



Montclair's Hawaiian Luau

WATSA - March 27, 2010



2010 WATSA Walk-A-Thon Information Sheet

The Montclair Educational Foundation (MEF) will hold its annual Walk-A-Thon and Silent Auction (WATSA) on **Saturday, March 27th, 2010** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This year's theme is "Montclair's Hawaiian Luau", and the campus will be transformed into a tropical paradise. This information sheet provides important information about the Walk-A-Thon part of this fun-filled family event. We encourage you to review this information carefully with your student.

How does the Walk-A-Thon Work?

Sponsor Cards are included with this guide. Parents MUST sign the permission slip on the sponsor card; without a parent signature, a student cannot participate.

Sponsors: Students are encouraged to ask neighbors, friends and relatives to be sponsors. The student records each sponsor's pledge on the Sponsor Card. Sponsors can donate a fixed donation amount or a "per lap" amount. Any sponsor can submit for matching funds from their companies, and all matching funds count as earned dollars for the student.

Registration opens at 8:00 AM on event day in Room 20. Walkers turn in their signed Sponsor Cards/Permission Slips to receive their lap cards. Registration keeps the Sponsor Cards during the event.

Walking and Lap Cards: Walking starts at 9:00am, following a brief warm-up session. The start will be organized by grade level, and the Principal will lead the first lap. Lap cards are punched once for each lap walked by lap puncher volunteers. Walking ends at 2:00pm, with the last lap led by the Principal.

Free Lap: Walkers wearing their 2010 Walk-A-Thon t-shirts will get a free lap punch.

Maximum Number of Laps permitted to be walked by a student at a certain grade level is 40 laps for Kindergarteners, 50 laps for 1st-3rd Grader and 60 laps for 4th-5th Graders.

Leaving Campus: If a walker must leave campus during the day, his/her lap card MUST be turned in to Registration. The walker can return to retrieve his/her lap card and resume walking later in the day.

Check out: Walkers MUST return to Registration at the end of the day to turn in their lap cards. At that time, the actual number of laps walked will be entered onto the walker's sponsor card, and then the sponsor card and a collection envelope will be given to the walker.

Donation Collection: Students collect donations from sponsors and then return their sponsor cards along with checks in donation envelopes to the WAT box in the school office. Donations MUST be turned in by Friday, April 9th at 3:00 PM in order for the student and his/her class to be eligible for awards. Starting this year, cash will NOT be accepted. *Parents are requested to write one check for any/all cash collected by their student.*

Guest Walkers: Siblings, alumni and friends are welcome to walk and win lap prizes. Guest walkers must submit a signed permission slip and make a minimum donation of \$25 to register and receive a lap card.

Can't Make the Event?: A student still can help his/her class achieve the 100% participation award by turning in a sponsor card with a minimum donation of \$25.

Questions: Contact the WAT Chair, David Finke, at 650-305-0284 or dfinke@RussellReynolds.com. More WATSA Information is available at <http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us/Montclair.www/>.



Monte's Keiki no ka oe (Monte's kids are the best)



Walk-A-Thon Prizes and Awards

Walker Raffle: Each walker receives five free Kids' Raffle tickets at registration. These raffle tickets can be deposited into a choice of boxes for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Lap Prizes: Walkers earn prizes as they reach specific lap count levels. Lap cards and their corresponding prize levels differ by grade level. Lap Prizes include small fun toys, food and drinks, and Walkers' Raffle tickets for a chance to win special prizes

Achievement Awards: All walkers who reach the "Achievement Award" lap on their lap card will receive a special award at a school assembly in May. Achievement Levels are 20 laps for Kindergarteners, 30 laps for 1st–3rd Graders and 40 laps for 4th–5th Graders.

Reward Parties will be awarded to classes that achieve Most Money Collected by a Class; Most Laps Walked by a Class; and 100% WAT Participation. *Remember, students who miss the event can help their class achieve the 100% participation award by turning in a sponsor card with a minimum donation of \$25.*

Important Safety Information

Dress Appropriately: The event will take place rain or shine. Walkers should wear comfortable weather-appropriate attire. Bring sunscreen, hats, sunglasses and sweatshirts. *Umbrellas are not allowed on the course.*

Feet First: Foot discomfort caused by improper footwear historically has been the biggest First Aid problem of the event. Please be sure that walkers clip their toenails and wear good walking shoes. We also recommend two pairs of socks to avoid blisters.

No Dogs: Please leave your dog home. Even leashed dogs can be a hazard to the children.

First AID: There will be a First Aid Station in Room 10 for the duration of the even. Please do not hesitate to visit this station at any time during the event. Known health issues that can affect a walker's ability to participate MUST be reported to First Aid at the start of the event.

No Wheels: Scooters, Skateboards, Bicycles and Heelies are prohibited from use on campus during the event.

Keep Hydrated: Free drinks of water are provided to walkers throughout the event. Parents are encouraged to monitor their students and make sure that they are drinking enough.

Official Walk-A-Thon Rules

Please review these rules carefully with your walker(s) to avoid disappointments.

1. A student qualifies as a participant in the Walk-A-Thon by either (a) registering and turning in a lap card with five (5) lap punches **OR** (b) submitting a sponsor card with donations of at least \$25 by the deadline.
2. Lap prizes are awarded only to walkers with a valid lap card. Guest walkers must register and make a donation of at least \$25 to receive a lap card. Laps walked by guests do not count toward any student or class awards.
3. All walkers (including guests) must provide a signed permission slip. Additional permission slips will be available at Registration.
4. Walkers must walk and may not be carried or transported in any other manner. Special arrangements can be made for physically challenged students; please contact the WAT chairperson for details.
5. Walking officially ends at 2:00 PM when the Principal steps over the finish line. Laps completed after that time will not be counted.
6. **Cheating is not allowed.** Volunteer course spotters will help the children stay on the official course throughout the day. Students caught cheating or breaking rules will lose walking privileges and become ineligible to win awards or raffle drawings.
7. In the event of a tie in the "Most Money Collected by A Class" category, the class with the greater number of laps walked will win. In the event of a tie in the "Most Laps Walked by a Class" category, the class with the greater amount of money collected will win. All sponsor cards must be returned by the due date in order to be counted for the awards.
8. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation or enforcement of the rules, the decision of the WAT Chair will be final.