



Walter Johnson High School Education Foundation, Inc.

6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

August 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year, especially to the freshmen and new families. You are joining a wonderful high school community with a range of opportunities for your children and ways for you to be involved through the PTSA, the All-School Booster Club, and the WJ Education Foundation. Please join and give as generously as you can to each of the organizations. **The WJ Education Foundation needs your financial support to raise funds and your participation to meet our goals.**

Who is the WJ Education Foundation? We are a non-profit foundation originally created to fund capital upgrades in the long-phased modernization. We now focus on supplementing school system funding to take WJ's programs from great to excellent and to provide opportunities for all students to use modern, professional quality equipment in courses taught by broadly trained staff. We are able to raise and donate money with fewer restrictions than the PTSA and with a broader school focus than the Booster Club for student programs, facilities improvements, and staff development grants. We work with the school to determine needs and wishes; and we work closely with the PTSA and Booster Club with advocacy and fundraising efforts.

How do we raise funds and what do we spend them on? Donation from our families and community—current parents, alumni and others such as the Kensington 8K Race—has totaled over \$500,000. Many families donate at the beginning of school or as an end of year tax deductible donation. We hold an annual fundraiser and have on-going engraved brick sales. With the money we raise, we have provided professional quality equipment and materials for students, such as Chromebook carts, a professional grade tuba and a recording studio, and supported professional development grants for our teachers including coursework in graduate programs, study abroad, and conferences. We also pay a portion of the cost of activity buses for extracurricular clubs each year.

Fall Fundraiser in planning: We are excited to be planning our annual fall fundraiser, which will include a variety of silent auction items. Details will follow soon with the firm date/time and opportunities to donate or volunteer. Proceeds will fund teacher requests for materials, equipment and training. We will need donations from our parents and community businesses and welcome parents to join our committee.

In addition to supporting our Silent Auction and other events, we also encourage you to consider purchasing an engraved brick for the Wildcat Walkway at the rear of the school near the gym entrance. It is an attractive enhancement to the area and a focus as alumni return to see the engraved bricks for years to come. We order when we meet the minimum order total; please see the order information attached.



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We need your support to continue to fund ; please give as generously as you can. Following is a form for contributions, or you may also donate on our website at wjedfoundation.org. The website includes information on getting involved, purchasing bricks or auditorium seat plates, and our upcoming fundraisers. We meet most months on the first Wednesday night and welcome new parents or alumni to join us. Our first meeting is September 6th in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

This year we will again partner with the Kensington 8K and we hope to see many WJ students, staff, alumni, and friends race, walk or cheer on the runners on September 23rd.

Marney Jacobs, WJ ED Foundation President

Support WJ by giving generously. Please use the form below and/or go on-line to donate, order bricks or seats at wjedfoundation.org or send the form to school or mail to:

WJHS Education Foundation, Inc., Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814

Contributor Contact Information:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Children/alumni date of graduation _____

All contributions to the WJHS Education Foundation are tax deductible.

Donate- we appreciate any amount large or small that in turn benefits our students.

___ Rainbow Level	\$250	___ Bronze Level	\$100
___ Gold Level	\$200	___ Green Level	\$50
___ Silver Level	\$150	___ Other amount	\$ _____

Buy a Brick Buy an engraved 4x8 brick that will be placed in the Wildcat Walkway at the rear of the school. Bricks may be personalized with clip art options. Mini-replica bricks to keep are also available for \$20 each. Bricks can have 20 characters on 3 lines or with clip art, 3 lines of 12 characters. Bricks will be added in lots of 50. See the order form on the website for details on spacing and clip art options.

___ Engraved bricks @\$100 ___ Mini-replica bricks @ \$20

Mini-replica bricks will be delivered in the summer. The WJ Ed Foundation reserves the right to screen text.

Run for WJ on September 23rd at the Kensington 8K

An annual Kensington tradition since 1993, the **Kensington 8K, 2 Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run** is a challenging race that supports three public schools: Kensington Parkwood Elementary, North Bethesda Middle School and Walter Johnson High School. For more information on the race visit the website www.kensington8k.org.