and pay as a group

Yes. More 'theme-based' events. Such as 'Science Day' with invited specialists.

I feel blessed that Walton has such an engaged, active, involved and cohesive PAC Committee. There is a great sense of community and reaching out to others in the Walton School Community

I think the PAC is going great.

PAC is doing great job, I wouldn't ask more.

Field trip for primary students

Last year's read-a-thon was specific in that it was raising money for the library - it would be good to convey what other projects other fundraising events are targeting. Make the connection between pizza lunch and

continue helping purchase tech equipment for in-class education

More after school activities - Taekwondo

More interesting after-school programs

Doing great job, awesome!

Update/upgrade the big/main playground (make it safer; have a softer ground - not gravel)

Sorry can't think of anything now.

After school activities

Technology

Total responses received: 160
Survey opened from March 29, 2017 to April 10, 2017