



Dear Parents,

In an endeavor to help the earthquake victims of Haiti, the students, teachers, and staff at Oak Meadow Elementary are having a Jog-A-Thon to raise money for the Haiti relief effort through UNICEF. UNICEF will put 100% of our donation to support the relief effort in Haiti. The Jog-A-Thon will take place on **Wednesday, January 27th** and will be during the school day. Our goal is to raise \$6,420, which is the approximate distance from El Dorado Hills to Port au Prince, Haiti and back.

All students in K-5 will be participating. You are welcome to attend the event to walk with us or just to root your child on. Please help your child be an active participant in the Jog-A-Thon by helping them collect pledges. Any parent volunteers for the day of the event are also greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to help out on the day of the Jog-A-Thon, please contact Linda Ghilarducci (916) 933-9746 ext2235 or email Linda at lghilarducci@buckeyeusd.org.

How the Jog-A-Thon will work and what you need to know:

- 1. Who can run/walk?** All Oak Meadow students and families can run or walk in this event.
- 2. How long is the event?** The event will last all day, however, classes will be participating at different times of the day (see schedule on back). The Kindergarten class will run/walk for 30 minutes and grades 1-5 will run/walk for 45 minutes.
- 3. How far do they go?** Students will start on the blacktop and go down the fire road toward the bus circle, around the front of the school, past the multipurpose room, and back to the blacktop. Due to this distance, expect that the older children will be able to complete many more laps than the younger ones.
- 4. What do I do?** Start getting pledges! Use the attached pledge sheet to record your pledges. Pledges can come from anyone. Your family, neighbors, friends, co-workers, or business associates are all good people to ask. If you can't ask them in person, give them a call. Pledges can be a flat donation (a certain amount of money no matter how many laps are completed) or a per lap donation. If someone pledges a flat amount you may collect the money at the same time you get the pledge or wait until after the event. If someone pledges a dollar amount per lap, will have to wait until after the event to collect.
- 5. Turn in pledge forms and flat fee donations by January 26th to your child's teacher.**
- 6. Collect pledges as soon as possible after the event.** After the event take your pledge sheet with the amount of completed laps and collect your pledges.
- 7. Turn in your money.** Once you have collected your pledges turn in your pledge sheet along with the money to your teacher. If you are donating a flat fee, you can turn it on anytime on or before the day of the Jog-A-Thon. Please try to collect your pledges in the week following the event and have them turned in by **Wednesday, February 3rd**.

Please make checks payable to UNICEF Haiti Relief Effort.

Thank you for your support!

The Oak Meadow Students, Teachers, and Staff