



Wellington Elementary PTA Walk-a-Thon  
Friday, October 9, 2015

**SCHOOL GOAL: \$17,000    STUDENT GOAL: \$40**

### **What is "Wellington Walks"?**

Wellington Walks is Wellington PTA's annual walk-a-thon fundraiser. The WALK provides a fun, healthy way for kids to participate in fundraising & is a great event for kids & families to show their school spirit! Students are sponsored for their participation in the Walk and while laps will not be officially counted, students are encouraged to set personal walk goals.

### **What does my child need to do?**

Each student has a fundraising goal of \$40 & is asked to find sponsors for their participation in the Walk. Family, friends & neighbors make great sponsors! Please do your **BEST** to collect at least **\$40** to help reach our school goal!

### **How does the PTA use the money that is raised?**

In order to provide valuable programs & services for all 540+ Wellington students, your Wellington Elementary PTA relies on the generous financial support from our community. These fundraising dollars allow us to enhance our school offerings in the following areas:

- **Literacy** (Author Visits, Book Club, Book Fair, Classroom and Library Books and eBooks);
- **S.T.E.M.** (Science Club, Science Fair, and the following Enrichment Programs - Chess, Game Design, Lego Club, & Robotics);
- **Creative Arts** (Art Docents, Art Walk, Reflections, and the following Enrichment Programs – Building into Art Global Explorers Club, Missoula Children's Theatre, Photography Club, Pottery, Spanish);
- **Wellness** (FIT Lunch, Wolverines on the Run, and Garden Club).

In addition, your donation funds our renowned **Helping Hands Service Club, Scholarship Fund, Safety & Emergency Preparedness, Legislative Advocacy, Family Fun Nights** & so much more!

### **How do I make a donation?**

We are pleased to announce that we have revamped the Walk-a-thon portion of the [wellingtonpta.org](http://wellingtonpta.org) web site to make it easier for both members & non-members to make their donation online. All you need to do is go to [wellingtonpta.org](http://wellingtonpta.org) & click on the Wellington Walks logo. Be sure to share this link with your out-of-town family & friends so they can easily support your child & all of the wonderful programs/services that your Wellington PTA provides. If you would like to make a cash/check donation; complete the attached form (one form per student), place the cash/check in the attached baggie, & return to the school the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Online donations do not need to be listed on the attached collection form – they will be added to your student's individual & classroom totals.**

### **What about company matching?**

Matching is a great way to double your donations without extra work. Make sure to ask all your donors if their employer offers matching and mark those that do on the attached form. Make sure to remind those donors to submit their donation through their company's donation matching process.

## **Are there any prizes or incentives this year?**

- **Daily Prize Drawing:** there will be a daily prize drawing (Oct 5 – Oct 8) of a gift certificate to the library Scholastic Book Fair. Students become eligible for each day's drawing once they have turned in their donations and/or an online credit card payment has been received.
- **Grand Prize Drawing:** every student who brings in their full \$40 donation will be entered in the grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Kindle Fire will be awarded on Monday, October 12, 2015.
- **Grade Level Competition:** the grade level that collects the highest average donation total\* will select Mr. Bagnall's hair color for the day of the Walk; be awarded the Spirit Flag; and lead the entire student body onto the field for the opening lap of the WALK!
- **Grade Level Goals:** each grade level that meets its fundraising goal (\$40 x number of students) will earn an extra 15-minute recess!
- **School Goal:** if the school raises over \$17,000 – the entire student body will help paint Mr. Bagnall's truck...with their **hand prints!**

\* Please note: donations turned in on event day will go towards school fundraising goal but will not be applied toward grade level competition.

## **What should my child wear to the Walk-a-Thon?**

Students are encouraged to wear their Spirit Wear and/or their class color:  
Kindergarten = Purple; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade = Red; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade = Orange; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade = Yellow;  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade = Green; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = Blue; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade = Rainbow

## **What happens if it rains?**

Wellington Walks is a rain or shine event that occurs in the field behind the school. Please dress your child accordingly.

## **Can I come to the Walk-a-Thon?**

Absolutely! Parents and supervised younger siblings are invited to join in on the fun and join the Walk! Please plan to check-in at the tables on the playground by 2:10pm.

## **Can I take my child home directly from the Walk-a-Thon field?**

Once the Walk-a-Thon is over, students will return to their classrooms for normal dismissal procedures. For the safety of our students, we ask that you not take your child home directly from the Walk-a-Thon field.

## **Can I help?**

Volunteers are always welcome! We are looking for individuals to help in the following ways:

- Donation counting: Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11:00am
- Event day volunteers – join in on the fun and help us make the event run smoothly!
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Please contact Susan Paul at [smpaul828@gmail.com](mailto:smpaul828@gmail.com) if you would like to help!

## **What if I have more questions or need more information?**

Please contact Margot Schroeder at [FundraisingWellingtonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FundraisingWellingtonPTA@gmail.com) or Jenna Engle at [jennae75@gmail.com](mailto:jennae75@gmail.com)

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