



WATERS WILDCAT WALK-A-THON

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

The Wildcat Walk-a-thon is the fall fundraiser for WatersToday and a chance for the whole school to participate in some fitness fun. Starting on October 3, we will ask students and families to collect donations to support our school. We ask each family to pledge or collect donations totalling \$500 to reach our school goal of \$80,000. Then, on **October 14**, every Waters student will participate in the Walk-a-thon on the sidewalk around the school.

2. How do I donate?

Pledges can be collected online at www.waterstoday.org/walk22.html or scan the code. Pledges can also be sent via Quick Pay/ Zelle (Waterstodaytreasurer@gmail.com). Checks (NO CASH, PLEASE!) are **due to your child's teacher by October 14th!**



3. Are there any prizes? Who gets one?

STUDENTS: All students will receive fun Waters swag (like this super cool Wildcat pin) and a digital pedometer when we celebrate on Walk-a-thon Day, October 14th!

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 at each grade band (preK-2, 3-5, 6-8) that raises the most money will also earn *1 EXTRA HOUR OF RECESS.*
- The class that raises the most money in the ENTIRE school will win a super cool *CLASSROOM TROPHY & 1 HOUR OF FUN WITH PRINCIPAL RUTKOWSKI!*

If you have more than one student at Waters, your families donation will be evenly divided amongst your children to count toward the classroom incentives.

THE WHOLE SCHOOL: If we **reach our goal of \$80,000, PRINCIPAL RUTKOWSKI and other school staff will be slimed on Thursday, October 20th** during the final 30 mins of the school day so all students can participate. We will also have a school-wide raffle for 10 lucky students to help with the sliming! Families will also be invited to join in the celebration.

4. Why are we trying to raise \$80,000?

Waters Elementary depends on the generous support of its families and community members to help fund many programs and close the gap in the school budget. Funds raised by WatersToday support a number of crucial initiatives at Waters, including lunch and recess supervision, fine arts and essentials classes, technology, and Environmental Science. We also support the Circle of Help, a parent-run program that aims to alleviate the stress of financial hardship on local students and their family members by offering assistance through community aid.

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

No! While we have set a **\$500 per family** goal, we know that many families will not be able to contribute at that level. Please give whatever amount you are able- every dollar counts! Pledges of any size may be made in one payment or as a recurring monthly or quarterly donation.

6. Do I have to make a personal donation or can we ask friends/family 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.**

7. What about business sponsorships?

See all of the opportunities at www.waterstoday.org/walksponsors.html or contact waterstodayinfo@gmail.com.

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

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

9. Do I have to make a donation?

No - All students will participate in the walk with their homeroom on October 14.

10. Can parents attend the Walk?

Yes, please! Parents and families are invited to attend and cheer on the students during the walk. The school will communicate time slots for each class. We also need parents to volunteer to help with set-up, distribute snacks, pass out swag, and join the cheering section at each corner of the route around the school. If you are interested in helping out, look for the sign up in Green Notes.

11. What other fitness fun is planned?

Waters community is participating in the national Walk & Roll to School Day initiative October 5-7 to encourage physical activity and build a sense of community. Be sure to wear your Waters t-shirt and then skate, scooter, bike, or walk to school. Snap a photo and share on Instagram @WatersWildcats!

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