

Walkathon FAQs

Can I submit for matching funds from my employer? Yes! If your employer matches funds that you donate, please submit all necessary paperwork so that the Spiritridge PTSA can receive double the amount of your donation! Microsoft employees, please use account #5877.

What time will my child be on the course and can I attend? Students will be walking during their afternoon recess and an extra 20 minutes. 1st, 3rd and 5th grade walk from 1:00PM-1:45PM, Kindergarten, 2nd, 2/3 and 4th walk from 2:00PM-2:45PM. Please join your child by walking with them on the course, cheering them on, passing out treats, punching lap cards or giving prizes.

Will there be lunch served at the walkathon? No, this year the walkathon will take place in the afternoon, so students will eat their lunch at the normal time in the lunchroom.

What are the funds used for? All funds raised will go toward items that have been budgeted for the year, which include: Classroom Support Staff (\$56,000), Staff Grants (\$5,200), Grade Level Experiences and Enrichment Activities (\$35,000), Science Fair Week (\$2,800), Field Day (\$250), Academic Challenge (\$1,400), Back to School BBQ (\$2,200), Reflections, Garden Boxes, Patrol, Panther Club & more! The Spiritridge PTSA has budgeted to spend **\$200 per student** this year.

What happens if we reach our goal? If we raise \$40,000, students will get to dump Gatorade on Mr. Hetherington at a school-wide assembly!

Can I make donations online? YES! Go to www.spiritridge.org and click on Walkathon under Fundraising. Then just click the donate button on the right. Be sure to check the "Paid Online" box on your pledge sheet.

How can I get others to donate? This year we're using an awesome web based fundraising system that makes it much easier to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't! Go to <http://pledgestar.com/spiritridge> to enter your name and email address, then click Register and follow the instructions on-screen.

Where can I get more pledge sheets? You can print more pledge sheets at www.spiritridge.org

Your Donation is Tax Deductible

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Spiritridge PTSA

Donations can also be made online at www.spiritridge.org