

It's time for the First Annual St. Irene School Walk-A-Thon!

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

(rain date Monday, May 11, 2009)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

I plan to walk at least _____ miles for St. Irene School.

Dear Sponsor,

I am participating in the St. Irene School Walk-A-Thon. You can sponsor me for an amount per mile and can name a maximum amount that you are willing to contribute. After the walk-a-thon, I will return to tell you how many laps I walked and collect your contribution.

Thank you for your support of St. Irene School!

	Name of Sponsor	Pledge per Mile (Example: \$1.00)	Maximum Pledge	Amount Collected from Sponsor
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Our first annual walk-a-thon is a fun and fit activity for preschoolers through eighth-graders, with all children reaching for their personal best distance. Students set realistic lap goals based on age and development. Drinks will be provided, and each student will receive a token of participation.

Our goal is to help the fundraising committee raise at least \$10,000 to help bridge the gap between tuition and cost to educate our students. We hope that each family will participate in the walk-a-thon to the best of its ability. If each child raises \$70, we will achieve our goal. We're hoping to make this walk-a-thon a fun annual event, so the more contributions you raise, the more successful we'll be at achieving our goal. Thank you very much for your participation!

Rules

1. Parents must sign a Walk-a-Thon permission form for their child to participate.
2. Students pledge to send out five letters (or 10 per family) to friends, family and neighbors asking their support for the fun fair. Each child has been given a paper gym shoe. Students who send out their letters --regardless of whether they get any pledges -- or students who have at least one pledge will turn in their gym shoe and receive a treat.
3. Classes with the highest percentage of Walk-a-Thon participants will enjoy a special treat post-event.
4. Students may start collecting pledges as soon as they receive the pledge sheets. **Reminder: Pledge sheets need to be turned by Monday, May 4. Students must have at least one pledge to be able to participate in the walk.**
5. **Each sponsor making a pledge should write their own name, pledge per lap, and maximum pledge.** Students may collect the pledge money in advance but all pledge money should be submitted by May 15, 2009.
6. On walk-a-thon day, each class will walk a pre-charted route with a chaperon during a specified time period in the neighborhood around St. Irene School. Students will have the option to walk as many miles as possible in a one-hour time period. Preschoolers will walk a half-mile. Students will be given a "lap tag" which will be punched at each mile marker/water station.
7. Upon completion of the walk-a-thon, students will hand in their lap tags. A volunteer will record each student's lap total on their pledge sheet and return it. Students may then collect outstanding pledges. **Please return pledge sheets with the money to school by Friday, May 15.**
8. No running or jogging will be allowed. Participants are encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen if it's sunny.

We look forward to all our participants having a great time! For questions or concerns, or to volunteer, **call Laura McGowan at 630-820-8708 or laura@mcgowansonline.com.**



Dear Friend/Neighbor/Family Member,

On Tuesday, May 5, St. Irene School in Warrenville will be having its first annual Walk-a-Thon to raise money for our school. I will be walking with my friends and classmates and hope to make my personal best distance in one hour.

I would like to ask you to sponsor me in my Walk-a-Thon with either a per-mile pledge or a one-time donation. I hope to walk (X) miles that day.

Donations to our school may be tax-deductible. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

(Add your name)