



VAN GOGH ELEMENTARY

Tri-R-athon 2019

WHAT IS TRI-R-ATHON?

Tri-R-Athon is the second biggest fundraiser at Van Gogh. It is the only fundraiser at Van Gogh that challenges our kids both mentally and physically. It promotes teamwork, fitness and academic skills! On Thursday April 11th and Friday April 12th, our kids will participate in grade-level **Reading**, **aRithmetic** (math), and **Running**/walking challenges, hence the Tri-R. More details about Tri-R-Athon challenge week will be sent home closer to the event.

HOW IS THIS A FUNDRAISER?

Each student is encouraged to get “sponsored” for their participation. Rather than being sponsored on a per lap basis, sponsors are asked to donate a flat rate amount for their child’s participation (\$20, \$50, \$100).

We encourage a minimum \$30 pledge amount for each student. However, any dollar amount can be collected. And, as always, we have great incentive prizes to encourage our students and parents to raise, raise, raise!

WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL PLEDGE DRIVE, WHY DO WE NEED TO RAISE MORE FUNDS?

Yes, we raised over \$45,000 at the Pledge Drive, not to mention \$6400 for Spelling Challenge and \$8500 for Fall Festival, as well as other smaller fundraising activities.

But the Van Gogh PTO must raise \$80,000 – \$100,000 each year to support the essential programs that our children benefit from daily. These include a Psychiatric Social Worker, Library Aid, Teacher Assistants, YMCA Play (P.E.) Program and Supervision Aides, amongst many other things.

WHAT IS OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR TRI-R-ATHON?

Our goal for 2019 is \$9,000.

HOW CAN WE COLLECT SPONSORS?

Start by making a list of people your child can approach for a sponsorship, including family, friends, co-workers and neighbors, then help your child contact the people on your list for a sponsorship. We have provided each student with a pledge sheet and envelope. When you get a sponsor, add their name to the pledge sheet and collect the funds. Use the envelope provided to collect the money. Funds should be turned in by Friday April 12th to be counted toward the incentive prizes.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FUNDS THROUGH ONLINE PAYMENTS, CASH AND CHECKS. Please make checks payable to “Friends of Van Gogh PTO”. If you have any questions, feel free to reach Faye Johnson (ftiptone@yahoo.com) or Taline Kizirian (talineizakel@gmail.com)