

The Columbine Elementary School 2017 Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

- FACT:** If every student asked 10 sponsors to pledge \$5 each, Columbine would raise over \$20,000!
- What:** Columbine's **Walk-A-Thon** is an annual fall fundraiser that raises money directly for Columbine. It is one of only two fundraisers held each year. Students of all grade levels walk/jog/run around a 1/8-mile track to complete as many laps as possible in a 30-minute time span.
- When:** The Walk-A-Thon will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Columbine's outdoor field.
7:40-8:40, 5th Grade, PK AM (PK will walk for 15 minutes)
8:40-9:40, 4rd Grade, PK Full Day (PK will walk for 15 minutes)
9:45-10:45, 3rd Grade, Kindergarten (A)
10:50-11:50, 1st Grade, Kindergarten (B)
1:00 – 2:00, 2nd, PK PM (PK will walk for 15 minutes)
- Why:** The Walk-A-Thon has two goals: First and most importantly, it is meant to inspire activity through a fun day of being outside and walking with the students' grade levels. Columbine students walked over 700 miles last year! Second, money is raised directly for Columbine without having our kids sell stuff for other companies. **100% of donations stay at and benefit Columbine.** Students raised almost \$18,000 in the 2016 Walk-A-Thon!
- More Info:** Please check the Columbine website (www.columbine.wpsdk12.org) and upcoming emails from Columbine for updates and electronic copies of documents. Hard copies are also available in the office.
Any questions may be directed to Jessica Peterson: Columbine.WAT@gmail.com or 719-822-4066
Water - Students MUST BRING A FULL WATER BOTTLE to the Walk-A-Thon.
Clothing - Please wear walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and active clothing.
Snacks - Sliced fruit will be provided to each student after their session.
Help - Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to volunteer and participate.
Pre-K Parents/Guardians are especially encouraged to walk with their children.

What You Do: Volunteer or Donate

- 1. Review this page, pledge form, and online donation instructions.**
- 2. Collect Pledges Per Lap or Flat Donations for the Walk-A-Thon.**
Contact family and friends to ask for their support. Ask your employer about their matching gift program; see below (#5) for how donations can be tax-deductible! Complete this envelope with sponsor information. *Students are NOT being asked to go door-to-door for pledges or donations!*
- 3. Get Excited for Walk-A-Thon Day!**
Bring your water bottle and wear walking shoes, sunscreen, hats and active clothing (Columbine colors are encouraged) on Tuesday, Sept. 12th and watch for the website updates.
- 4. Walk, Jog, or Run During Your Walk-A-Thon Time on Sept. 12th.**
Certificates of laps accomplished will be sent home with students. Do your best and have fun! A student assembly will be held after the pledge due date to celebrate Columbines' spirit and achievement.
- 5. Collect pledges.**
You may collect flat donations before and after the Walk-A-Thon and pledges-per-lap after the Walk-A-Thon. Fill out the pledge form printed on the front of this envelope and place the pledges inside. Online payments at www.wpsdfoundation.org, checks (made to "WPSD Re-2 Foundation"), and cash are accepted. **Online payments or checks made to "WPSD Re-2 Foundation", a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax-deductible.** Checks written to "Columbine" are not guaranteed as tax-deductible, but are still welcome. Please consider asking your employer or other businesses for matching donations. More info is available on the website.
- 6. Turn In Your Pledges by Friday, September 22nd.**
Return envelopes with completed pledge sheet and donations to the office or homeroom teacher by Sept. 22nd. This includes flat donations, pledges-per-lap, matching donations, and sponsorships.

Rain Date: Tuesday, September 19th. Rain Date Pledges would be due on or before Friday, September 29th.