

Dear Parents,

We are excited to kick off our 2021 PACER-A-THON on May 4th, 2021. With its return, we are excited to report some new and exciting changes to the event.

- We are taking the event OUTSIDE, through a lapped course around school grounds!! Laps will be longer than in the past (about ¼ mile), so expect students will run fewer laps than in the past but still one mile in total distance.
- We are using a company to objectively log the laps (Like we do for Cross Country Meets).
- We are implementing an online pledging platform through 99Pledges to make it easier to share on social media and collect and track pledges. Pledges can still be made by lap or as a flat fee.

This is not only an important school fundraiser, but truly an event our kids enjoy and look forward to. We surely missed having it in 2020 and are so happy for its return this year.

Families, friends, and neighbors can pledge money to support the students as they participate. Each lap is tallied as students' jog (or walk, skip, run, etc.) during a set time period. All students will participate as a part of their regular physical fitness program.

How do we raise money? In the next few weeks, each student can solicit pledges in support of his/her PACER-A-THON efforts. Pledges can be made as a one-time donation, or on a per lap basis. Please help your child collect pledges through your child's webpage. You can email family, relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. for support right from the webpage. Posting on social media is another great option!

In the coming days, you will receive an email with a link to your child's pledge page. You do not need to login or change anything. Simply donate whatever you can and share child's link with friends and family. We are shooting for 100% participation, so no amount is too small.

If you do not receive the email for whatever reason, simply search and find your child's online pledge page here: https://app.99pledges.com/fund/SSPPPACER21.

We have also included our traditional paper pledge form if you prefer to use that, and/or for pledges where you collect cash/checks.

More information will follow on awards and incentives for top runners by class and top money raisers!

We are very excited for this year's event and are hoping it will be a great success and great fun!

Thank you in advance for your participation!

2021 PACER-A-THON TEAM

Important Reminders:

- Send in Permission Form by April 27th
- Make checks payable to SSPP PTG
- Wear gym clothes and appropriate tennis shoes
- Eat a health breakfast for energy!
- Tie back long hair
- Have FUN!!!

Mrs. Baldrige has a challenge: Raise a total of \$12,000 and she will dye her hair Red and Gold!

"LET'S DO THIS"