



Hey Jing Mei! Walk This Way!



The first ever Jing Mei Walkathon is coming April 26th!

When is it? Wednesday, April 26th, during school 12:10-12:50 PM

What is a walkathon? Students will walk laps around the play field behind our school for a thirty minute period after lunch. One trip around the play field = 1 lap. Students will solicit lump sum donations from friends and family to sponsor their participation in the walkathon. This is a fun community-building event designed to encourage active student participation in raising awareness about how cool their school is. There will be music, games, treats and prizes.

Our fundraising goal is \$20,000. We are asking each student to get *6 donations of \$10* each for an individual **student goal of \$60** to help us walk our way to our \$20K goal. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Jing Mei students. Families are invited to cheer their kids on, but not required, as Jing Mei parent volunteers will be present.

What will the walkathon money be used for? Money raised in the walkathon is going towards the curriculum enhancements for the 2017-2018 school year. Curriculum enhancements give our students opportunities to apply classroom learning out in the world. BMDL-PTSA has a goal of providing two curriculum enhancements in the form of field trips for every Jing Mei student. These have included trips to the Museum of Flight, the Mercer Slough and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation among others. In addition, Curriculum Enhancements include assemblies like The Toymaker, author visits such as Kirby Larson and classroom experiences like Art Goes to School by the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

How can I make a donation? Friends and family can pledge a dollar amount to show support for a student's participation in the walkathon. We are asking parents to kindly write one check for students to submit their total donations. For example, if a student gets \$30 from Grandparents, \$20 from Mom and \$10 from a neighbor, we would prefer the parent just write one check to BMDL-PTSA for \$60. Alternatively, the parent could submit a donation of \$60 via their employer's giving program if the employer does matching. (Students should be accompanied by an adult if seeking donations outside of the home).

When are donations due? Students should turn their donations into the BMDL-PTSA drop box in Jing Mei's main office no later than **April 24th** in order to qualify for fundraising prizes. Prizes will be given out to students who bring in donations, the week following the walkathon. If the whole school achieves the \$20,000 goal, then we will be able to **dump Kool-Aid onto Mrs. B!**