



Dear Ridglea Hills Family & Friends,

We are so excited to FINALLY kickoff Walkathon 2020. This is our 16th year! What is Walkathon? Walkathon is the school's biggest fundraiser, with money raised directly helping the students and campus in impactful ways. It's also a wonderful tradition – a day at the end of our fundraising drive where the walk through the neighborhood making memories and taking pictures. Obviously this year Walkathon will have to look a lot different, but it was important for us to try to hold onto this tradition, even in a very modified form, for our students and staff. **This year's event will take place on Friday, October 30th and Saturday October 31st.**

Our theme this year is in support of our everyday Ridglea SuperHERoes – our teachers and our students! Ridglea Hills is an amazing elementary school because of those that fill the classroom and halls everyday (in person and on the screen). Every year all staff and students receive a free Walkathon shirt, and this year is no different – except they will be long-sleeve. Wear your shirts and show your Mustang Pride!

So what is different in 2020? This year we have just two weeks to raise as much money as we possibly can trying to get every student and staff member sponsored for the year. See the sponsorship forms and calendar for details or scan the QR code. The Walkathon Day itself will also look a different – it's actually 2 days this year and has gone "virtual". On Friday Oct 30th In Person students will still be walking with their teachers, but we can not have families or volunteers join them. They will remain in their class groups and will not walk as a large school. Each class will be walking separate in accordance with all the school's safety protocols. On Saturday October 31st we will have a Virtual Walkathon for all our Mustang Families and those students who are virtual learners. We're encouraging all families to take a walk with their families, wear your walkathon shirt and take lots of pictures! (Don't forget to buy extra shirts for the whole family) We will have the sponsorship signs up along the traditional route from 8am-2pm if you'd like to come walk the neighborhood by the school. Or you can walk anywhere you'd like! Tag us in your pictures on Facebook or Instagram! Please be safe, keep socially distant and have a good time!

Did you know that last year your efforts allowed the PTA to partner with our school to provide campus enhancements, technological upgrades, Fine Arts Day, literacy outreach, and extended learning opportunities. Although some of the year's activities might look a little different, the PTA and the school will be working hard to make sure our students and our teachers have a great year! If you're able to sponsor or make a donation this year we would greatly appreciate it!

You can make a difference and support Walkathon's fundraising efforts in 3 simple ways:

- 1) Sponsor – check out what works for your family or business, if you can't sponsor consider a donation
- 2) Donations – help us by asking family, friends, and neighbors if they would help sponsor or donate
- 3) Participate – see the calendar for events, buy out of dress code, t-shirts for the family, etc.

Thank you for your support and commitment to making our school such a special place! Keep up with the calendar and follow us on Facebook, and scan the QR code often for the most up to date information.

Sincerely,
Walkathon Committee 2020

