



It's time for the First Annual #SpartanStrong Strides Walk-a-thon Friday, May 11, 2018

Dear Spartan Families,

Our entire community is invited to participate in the first annual #SpartanStrong Strides Walk-a-thon on Friday, May 11th. The event, hosted by our Parent Teacher Organization, allows our students to raise money for our district while **promoting the importance of wellness and fitness**. Our event will help to make STRIDES toward two **fundraising goals**:

- **iPads for student access at the High School and Middle School** - We believe our awesome teaching staff and supportive parents are the key to our academic success. However, in today's progressive learning environment, textbooks/instructional tools are moving toward electronic platforms and our students will need access to devices in order to succeed.
- **Library updates at the Elementary** - Studies show that reading is the number one indicator of student academic success and we want our library to be fun, functional, and up-to-date so our students develop a love of reading in their elementary years.

Our goal is to raise \$70,000 to help make these goals a reality. In addition to corporate sponsors, we are asking each student to raise \$100. Student fundraising will take place through Donation Forms and our website where students can create their own fundraising pages. Here's how everyone can participate to make this a COMMUNITY-centered, fun event for all:

Elementary Students and Staff: Each class in our elementary will walk on the high school track for a specific amount of time during their specials time. During the walk, your student will be offered water/healthy snacks and will be cheered on by school staff, volunteers, parents and friends from the high school and middle school.

Middle/High School Students and Staff: Any student in the high or middle school who raises \$100 will be excused during specified times during the school day to join the fun in walking the high school track. We are excited about the impact of this positive peer interaction for all of our students.

Volunteer Needs: It will take over 100 volunteers to make the Walk –a thon a success. There are many volunteer opportunities to help. Parents - You can simultaneously volunteer and enjoy walking with your student(s)! Most volunteer positions are for specific time shifts, which allow you time to participate and enjoy the Walk-a-thon with your family! Some positions include: Set up and clean up, Registration, First Aid Station, Track Monitors, Table Workers, and Water/Refueling Station.

Community Participation: Community members, friends, grandparents, and business owners are welcome to join in the fun! Our guests will sign in upon arrival and enjoy being #SpartanStrong for the day with our students and staff! Do you know a local company that would consider partnering with us in the way of a monetary donation or an in-kind donation of goods or services? Or, are you aware of any company that matches funds raised by non-profit organizations? Please contact Tamara Holman at pto@pleasantstaff.org or 740.404.0499.

Prizes: We have amazing prizes/incentives that have been donated to share with our students and staff for their fundraising efforts and support.

We are SO EXCITED to make our fitness, technology and reading goals a reality! For up-to-date event information, schedules, fundraising pages and prize lists - please check out our secure website at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/strideswalk2018/>.

Thank you for your continued support! Your Pleasant Local Schools PTO