

2009 WAJAT FAQ's

What is the WAJAT?

The Walk-A-Jog-A-Thon is Skyline PTO's one and only all school fundraiser. This is a physically active all school fundraiser that the kids really have fun doing! On Friday May 1st, students and parents will be given all the details about this years WAJAT. This will be the first day that students will begin collecting sponsorship pledges from their family, neighbors, and friends. Students this year will collect money from their donators as they are sponsored. As students turn in their money during this time they will be entered into our money collection daily prize drawing, and also be earning prizes to be awarded on prize day (June 5th). On Friday, May 15th all students will walk, run, jog, skip or hop as many laps as they can around our jog-a-thon course, collecting one punch on their lap card for each lap they complete. Now for the part the kids really love... on June 5th all students will attend the WAJAT medalling/prize ceremony. Students will be awarded specific prizes based on the amount of money they collect, and "Grand Prizes" will be awarded to those students who are amongst our top fundraisers in the school. This will also be the time when our "top lap runners" will be awarded their prizes.

When is this year's WAJAT?

Friday, May 15th, 2009

Who can participate in the WAJAT?

Everyone!! Students, teachers, school staff, parents,siblings...the more the merrier! While only the students can earn prizes for their laps, it's always fun to have company!

What is the money raised for?

The Skyline PTO votes and allocates the money raised each school year for the following year. So, money raised this year will be voted on and approved by the entire PTO. Last year's WAJAT participants raised approximately \$30, 000 to be spent THIS year at Skyline. Let's make it bigger and better each year!

What have WAJAT funds supported/provided in past?

Money raised in past years have provided for field trips not subsidized by the school district, playground equipment, school assemblies and PTO operating expenses just to name a few.

When will we be given our pledge sheets?

Pledge sheets and all of the important wajat information will be sent home with the kids on Friday May 1st. This is when you will start collecting sponsors and pledge money!!

How do people sponsor me?

The sponsor will fill out their name, phone number and the pledge amount on your pledge sheet. You will collect a cash or check donation made payable to Skyline PTO.

When do we collect money?

You will collect pledged money at the same time you are sponsored.

How do you get people to sponsor you?

You should call, email, write or just plain ol' ask family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to sponsor you. But remember, kids should never go door-to-door to collect pledges alone!

Are donations tax-deductible?

We are pleased to let you know that the Skyline PTO, Inc., has been incorporated as a Washington State nonprofit corporation and is recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to the PTO are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by federal law. Please let us know if you need or would like any additional documentation of the PTO's corporate and/or tax-exempt status.

How can I encourage my child(ren) in their fundraising?

Remind your child(ren) of the cool prizes they can win by collecting donations! Keep it fun! Keep it safe!

What kind of cool prizes can my child win for raising money for our school?

Prizes are awarded to each kid as they reach designated prize levels. Some of the prizes the kids can choose from in these levels are ferndale t-shirts / sweatshirts / athletic bags, bellingham bells game packs, regal movie packs, birchBay waterslides packs, Root-Beer float parties, pizza parties. We also give out special "Grand" prizes to our top fundraisers.

Will my child earn anything for running the most laps?

Yes! We will be having a medalling / grand prize ceremony on June 5th. The top 3 male and female lap runners from each grade will be honored and awarded special top lap runner prizes.

When will my child get their prizes?

ALL prizes will be awarded on Friday, June 5th.

Do you need volunteers?

YES!! We need LOTS of volunteers. We need anyone and Everyone! We LOVE volunteers!

Do I have to volunteer for a specific job, or can I just show up the day of the WAJAT?

You can do both! We need LOTS of volunteers, so try to plan ahead to help with WAJAT activities. We need help with pre-wajat paper work that can be done at school or from home. We need help on wajat day! Volunteers will be needed as classroom runners, punching lap cards, seperating lap cards by teacher, passing out popsicles, and cheering the kids on!! During the weeks of WAJAT we will need volunteers to help count money, and after wajat we will need help distributing prizes and throwing the prize parties that the kids have earned! If you're more of a free spirit, come out the day of the event and we'll put you to work!

How do I volunteer?

Call or email

Angie Hoyt 312-9882 wajat@skylinepto.org

or

Traci Hawk 380-1054 wajat@skylinepto.org

to sign up.

If I still have questions, who can I ask?

You can call Angie 312-9882 or Traci 380-1054 or email wajat@skylinepto.org or wajat@skylinepto.org.