

JUANITA JAG-A-THON

Frequently Asked Questions

What day is the jag-a-thon and when will students be running?

The jag-a-thon will be held Friday, October 10th from 9:05 to 12:10 on the upper field. Classes will run in 40 minute blocks, 3 to 4 classes at a time. You will be emailed a more detailed schedule, so please refer to that for the specific time your class is running.

What do I have to do the day of the jag-a-thon?

Each student will have a running tag so that we can tally the number of laps they complete. If you could please pass out the running tags to your students before your designated running time, and make sure each student is wearing their tag. Running tags will be placed in your box the week of the race. You will also need to bring your class out to the start area at your designated time. We want to start each segment promptly, so please be out on time. The start area for the jag-a-thon will be on the upper field, near the big toy. It is probably easiest to enter this area via the paved path off the sidewalk that runs in front of the covered area up toward the street. Volunteers will be looking for classes and helping direct you to the designated area. Finally, when your scheduled running time is over you can pick-up your class outside by the USA map, near the music room. Here the students will receive their popsicles and line up to return to class.

What if some of my students don't want to participate, do I have to sit in the classroom with them?

No, all students will be running or walking unless their parent returns a no participation form. Those few students who don't participate can help pass out water to the runners or cheer their fellow classmates on. *Please do not advertise this option, as we want to encourage active participation by all.* Although you are free to use this time for planning, you are also welcome to run or walk with your class, or just cheer them.

What do students need to wear and bring for the jag-a-thon?

You can remind students to wear appropriate shoes and to wear clothes they are comfortable running or walking in. We will provide cups of water, so water bottles are not necessary. And remember please have students come outside the day of the jag-a-thon with their running tags on, ready to go.

When will students be turning in their money and what should I do with it?

We are encouraging students to only turn in pledge money the week of the jag-a-thon, Monday Oct. 6th thru Friday Oct. 10th. When students hand you their pledge envelopes please place them in the big envelope marked "PTA Jag-a-thon pick-

up.” A PTA member will come around to collect the pledge money. We will take pledge money after the jag-a-thon, but those students will not be eligible for the prize drawings, so encourage students to turn their money in on time. Any late pledge envelopes can be placed in the PTA mailbox

If my students ask, who should the pledge checks be made out to?

Parent should have this information in their packet but if students ask, all checks should be made out to “Juanita EL. PTA.”

How are prizes earned?

We really want this fundraiser to be about fun, fitness, and helping our school earn money which will benefit everyone. However, we know prizes are important to the students, so there are many fun prizes for students to earn. A prize sheet is included in each student’s pledge packet. Attached is a copy of that prize sheet for your reference. Basically, individual prizes will be earned based on the amount of pledge money brought in. The more money brought in, the more prizes they will receive. Top runners will be recognized as well as the classrooms that bring in the most money. In addition, all students who turn in their pledge envelopes on time will be entered into a drawing to win additional prizes. **AND** if we reach our school goal, Mr. Luczak will do something “crazy” for the students. Students will have the opportunity to make suggestions as to what he should do, or have done to him (appropriate of course), and Mr. Luczak will select one of the suggestions the week prior to the jag-a-thon.

What about a classroom or grade-level goal?

We encourage each class, or grade, to set a goal amount for pledge money turned in. Any class who reaches their classroom goal will receive a popcorn party. You can email your classroom goal to djaclaypool@juno.com. Our school goal is \$15,000 this year and we’ve suggested a \$50 goal for each student.

What happens if it rains?

If it should rain (*think sunny thoughts*), all pledge money is still due. Classes that have P.E. will run inside the gym the day of the jag-a-thon. Classes that don’t have P.E. will run the following week during their regularly scheduled P.E time. For half day kindergarten- we will work out a time for you to participate as well. Students will still wear their running tag, so we can tally laps and the prize breakdown will remain the same.

Any Additional Questions Please Contact Jamie Claypool djaclaypool@juno.com

Thank you for your support!!