

## 2023 Walkathon Prizes and Incentives

Incentives and prizes will be offered at the school, class, individual and family levels. All prizes will be distributed after the Walkathon Fundraising period has completed with the exception of the Family Route Signs.

**To be included in the Route Sign Incentive, families must have \$250 in donations (combined if more than one student) by Monday, October 2nd.**

Please reference the attached Incentives information sheet with more specific levels and prizes.

## HAM FAM FUND

While Walkathon is a fundraising event, it is also an important opportunity for us to cultivate and celebrate the Hamilton Community! ALL Hamilton students will participate in the fun of the Walkathon Kickoff (9.15) and Walkathon (10.6) regardless of how much funds, if any, they raise. No student or their family is required to fundraise in order to participate in this event.

While fundraising is not required for participation, there will be small rewards given to students who hit specific fundraising amounts. We want ALL students to have the opportunity to be included in the incentive options. If your child wants the chance to set up a fundraising page (thus qualifying for certain prize levels) but your family's personal or financial situation precludes you from fundraising please reach out to Lynda Gardner, Hamilton's school guidance counselor. Your information will be kept confidential and via the Ham Fam Fund, a collection of money raised, your child will be able to help contribute to their class and school goal.

**Please connect with Ms. Gardner via email: [lterry@cps.edu](mailto:lterry@cps.edu) no later than September 22nd to make sure your child is included in the Ham Fam Walkathon Fund.**

## HAMILTON ACTION TEAM

Hamilton Action Team (HAT) is a parent-run organization on a mission to support Hamilton Elementary School through a wide variety of activities including fundraising, community building and outreach.

Our goal is to help promote and foster our "Work Hard, Play Fair, Take Care of Each Other" motto. HAT is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3).



### Email

[Hamiltonfundraise@gmail.com](mailto:Hamiltonfundraise@gmail.com)

### Official Route



- Walkathon Route
- 👤 Volunteer Crossing Guard



# 2023

# Hamilton Walkathon

15th Annual

October 6, 2023 ~ 9 a.m.  
Hamilton Turf







Welcome to the 15th Annual Hamilton Walkathon! I am thrilled to once again witness the strong sense of community and unity that our Hamilton Family embodies.

This year, we are setting an ambitious fundraising goal of \$60,000. These vital funds will serve as a launching pad for our potential multi-year Hamilton Gym Air Conditioning Capital Campaign. This initiative is a significant step towards fostering a comfortable and nurturing learning environment for both our Fine and Performing Arts space and Athletic programs that our students will benefit for years to come.

We are excited to announce that a portion of the funds will be shared with our sister fine and performing arts school, Chopin, fostering a collaborative spirit and encouraging the growth and excellence in arts education that both our schools value so deeply.

I look forward to seeing you all on Walkathon Day, a vibrant event filled with community walks and celebration! It's a day to affirm our collective efforts and witness the community coming together to reach our fundraising goals.

-Dr. Kristin Blathras, Principal



# WHAT IS WALKATHON?

## What happens on Walkathon Day?

- Students should wear good walking shoes and be dressed for the weather!
- Walkathon will only be rescheduled if stormy weather is forecasted.
- Students will be given a Walkathon T-Shirt on the morning of Walkathon to wear during the event. Students will keep their shirts and bring them home that afternoon.
- Classes will meet on the Turf Field outside of Hamilton.
- On the field, students will stretch, dance, hear from guest speakers and get ready for our school wide walkathon.
- Students will walk as a class with their teachers and Hamilton staff. The route is available online.
- 8th Graders will lead our walk and will end with our Pre-K students. Every Hamilton student walks the same route.
- Along the route there will be adult crossing guards and supervision to ensuring student safety is a priority.
- Cheer stations will line the route to encourage Hamilton students during their walk with signs, music and dancing and make the route fun!

## How can Hamilton Families participate?

- This event is open to all HAMILTON parents/guardians and families. We encourage family members to walk the route with their child. There is also the option to join HAT at Bitter Pops— The official Hamilton Parent/Family cheering station.
- When you arrive, please remain off the field area. Additional space will be blocked off for families outside the field.
- Classes will have identifying signs and our emcee will announce when each class is beginning the route. As classes leave the field to begin, you may then join your student. Please stay off the sidewalk until your child's class is called.
- Students must remain with their class at all times.

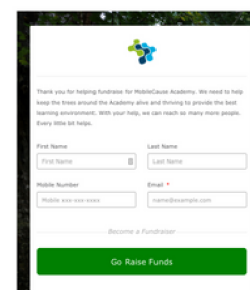
# Setting Up Your Student's Fundraising Page

## Peer-to-Peer Quick Set-up Guide

Quickly and easily setup and share your peer-to-peer fundraising page to begin raising money and making a difference

### STEP 1

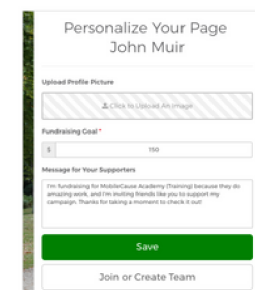
#### Become a fundraiser



1. Click the "Become a Fundraiser" button
2. Fill in your information and submit
3. Click "Personalize my Page"

### STEP 2

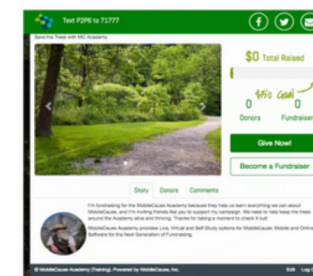
#### Personalize your page



1. Upload a picture of yourself
2. Set your personal fundraising goal
3. Personalize your message
4. Click "Save" to go to your page or "Join or Create a Team" if you are part of a team

### STEP 3

#### Share your page



1. Share your page with your network by clicking on the Facebook, Twitter or Email icons to automatically create a message with a link to your fundraiser page

### STEP 4

#### Revise your page



1. Save the confirmation email for the link to edit or update your page
2. It also includes your personal URL, social share buttons, and keyword and shortcode for sharing