

2024

WATERS WILDCAT WALK-A-THON



Q. What is the Wildcat Walk-a-thon?

The Wildcat Walk-a-thon & Pledge Drive is the fall fundraiser for Friends of Waters and a chance for the whole school to participate in some fitness fun. **Starting on September 30, we ask students and families to collect donations to support our school. We ask each family to pledge or collect donations totaling \$500 to reach our school goal of \$100,000.** Then, on October 11, every Waters student will participate in the Walk-a-thon around the school.

Q. How do I donate?

Pledges can be collected online at www.watertoday.org/walk24 or scan the code. Pledges can also be sent via **Quick Pay/Zelle** (FriendsOfWaters.treasurer@gmail.com). Checks (NO CASH, PLEASE!) are due to your child's teacher by **October 11th**!



Q. Can family and friends attend the Walk?

Yes, please! Join a cheering section at each corner of the block on Friday, Oct. 11th.

Q. Why are we trying to raise \$100,000?

Waters Elementary relies on the generous support of families and community members **to bridge budget gaps and fund essential programs.** Throughout the year, Friends of Waters raise funds to support several key initiatives, including:

- Teacher Professional Development
- Teacher's Aide Positions
- Middle School Spanish Instruction
- Lunch and recess supervision
- Teacher Appreciation
- Circle of Help
- Community Events

Q. Do I have to give \$500 per child?

No! While \$500 is the per family goal, some give less, and some give more. We simply ask that you give an amount that is meaningful to you—every dollar counts! Pledges may be made in one payment or as a reoccurring monthly donation.

Q. Are there any prizes? Who gets one?

Yes, there will be multiple ways for all students and families to participate regardless of donation amount! **See the other side for all of the details!**



If you have any questions or want more information, email friendsofwaters@gmail.com!



Q. Do I have to make a personal donation or can we ask friends to donate to the walk?

Either or both! Parents can make a single family pledge or students can ask family members and friends for pledges. Social media is a great way to spread the word, just be sure to identify your child's homeroom teacher and/or room number so your donation can be counted towards your child's classroom total.

Q. Can I use my Employer Donation Match program?

Yes! Make your donation then complete your employer's match process.

Q. I typically make a recurring donation, can I continue to do so?

Absolutely! When you donate online, select the monthly or quarterly option.

Q. Do I have to make a donation?

No - All students will participate in the Walk with their homeroom on October 11.

Q. Where can I find the schedule and sign up to volunteer?

We need volunteers to help with set-up, distribute snacks, and join the cheering section at each corner of the route around the school. Visit www.friendsofwaters.org/walk24 or scan the QR code at right.

Early bird raffle:

Any student with a donation by **Thursday, October 3** will be entered into a raffle to be P.E. Teacher for a day with Mr. Archer or Mr. Ortiz!

All students will:

- receive fun Waters swag & participate in the Walk with healthy snack after
- be entered into the raffle to help slime a beloved Waters staff member
- participate in the community celebration on October 11th

Classes:

- The class at each grade with the highest percentage of participation - regardless of donation amount - will earn 1 **extra hour of recess**.
- The class that raises the most money in the ENTIRE school will win a super cool classroom trophy and an extra hour of fun with Principal Rutkowski!



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