






Bennett Elementary 25th Annual Walkathon
Friday, September 23rd, 2011
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

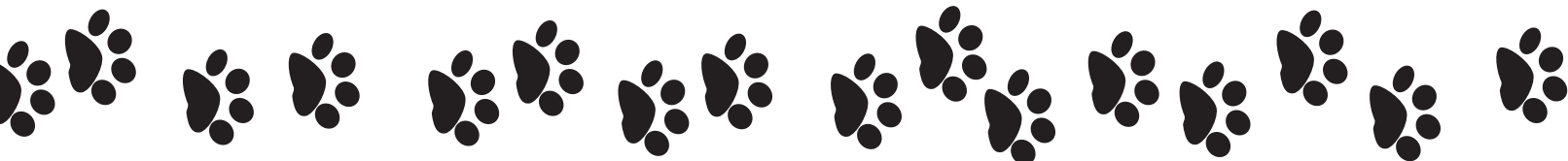
**** All PTSA contributions are tax deductible.**

Walkathon 2011 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 Labor Day	6 First Day of School Sign-ups @ Morning Coffee	7	8	9 Walkathon Assembly 2 p.m.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>•••••Volunteer Sign up All Week•••••</p> <p>•••••Collect Pedges All Week•••••</p>						
18	19	20 LAST DAY To Get Pledges	21 Pledge Forms Due 9:30 a.m.	22	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct. 1st 
<p>•••••Collect Pledge Money•••••</p>						
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<p>•••••Collect Pledge Money•••••</p>						
9	10 Pledge Money Due	11	12	13	14 AWARDS ASSEMBLY	15

**The children will walk rain or shine,
so please dress them appropriately.**

Please Note: The Walkathon is a PTSA sponsored event, but parents are responsible for their children during the after-school portion of the walk. If you cannot attend, please make sure your child has an adult supervisor present. The children will walk rain or shine, so please dress them appropriately.





Welcome to our 25th Annual Bennett Walkathon Fund-raiser.

It is truly amazing and exciting that we are celebrating 25 years of the Walkathon at Bennett Elementary! When this event started all those years ago, could the parents and teachers have pictured what it has become? Happily at Bennett we chose to keep our fund-raising simple with two large yearly fund-raisers, the Walkathon and the Auction. The Walkathon is the opportunity for the kids to participate and show pride in their outstanding school. Our goal this year is \$55,000. With our online corporate matching program, we know we can do it!

Our theme this year is Go the Distance... We will be striving to not only keep programs that make Bennett special, but to enhance these programs and look for more opportunities for our children! The Walkathon is a FAMILY event and is welcome to grandparents, siblings, neighbors and friends.

Back by popular demand will be the waterspray station for the kids to spray their favorite Bennett teachers or staff members. Last year even Ms. Hepworth got soaked, we know she'll be back for more!

Pizza and even more Jamba Juice will be available for purchase to keep the kids walking (or running).

The suggested pledge per family is \$250 to push us to our goal of \$55,000. Unfortunately, our schools are being harder hit by financial constraints than we can tolerate. This PTSA money helps pick-up where the funding leaves off. The PTSA pays for reading programs, classroom materials, school field trips, insurance for the buses, guest authors, science week, art programs and much, much more. We are so fortunate that we have opportunities make our school the best experience for our students. Please do your part for our kids, help raise these funds!

A large part of the Bennett community works for companies that will match contributions. Please take advantage of the corporate matching. It is such a huge resource. Corporate matching information is on the pledge forms.

One of the most important parts of the Walkathon is YOU. Please help volunteer on this day - there are many places to help out. A SIGN-UP board is outside the office. The kids love seeing their parents at school and this is a very special day for the them. The kids love and remember the Walkathon, so please help in any way you can.

Thank you,
Ingrid Goodman
Questions? Ingrid_goodman@comcast.net



WALKATHON DETAILS

Friday, September 23rd

Theme: Go the Distance

Who: All Bennett students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and siblings.
The entire family is welcome! Come cheer on the kids!

What: The Walkathon is a PTSA-sponsored family event. This and our auction in the spring are our **ONLY** fund-raisers for the year.

- Students collect pledges from neighbors, friends, relatives
- On Walkathon day, they walk (or run) as many laps as they can!
- Soon after, they collect money from those who pledged and turn it into the school office or teacher.

Where: Bennett Elementary soccer field

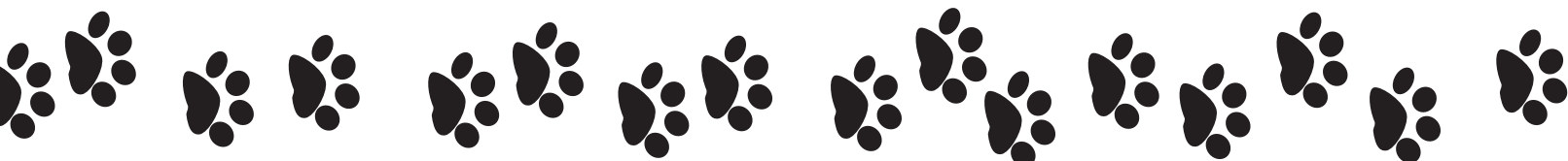
When: Friday, September 23, 3:30-6:00 p.m. (walking stops @ 5:45 p.m.)

Why: The money raised goes to the PTSA general fund, which provides money for technology equipment, field trips, assemblies, the science fair and many other activities that benefit our children. *Free Bennett H²O bottle to the first 40 people who pledge a minimum of \$250.

Goal: \$55,000

Food: A pizza meal for \$5.00 or \$3.00 for a slice of pizza (meal = a slice of pizza, drink, salad & fruit).

- Water will provided for free
- Jamba Juice available this year for \$3.



Go the Distance...help us raise \$55k

Did you know...?

FREE t-shirts are given to each Bennett student and staff.



50 LAPS walked buys your Bennett student a trip to the waterspray station to “blast” their teacher!

VOLUNTEERS are what drives the Walkathon! We can’t do it without your **HELP!** Sign up outside the front office!

PLEDGE FORMS can be returned to the classroom teacher as soon as completed. Pledge forms are due September 21st to your teacher or the front office.

MATCHING FUNDS are a huge benefit! If your company participates in a matching funds program- Please submit online to the Richard Bennett Elementary PTSA. See pledge form for more details. For additional questions contact Liz Dyor at bennettmatching@gmail.com. *Matching funds do not count towards prize eligibility.

PRIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS...

Principal for the Day:

Awarded to the student who raises the most money in the entire school.

Surprise Award: Awarded to the boy and girl in each class who runs the most laps.

5th Grader Bulldog tags:

Awarded to 5th graders who complete their legacy 100 laps.

Personalized Bennett Sweatshirt:

Awarded to the top lap runner in the entire school “200 club.”

\$100 Grant for the Teacher:

Awarded to the top class per grade that raises the most money for the Walkathon.

Spring Social with a DJ:

Awarded to the entire school if the total lap count for the school is 18,000 laps or more.

Bennett Bulldog Diddy Bag: Awarded to each student who completes 100 or more laps.

Walkathon T-shirt: Each student receives a commemorative Walkathon T-shirt.



Go the Distance!!!

Your 2011/2012 Walkathon Checklist

Pre-Walkathon

- Start collecting pledges! (Pledge form included in Walkathon Pack)
- Goal: \$250/family. Money will be collected shortly after event.
- Utilize the Corporate Matching Program! Please remind friends and family to submit their pledges online to Richard Bennett Elementary PTSA. If you have questions, contact Liz Dyor mail to bennettmatching@gmail.com
- Sign up to Volunteer! Sign-up sheets found outside the main office.
- Return Pledge Forms! They can be returned as soon as completed to your child's teacher or the office.
- September 21- Final Pledge Form Due Date!

The Big Day – Friday, September 23rd

- Rally your child! It is a big day and they have a lot of walking to do!
- Send a full water bottle to school with your child so they stay hydrated while walking/running.
- Please ensure that you or someone you have designated will be on the school grounds for the walkathon (from 3:25 until completion).
- Purchase tickets for food and drink items (Table set up outside on the basketball court where tickets can be purchased) – Pizza Meal (slice of pizza, drink, salad and fruit) = \$5, Pizza slice = \$3 and Jamba Juice = \$3.
- After your finished walking, take your child to checkout to turn in his/her tag. You'll be given your final paperwork to start collecting your pledges.
- Celebrate a job well done!

Post-Walkathon

- Collect pledge money and remember the corporate matching program!
- Turn in pledge money once gathered directly to your child's teacher or to the office.
- October 10 - Pledge Money Final Due Date
- October 14- Walkathon Awards Assembly! Join the school as awards are presented and the grand total raised is announced!