

# Got your jogging shoes on? Get ready for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual



## Ridge View PTO Jog-a-thon!



### HERE IS HOW IT WORKS!

Beginning **September 29<sup>th</sup>**, students will come home with a pledge envelope. Students are encouraged to work with their parents to call or visit families and friends to collect pledges for every lap they run during our Jog-a-thon. People can pledge a one time donation as well. We do not want kids going door to door visiting strangers, however. Some parents take the envelope to their place of work too! \*Please see the new online donation option through PledgeStar!

On Friday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, students will be jogging for one hour around a track we set up on our playground. Each time they make a lap they will stop at their classroom table and have a mark put on their running tag. At the end of the hour, we count up how many laps each child ran. PTO volunteers will record the number of laps on the kids' pledge envelopes and give them back to the children to **then** collect the money they earned. Kids have until **October 16<sup>th</sup>** to turn in their money. **Do not turn in any money until after the jog-a-thon. Checks only.**

The money raised will go toward purchasing technology upgrades for the classrooms including chrome mac books, projectors, printers, classroom amplification systems, as well as assemblies, field trips and other enhancements for our students and teachers! Funds from the Jog-A-Thon also help offset the cost of our annual Coyote Howl!

Children can earn an assortment of prizes based on the amount of money they raise. *The top two students with the most pledges go out to lunch and go shopping with Mrs. Butler to buy a brand new pair of jogging shoes!!*

Most importantly is the great fun the kids, teachers, and parent helpers have participating in such a healthy fitness event!

### COLLECT PLEDGES ONLINE!

This year, we are using an awesome web-based fundraising system which makes it much easier to request pledges from family and friends (especially long distance) and for them to make a secure credit card donation online.

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/ridgeview>
- Enter your name and email address, then click Register
- Follow the easy on screen instructions

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends that you have included. Donors must receive an email from your registration to pledge. This then allows them to make a secure credit card donation online. You will be notified for each pledge and you can track your pledge progress online. If a "per lap" donation is made, we will input your student's total laps ran and the system will send out a reminder to the donor for payment. You may call PledgeStar at 1-888-598-7510 for help.

### KIDS' POSTER CONTEST!

Maybe *YOU* will be the winner! Here's your chance to design the Ridge View Elementary Jog-a-thon Poster!

All colored drawings must be on a plain 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, single side.

**DUE DATE: October 2, 2017**



*Want to volunteer at the Jog-A-Thon?  
Check with your student's teacher to see how you can help!*