



First Ross Park Walkathon Smashes \$10,000 Goal

Exact totals aren't known yet, but we know this much: Ross Park Sailors sure are Super!

The goal for the first walkathon was to raise \$10,000. Students collected almost that much by themselves, and corporate and individual sponsors kicked in nearly \$2,000 more! Once a few outstanding pledges are collected, we'll be close to \$12,000!

After expenses, most of which covered the costs of the T-shirts all participants got for free, we expect to clear more than \$8,500. Come to the PTO meeting on May 9 to help us plan what to do with the money!

Two students earned \$50 gift cards for collecting the most pledges. Stephanie Miller from Mrs. Leenhouts' first-grade class won for young 5's through third grade, and fourth-grader Gabby Lopez from Mrs. Shaffer's class won for fourth and fifth grades.

Big thanks go to our corporate sponsors. Orthopaedic Associates of Muskegon and Metro Health kicked in \$500 each; Gordon Food Service donated oranges and water and had employees on hand to help serve; Goober's Bakery and Bigby Coffee donated goodies; and Meijer gave a \$50 gift certificate as one of the prizes.

We're also grateful to 11 donors at the \$100 level: Ladas & Hoopes Law Office, Tan-N-Tone Body's, Lighthouse Group, Dr. Roy, Dr. Dora, Jack's Corner Store, Cuti's, Independent Bank, Tia Hildreth, Texas Roadhouse, and Kandace Boysen.

We're just as grateful for lots of smaller donations from area business, too, including tickets to the Lumberjacks, Whitecaps and Griffins, restaurant gift certificates, zoo and museum admissions, and more.

The walkathon committee spent many hours preparing and organizing and did a fantastic job! Thanks to Tameka Briggs, Tina Burns, Kari Freye, Susan Heethouse, Erik Huffman, Nikole Leenhouts, Jenny McNeill, Barb Miller, Nate Smith, Amanda Tague and Sue Young for their committee work, and a *huge* thank-you to committee chair Marisol Linstrom!

And none of it would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of lots of parents and friends throughout the Ross Park community who donated their time before, during and after the walkathon. They included Shannon Carr, Christy Chancellor, Nicole Leonard, Lindsey VanderMolen, Jennifer Vallie, Theresa Vredevelde, and many others. Thank you all!!



Bulletin Board



Upcoming Events

- **May 7:** School board meets, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- **May 9:** PTO meeting, 7 p.m., school library
- **May 14:** School board meets, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- **May 17:** Apparel orders due
- **May 17:** Dough Raiser night
- **May 18:** Popcorn sale
- **May 18:** Box Tops contest ends
- **May 28:** Memorial Day – no school
- **June 4:** School board meets, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- **June 8:** Field Day
- **June 11:** School board meets, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- **June 13:** Last day of school

Box Tops for Education

- Keep bringing in those Box Tops! The classroom that collects the most each month gets the traveling trophy.
- Learn more at www.rossparkpto.org/boxtops

Domino's Dough Raisers

Get an easy dinner and help support our school at the same time! Just call Domino's on the third Thursday of the month – like May 17 – and give them the Dough Raiser code **ROSS1**. The PTO gets 15 percent of the purchase price. We earned \$11 in April. Don't forget to give your code when you call to order!

The PTO on Facebook

Our Facebook page is a great way to keep up with events at the school. Get reminders about family fun nights, popcorn sales, Box Tops contests and coupons, volunteer opportunities and more just by liking our page! We need only 15 more "likes" to hit 100!



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Box Tops Goal Smashed, Too!

Mrs. Leenhouts' first-grade class brought in 502 Box Tops to win the March-April challenge in a runaway and got to lead the Walkathon. Schoolwide, students collected 1,195, worth \$119.50. No other classroom collected more than 140.

That brings the total collected so far to over \$3,800, easily eclipsing our goal of \$2,700 for the year. And we're not done yet!

The last Box Tops challenge of the school year runs through May 18, so keep sending them in. There are no collection sheets for this contest, so just send them in in baggies or envelopes - but be sure to put your child's teacher's name on the container.

The classroom collecting the most in this contest challenge will get the traveling trophy for the rest of the school year, and a surprise prize still to be determined.

Watch for a big summer/back to school contest, too! But be careful about holding onto Box Tops until then: A lot of them expire in June. Please turn those in now so we don't lose the money!

Order Your New Super Sailor Apparel!

Your child should have brought home an apparel order form on Friday. We're ordering navy and pink T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants with the new Super Sailor logo. Prices start at just \$13 for shirts, \$18 for sweatpants and \$25 for sweatshirts, with a portion of each purchase going to the PTO. Orders are due May 17 for delivery June 1.

You can print order forms from our website, too, and contact Patsy Craven at lowerelliaison@rossparkpto.org or 747-9347 if you have any questions.



May PTO Meeting Sets Plans for Next Year

At our last PTO meeting of the school year, we'll elect officers and approve a budget for next year, and start deciding how to spend all that walkathon money!

Current Treasurer Jenny McNeill is the nominee to replace Kari Freye as president. Patsy Craven, who has been the lower el liaison for two years, is the nominee for vice president. I'm the nominee for secretary, and current Vice President Tia Hildreth is the nominee to replace Jenny as treasurer.

Please join us Wednesday, May 9, from 7-8 p.m. in the school library.

We Still Need Field Day Volunteers!

Volunteers are still needed for Field Day on Friday, June 8.

Fifth-grade parents are especially encouraged to help at their child's Last Field Day, but all parents are welcome to help out.

Volunteers will help students set up their stations and get comfortable running them. If you can help, please contact teacher Tammy Sylvester at sylvestt@monashores.net.



Questions or Comments?

Contact Secretary Stan Miller at 780-9219 or secretary@rossparkpto.org, or go to www.rossparkpto.org for other contact information.