



Dear Prospect Valley Families,

Please read this important info about our Fun Run fundraiser on **October 6th!** This is our one and only fundraiser for the year, and our goal is to raise **\$50,000** to fully fund our school's fantastic PTA-sponsored events and programs for the entire school year. With our new, larger Prospect Valley enrollment, this year's PTA focus is building a strong, inclusive and supportive community for the benefit of all of our students. We'll do that by providing additional funding for all of our community events, educational and enrichment programs, as well as extra support for all of our faculty and staff. We're excited to see what this school year brings, and appreciate all of your hard work and participation in the Fun Run!

What is the Fun Run? How does it work?

- **Students will collect pledges** from family, neighbors and friends on a per lap basis (i.e. \$3 per lap) or a flat donation (i.e. \$30) **before** October 6th. **Start collecting now!**
- On Friday, Oct. 6th, during their Art, Music, STEM or PE class, each student will have 30 minutes (20 minutes for kinder, first and second grade students) to run/walk/skip/dance as many laps as possible around our Fun Run loop. We'll tally up all the laps before students leave school that day so they can collect on pledges they have received.

You have the option to collect pledges/donations online or in person

- Each student can create an online fundraising page in Givebacks (the company hosting our fundraising website). **See the following page for detailed instructions about how to create your student's account at <http://app.memberhub.gives/pvfunrun2023>.** Register your student(s) ASAP and start sharing the link to their page via email, social media and text to get those donations rolling in!
- If you would like to collect cash/checks as well as (or instead of) online fundraising, fill out the pledge form in this packet and make sure to return it to your child's teacher by October 13th with all money collected. **If you are only receiving online donations, you do not need to complete the paper pledge form.**
- After all money is turned in on October 13th, we will order the prizes and deliver them to students ASAP at school (usually within 2 weeks of the event).

Tell me all about the Prizes!

- **All students will receive a Prospect Valley water bottle** to use for the Fun Run, which they'll get to keep forever and use to show their school spirit. But that's just the beginning...
- **The more donations a student brings in, the more prizes they will win.** When they reach a donation level of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500, students will win a

different fun prize. And - all prizes are cumulative - the more money you raise, the more prizes you'll get! So, a student who collects \$500 in donations will receive all of the prizes for each fundraising level. **Prizes are on the flier in this packet and will also be displayed at the school starting this week!**

- **NEW THIS YEAR-** We want all students to be a part of this group effort and the rewards, even if they don't reach a particular prize level. This year we are going to have a HUGE ALL-SCHOOL CELEBRATION if we reach our \$50,000 goal together. We're still in the process of finalizing this celebration, so stay tuned, but let's just say it's gonna be FUN, SILLY and possibly embarrassing for Mr. Schrant!!

What are we raising money for this year?

- Our goal is to fully fund all PTA-sponsored events and programs at Prospect Valley, so that we will not need to ask our wonderful families to do more fundraising this year! This year, building community is top priority for our expanded neighborhood school. This includes community-building events, like back to school night, the PV carnival, and the school dance; curriculum enhancement, such as the spelling bee and science fair; and school support programs, like staff appreciation week.
- The PTA also contributes to teacher classroom and school technology needs, important classroom initiatives and educational tools (such as BrainPop and other software subscriptions), new books for our library, safety upgrades, field trips, special guest speakers, and supplies for our music, art, PE and STEM classes.
- Given the success of the Fun Run last year, we were able to purchase many items for our school above and beyond our projected spending, including: Outfitting our new STEM lab, a school wide field trip, Skate City night, a new shed and trailer for school maintenance, and much more. Thank you PV families for your fantastic fundraising!

Do I get a say in how the money raised is spent?

- Absolutely- we'd love to hear your voice! All PTA members get a vote on fund requests from the school and PTA committees. Fund requests are presented at our monthly PTA meetings and we'll be voting on requests via email polls. **You can still vote even if you can't attend the meetings!** If you're not already a member of the Prospect Valley PTA, please visit prospectvalleypta.org to join.

Questions or want to help with the Fun Run? Please email us at pvfunrun@gmail.com. We especially need volunteers on the day of the event to help us make things run smoothly and cheer on our Prospectors as they GO FOR THE GOLD!

Thank you so much in advance for making a difference for our school,
Your Fun Run Chairs