

WALK-A-THON FAQs for Parents

All You Ever Wanted to Know About Walk-a-thon: A Guide for Families (2014)

What is it?

This is the biggest, most fabulous, incredibly fun PTO fundraiser at Bach. It is the only fundraiser where students are encouraged to gather pledges (no amount is too small). Students are never asked to sell products for fundraisers at Bach School. Students walk "laps" at lunch/ recess, on Saturday, or both!

When is it?

Students will have opportunities to walk at their **lunch/ recess Tues.- Fri., Oct. 14-17** and on **Sun., Oct. 19 from 1 pm- 5pm.**

How do students collect pledges?

Pledge envelopes and instructions are sent home about 2 weeks before the race. Sponsors may choose to donate a per-lap pledge or a fixed amount. Pledges are due a few weeks after the race; **this year, pledges are due Nov. 25, 2014.**

Is there a fabulous Assembly to wrap -up the event?

Yes! Prizes and awards will be given at an afternoon assembly, Tuesday November 25.

What are the important details about lunch/ recess walking?

Children will have a punch card and will walk laps at lunch/ recess or on Sunday. A parent helper will punch their card to count each lap.

Classes with full participation receive special recognition and a prize. Full participation means everyone in class walked at least one lap at lunch/ recess on one of the four days. Please be sure kids know how easy it is to participate. Classes with 100% participation had a great sense of pride and accomplishment last year.

Are pets allowed at Walk-a-thon?

No. PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT WALK-A-THON. Please do not bring dogs, cats, squirrels, guinea pigs, or goldfish to the Sunday unless they are certified as therapy or service animals.

What can I do to help?

Sign up to help count laps, work the food table, or help with other tasks for Walkathon!

What is the money used for?

The money raised is used to pay for field trips, theater productions, author talks, teacher supplies, and to sponsor more than ten family events each year. These programs would otherwise go unfunded.

How long is a lap?

One lap for Sunday Walk-a-thon is approximately ¼ mile and is walked around the school and the little playground. During walk-a-thon week at lunch-recess, students walk ¼ mile laps on the big playground “track”.

What are the eligibility requirements for walkers?

Be a student at Bach! Students may walk unless a parent/ guardian contacts the event coordinator to rescind permission. (Please note that permission is assumed unless the parent notifies walkathon committee.) At least one pledge- of any amount- is requested to qualify for the Grand Prize Raffle: a bike!

Is this a competitive event?

Not really. While high scores are recognized by grade with prizes, the grand prize and many other prizes are awarded with a raffle that includes *all* participants.

Is Walk-a-thon fun?

Yes. It is incredibly fun.

Where can I find more information?

Please also read the pledge envelope or ask the Walk-a-thon Committee at walkathon@bachpto.org.

Thanks for all your help! Walk On!