

Good Shepherd School Marathon

Saturday, October 6th

The Marathon, known officially as the “Marathon for Non Public Education,” is one of our main school fundraisers. In today’s society every non-profit organization including athletic teams, scouting organizations and public schools must conduct fundraisers. We ask each student to solicit pledges for how many miles they will walk, ride, skate, or run. Our route is three miles long, and the children can complete the route as many times as they wish.

The children may start getting their pledges today. We strongly encourage students to collect the money when they obtain their pledges. When your child has reached **\$150 in pledges**, please notify your child’s teacher and your child will be given a **Good Shepherd WATER BOTTLE**. When your child reaches **\$200 in pledges** notify the teacher and your child will receive a **Good Shepherd HAT**. The water bottle can be used and the hat can be worn during the school day as a special reward. We also try to have special all school, all class and individual rewards for pledges every Thursday leading up to the Marathon. Please have your student notify their teacher of the amount they have acquired in pledges.

Saturday, October 6th we meet in the school parking lot. An air horn will blow at 9:00 A.M. to officially start the Marathon. We walk, run, push strollers, and pull wagons to Brookview Park where juice, coffee and treats are available. We then return to the school for a picnic with hot dogs, chili, chips, etc. This is a family planned event so we are finished by noon, yet most are finished by 10:30 A.M. The air horn at 9:00 A.M. is the official start, you may start earlier or later but the food service opens at 9:00 A.M. and closes around 11:00 A.M. We may close earlier if all the food is gone.

This fundraiser has a significant impact on our school’s operating budget. Last year we raised over \$125,000! Our goal this year is to raise \$127,000 - this money saves each and every student about \$350.00 in tuition! We need every student to participate. To encourage the students we have a wonderful prize program. We have some great prizes the students can earn. There is an attached prize form – with an order form – to order prizes when all money has been turned in. Families can combine their children’s monies to achieve a higher prize. Please note the lunch with the principal is only for individuals, so families cannot combine a total to send one child. **All Marathon money and prize forms must be turned in by Tuesday, October 16th.**

More information about the walk route will be sent home the week before the Marathon. If you have questions, please feel free to call me. I encourage you and your family to join the staff and students on October 6th. We hope it will be an enjoyable day!

Sincerely,



Mike McGinty, Principal

Parents please note: Many companies have matching grant programs available to match employee donations. Some companies that have these types of programs are General Mills, Medtronic, Ameriprise, Wells Fargo, to name just a few. Please check with your employer.