



River's 2023 ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon

Friday, February 24th 12:15 - 3pm *after school!*

February 1, 2023

Dear RMCS Families,

We are excited to announce River's 12th Annual Walk-A-Thon, to be held on **Friday, February 24, 2023**. This is one of the students' favorite events because it's all about them doing something fun to support their school! Students gather pledges from friends, family, and the greater community, and then walk (or run!) as many laps as they can around the school.

Students will receive prizes for laps they walk – the more laps they complete, the more they win! And, back by popular demand, this year's walk-a-thon will be a COLOR RUN complete with bursts of color thrown to add to the fun!

In this packet you will find important information about the walk-a-thon. **Please read carefully and return the PERMISSION & LUNCH ORDER FORMS by Wednesday, February 15th.**

Our goal for River's 2023 ColorFULL Walk-a-Thon is to raise \$75,000 - we know this is a big goal but we also know it is very possible to do! If each student in our community is able to raise at least \$550, we will meet our goal! Stay tuned for more details on the FUN surprise we have in store for our community if we are able to meet this lofty goal!

Don't forget - We are better together! All of our River families are invited to support your student's fundraising efforts – and also **JOIN US on the day of the event!** You are invited to walk with your student, watch, cheer, and/or volunteer to help!

Thank you for helping us make this event a success to support our school,

Ali Hutchinson

Walk-a-Thon Coordinator & RMF Vice Chair

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WALK-A-THON COUNTDOWN CALENDAR & CHECKLIST

Wednesday, February 1st: FAMILY INFORMATION PACKETS SENT HOME

The *Family Information Packet* has important and helpful walk-a-thon information as well as a few to do's:

- Complete and return the *Permission / Pizza Order Form* by 2/15
- Mark your calendar to attend the walk-a-thon on 2/24 after school with your kids
- Sign up your student on *99 Pledges* to begin gathering pledges: tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-pledge
- Sign up to volunteer at the walk-a-thon: tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-volunteer

Wednesday, February 15th: PERMISSION SLIPS & PIZZA ORDERS DUE

February 1st - March 3rd: GATHER PLEDGES

- Please help your student to gather pledges via 99 pledges this month: tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-pledge

Thursday, February 23rd: T-SHIRT DISTRIBUTION DAY

Shirts will be distributed to students during the school day and they will be asked to take them home so they are able to wear them the next day. For any families who ordered extra shirts, please note they will be given to your oldest student. There will be a limited number of *2023 ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon* shirts available for sale at the event for our cheering squads.

Friday, February 24th: 2023 COLOR-FULL WALK-A-THON DAY!

12:00 - 12:15pm - *Pick up your student from school*

12:15 - 12:45pm - *Family lunch & walk-a-thon check-in*

1:00 - 3:00pm - *Walk/Run Laps*

REMINDER: This event will include a colorfully dyed cornstarch mixture being thrown in the air and on/around the walkers/runners. It is very possible that the clothing you wear will be splotted with color - whether you are a student, a volunteer, or on the cheer squad. While the colors are marketed as washable, we can not guarantee that they will come out of all fabrics. Please plan everyone's clothes accordingly.

Friday, March 3rd: WALKATHON DONATIONS / PLEDGES DUE

All pledges and pledge money is due by Friday, March 3rd. Please have your donors make checks out to RMF or submit electronic donations via 99 Pledges: tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-pledge



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HELPFUL INFO & REMINDERS

PARENT PERMISSION:

All students must have a signed parent permission slip to register for the event. This ensures that each student will have adult supervision (by their own parent or a designated caregiver) OR that they will be attending River Crew and allowed to participate with that group. **PERMISSION SLIPS/PIZZA ORDERS are due Wednesday, February 15th.**

FOOD & PIZZA ORDERS:

For those who would like to purchase lunch, you may pre-order pizza by the slice by completing the PIZZA ORDER FORM. Other food & drink items will be offered for sale beginning at 12:15pm. **PERMISSION SLIPS & PIZZA ORDERS due Wednesday, February 15th.**

T-SHIRTS:

We encourage all walkers to purchase a 2023 ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon T-shirt for the event as these shirts will also serve as lap-counters for your walker! T-shirts are not required to participate but are strongly encouraged, especially for kids and volunteers. T-shirts will be sent home with your student by Thursday, February 23rd. If your family ordered extra walk-a-thon shirts, please note that they will be sent home with your oldest student. If you have not ordered a shirt yet and would like to, we can help -- text Ali at 408-506-4804 or email alison.hutchinson@gmail.com.

COLLECTING PLEDGES:

Prior to the Walk-a-Thon, students ask family, friends, and neighbors to pledge money as a flat dollar amount or per lap. (For reference, most students who walk tend to complete 10 to 20 laps.) The event is on Friday, February 24th **but pledges can be collected until Friday, March 3rd.** There are two ways to collect pledges -- you can use either OR both:

1. **Paper Pledge Form** (*included in this packet*): Students can collect flat donations upfront or after the walk-a-thon is completed; per-lap pledges are collected after the event.
2. **99 Pledges:** Giving online is easy! Donors pledge to one or multiple students, or the school, with a credit card, and receive an email receipt.

Check your email for a personal invitation from **99 Pledges/foundation@rivermontessoricharter.org** with a link to your student's *participant pledge page* (be sure to check your spam folder). In that email, there will be a special link for you to upload your student's image if you'd like to personalize their page. (No login or password is necessary.)

To donate or share 99 Pledges donation information with friends & family go to **tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-pledge** and search your student's name and follow the prompts! For help finding or adding a student, text Ali at 408-506-4804.

WHAT TO WEAR:

The 2023 ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon will be a COLOR RUN style event. This means that at the START/FINISH line clouds of color will greet our walkers, and everyone can expect to get dusted by clouds of gorgeous COLORS. The non-toxic dyed cornstarch mixture washes off skin and hair easily, and *usually* off of clothing, but we have seen some staining before! So along with your limited edition 2023 ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon t-shirt, please be sure to wear clothing you don't mind coloring. Of course, comfortable running/walking shoes are a MUST for the day as well. We fully expect everyone to be FULL of color when the walk-a-thon is over!

PICKUP AND LUNCH:

On walk-a-thon day, please pick up your student via carline (12-12:15pm) as normal. Then, park your car on the street or in Ellis Creek lot and meet us near the playground after carline is over. Students that are signed up for River Crew will head there. Family lunch will be held from 12:15-12:45pm. When you arrive, please be sure to check-in your student at the *ColorFULL Walk-A-Thon* Table. Pre-purchased pizza will be available for pickup and additional food and drinks and treats will be offered for sale as well.

APPRECIATION:

Students will have an opportunity to earn prizes as they walk (or run) the afternoon away! Also, because this event is modeled on the popular "color runs," students will also earn bursts of color on their t-shirts every few laps. More laps = more prizes and colors!

HELP US SUCCEED:

- Submit your permission slip & pizza order by **Wednesday, February 15th.**
 - Volunteer on the day of the Walk-a-thon: **tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-volunteer**
 - Encourage your children to ask friends, family, and neighbors to sponsor them – and to collect all pledges by **Friday, March 3rd.**
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* *Walkathon questions?* Text Ali at 408-506-4804 or alison.hutchinson@gmail.com *
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PLEDGE FORM

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

My goal is to walk _____ laps.

Can you help us meet our goal of \$75,000? If each student raises \$550 we can do it!

♥ *Thank you for your support - every penny counts & no donation is too small.* ♥

Sponsors, are you looking to pay with a **credit card** or **PayPal**?

Check out our **99 Pledges** page: tinyurl.com/rmcs2023wat-pledge

Name	Choose One		# of Laps	Amount Due	Amount Collected
	Flat Amount	Amount Per Lap			
I walked _____ laps!			TOTAL	\$	\$

Thank you for your donation, it is tax deductible as allowed by law. (Tax ID #26-0748455)

Please make checks payable to: **River Montessori Foundation**

After the walk-a-thon, all pledge money will be due by Friday, March 3rd.

Please drop off pledges/pledge sheets at the front office.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the River Montessori Foundation, the parent-led fundraising arm of River Montessori Charter School. Funds are used by our nonprofit public school to support classroom assistants and enrichment.

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