

Dear Providence Families and Staff,

It's me again! I thought it might be helpful if I answered some questions you may have about the upcoming Jog-A-Thon to help you be more comfortable with the event. It's one of the students' favorite days of the year and it truly is a community wide event – with every grammar grade participating and every secondary grade serving. Plus, parents and teachers leading and cheering the joggers on!

Q: What is the point of the Jog-A-Thon?

A: The Jog-A-Thon is a half-day when we allow our students to get involved in our fundraising efforts (of course they begin the process weeks in advance by getting pledges). It is a school “community” event in which all students participate and work together. It gets each student and family involved in the fundraising process!

Q: How does the Jog-A-Thon event work?

A: On the day of the Jog-A-Thon, each grammar class will jog around the “track” we set up at the field adjacent to the school for one hour. The 9th – 12th grade students put together wheelbarrow teams to cart the pre-k – 3rd grade students around the track when they get tired (they each get five rides when they need them). Plus, the 7th and 8th grade students serve in various areas. By doing this, we involve the entire school! This year Jog-A-Thon Day will be a half-day.

Q: How many classes jog at once?

A: There will be 3-4 classes jogging at the same time.

Q: How do you keep track of their laps?

A: To keep track of how many laps a student runs, we will be giving them a bracelet every time they come by their starting point. It is organized and a very simple process. In the end the lap counters count the students' bracelets and determine how many laps they ran. Plus, they get to keep their bracelets as a prize for a job well done!

Q: How do I know how many laps my child ran so I can collect their per-lap pledges?

A: By the end of the day, we will have a tally card of your student's laps for you to pick-up so you can begin collecting pledges.

Q: Can my company (or my employer) help with the Jog-A-Thon in any way?

A: Yes! We are looking for **sponsors for our Jog-A-Thon shirts**. We have a great space on the back of the Jog-A-Thon t-shirts (every student and grammar staff receive one) for your company logo. This is another great way to advertise in our school community! Also, some employers match donated funds to non-profits so be sure to check in to that with your HR department.

Happy Spring! End of the year, here we come!