



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### What is this event?

The Portola Springs PTA is proud to present our 4th Annual Jog-A-Thon. This event is a fundraiser that focuses on physical activity, school spirit and fun! Students will run/walk laps to help raise money for our school. Students will gather flat pledge amounts from friends, family and neighbors. This year we are having an Olympics Themed Run called "Go for the Gold!". We hope this fun theme will help get our school community excited about raising funds to continue PTA supported programming at Portola Springs Elementary. Money raised from the event will help fund programs such as Grade Level PE, Lunchtime Activities, School and Classroom Supplies, PTA Family Fun Events, Student Enrichment Programs such as Art and Health, and so much more!

### How does the event work?

The event will be held on the grass field at Portola Springs Elementary during the school day. The field will have a marked course. Students will come out to the course by grade level and run/walk for approximately 20 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend, help, and cheer on our runners! Volunteers will mark laps for all students. Prizes are awarded to both upper and lower grade classes that raise the most funds for the run.

This is a very fun event for all, and we encourage parents to come out to volunteer and join in on the fun!

### What time is the Jog-A-Thon?

9:00-9:40	3rd Grade, 4th Grade & Ramos
9:40-10:20	AM Kindergarten & Palmeri
10:20-11:00	2nd Grade
11:00-11:40	1st Grade
11:40-12:20	5th Grade, 6th Grade & Glassford
12:20-1:00	PM Kindergarten & TK

10 minutes	Classes line up on the Field to Warm-Up and Stretch
20 minutes	Run/Walk Laps
10 minutes	Cool Down and Water
5 minutes	Light/Healthy Snack and Return to Classrooms

### Will my child be able to participate regardless of donation amount?

Yes. Monetary contributions are voluntary and all students will be allowed to participate regardless if a donation is made.

### Will my child get a Jog-A-Thon T-Shirt?

Yes, all students who participate in the Jog-A-Thon will receive a **FREE** T-Shirt. Teachers will be helping the PTA coordinate the T-shirt sizes for your students.

### Can parents help with the Jog-A-Thon?

Yes! The "Go For the Gold!" jog-A-Thon is a PTA event. We need parents to help, and encourage you to come out and be a part of this fun event! We always need help setting up, marking laps, working water and snack stations and cleaning up. Please look for emails from your Room Parents with detailed opportunities to volunteer; or email Sandra, our Volunteer coordinator, directly at [volunteers@portolaspringspta.org](mailto:volunteers@portolaspringspta.org) for more info on how you can help.

### How do I get pledge donations?

Go For the Gold!

There are two ways to collect pledges.

### **Option 1: ONLINE DONATION (Preferred)**

Donations can be managed and collected online. Registration is easy!

Visit <https://pledgestar.com/portolasprings/> and follow the simple registration steps. It takes just minutes to set up your child's own fundraising page to request donations. Donors can pay directly via credit card on the secure website without incurring any credit card or transaction fees. A Paypal account is NOT needed.

**OR**

### **Option 2: BY CHECK DONATION**

Participants can collect check donations manually by writing the donor name and amount donated on the pledge sheet attached to your Pledge Packet. More pledge sheets are available to print at [www.PortolaSpringsPTA.org](http://www.PortolaSpringsPTA.org).

Checks can be made payable to PORTOLA SPRINGS PTA. Please reference the child's name and teacher on the check. **Please return all donation payments to your child's teacher no later than Friday, March 9, 2018.**

*\*\*Individual incentive prizes and classroom prizes for the Jog-A-Thon will be based on what is returned or collected online via Pledgestar by the deadline of March 9th.\*\**

### **Can packets be turned in early?**

Yes, students may turn in their packets early. Once you have collected all of your cash and check donations please submit your packets. All students who turn in their packets by March 10th will receive a small prize. Online contributions may continue to come in after your child's pledge packet is returned. Once you set up a Pledgestar account we are able to track those amounts and use them for the individual incentives and classroom prizes.

### **Who can donate?**

Participants can request pledge donations from family, friends, neighbors or businesses to support their efforts. Donors can make a flat donation in support of our school. We encourage your student to reach out to family and friends that are both near and far. Many corporations/employers will also match employee donations to organizations such as the PTA. All donations are tax-deductible.

### **Is there a minimum amount required?**

No. We appreciate any donation amount to this event.

### **Is my donation tax deductible?**

Yes, all donations made to the PTA are tax deductible. Portola Springs PTA Tax ID is 90-1043145.

### **What are the Incentives?**

#### **School-wide Goals!**

**Our school wide goal to continue PTA sponsored programs is to raise \$40,000!**

If we reach our goal the PTA will provide a lunchtime DJ Music Party!

#### **Class Competitions!!!**

Each Primary and Upper grade winning class that brings in the most pledges will win \$100 toward a class celebration, plus a 1st Place Trophy!

Each Primary and Upper grade 2nd place class for bringing in the second most pledges will win \$50 toward a class celebration, plus a 2nd Place Trophy!

#### **Incentives to Turn in Pledges!**

All students who turn in a Pledge Packet to their teacher by March 10th will receive a small prize!

**For turning in a pledge packet with a minimum of \$50 in pledges students will receive a prize they can proudly wear during the run!**

Go For the Gold!