



Dear Franklin Families,

PTA is so excited to be back in person for our annual jog-a-thon event, and it is with great honor that I announce to you that the main event will be held earlier than ever. Set your calendars and we will see you for the **MAIN EVENT THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16th 2021!**

This event is our schools major PTA fundraiser and all of the proceeds go directly back to the students by supporting enrichment opportunities, which we hope to see return this year, school equipment and supplies, such as robotics kits, athletic equipment, and classroom book sets, family fun nights and other community events, as well as field trips and more. If you want to see last years funds in action check out the new wall ball wall at the school funded by PTA. Our goal this year is to raise a lofty **\$20,000** and we need all hands on deck to help us achieve this level of support.

Last year's virtual jog-a-thon taught us that most people prefer a virtual way to collect donations. This year we are going to use the same platform to be able to provide this as an option. Go to the link below to get to 99 pledges, our online donation platform, or use the QR code provided to sign up your children for their fundraising pages. As children participate through collecting donations and running laps they will become eligible for our prizes listed on the next page. If your family or child would prefer to collect cash or check donations envelopes are available at the front desk to keep track and turn in donations. **All donations to be counted toward prizes are due MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20th.**

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/20212022be>

To help those understand how jog-a-thon works who have not been able to participate in this event in the past here is a brief description of JOG-A_THON:

Students will collect donations from family, neighbors, community members etc., and in turn run laps to show their own support. During the school day on September 16th students will be running outside with their respective classes on our make shift track and have 10 minutes (K-2nd graders) or 15 minutes (3rd through 5th graders) to complete as many laps as they can. We will be following school requirements for masks on the track. Laps will be counted by our wonderful team of volunteers and recorded to earn prizes such as the coveted golden shoe. There are two golden shoes available for students to earn as a class. One shoe is for kindergarten-2nd the other for 3rd through 5th grade. The class with the most laps run per student (a class average) will earn the coveted trophy to be displayed in their classroom for the remainder of the school year.

In order to put on an event of this magnitude we utilize an all hands on deck approach. Volunteers may not be allowed in the classroom this year so helping outside during this event is a great way to get involved in your child's school and help support the runners. Please click the link below to learn about how you can help volunteer this year. We hope to provide a running schedule so that you can volunteer on the track during your child's running time. **Follow the link for more volunteer information.**

<https://signup.com/go/DFOroQy>

Every year we modify our prizes to keep kids interested and in lieu of gathering at parties to celebrate our achievements this year we will offer students the ability to pick their own prizes. For students that collect \$100 in donations they will be awarded access to the prize podium where an assortment of great prizes will be available for them to choose from as they are called down to the office from class. For students that collect \$350 in donations they will be awarded access to the prize podium just as the \$100 collectors, but in addition they will be able to participate in “build-your-own-movie-night”. A gift basket will be provided to them with movie night necessities (popcorn etc.) and they will be able to add to the basket to build their own movie night by selecting treats, candy, a beverage, and a DVD/BLU-Ray movie or movie theater tickets. **The prize extravaganza will be taking place near the end of the school day THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd** and prizes will be sent home that day.

Involving our community has always been important to this event. We love to see grandparents and parents and community allies volunteering at our event and cheering on our children. Another way to support this event is to become a sponsor. If you, your family, your small business, or company is interesting in making a tax-deductible donation to our event/school and become a sponsor please contact Jessica LeBlanc at jess@prorealtygroupnw.com or (503) 467-6157. Sponsorship typically begins at \$250.

To increase the excitement of the event and bring our kids together PTA supplies each student and staff member with school T-shirts to wear during their run time, and to take home for future school spirit days. In order to ensure the appropriate size shirt is ordered for your student we will collect their t-shirt size.

Summary of dates:

JOG-A-THON EVENT
September 16th

Donation Deadline
September 20th

Prize Extravaganza
September 23rd

If you have any questions at all please contact Robin Savage (“The Jog-a-thon lady”) at 907-841-9083. We would love to see you on September 16th!! GO PATRIOTS!!!!!!

For more information about PTA or how to become a member please go to our PTA website found here:

[Ben Franklin Elementary PTA | Making a difference with all kids. \(benfrankpta.org\)](http://benfrankpta.org)

QR Code for all links:

