

Schwegler Elementary School Marathon Club

2016-2017 Information Sheet

Welcome to the Schwegler Elementary School Marathon Club! We are excited to offer this program and are looking forward to a safe and fun year.

The goal of Marathon Club is to provide a sustainable fitness opportunity for Schwegler students and their families. It encourages kids to challenge themselves to complete the goal of walking or running a mile or more once per week throughout the remainder of the school year. All mileage is tracked when students attend. After a student completes a full marathon, they earn a Marathon Club t-shirt, have their name read with the morning announcements, and get their picture posted on a wall in the gym. In addition to these tangible awards, Marathon Club hopes to:

*Promote lifelong wellness *Provide students a sense of accomplishment * Improve concentration in the classroom *
Create a fun, non-competitive atmosphere for all participants

Important Details

- Weather permitting, Marathon Club will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Students will be running / walking on the inside perimeter of the Schwegler school grounds (outside). Each time a student passes the starting point, he/she will receive a mark on a sticker indicating completion of one lap. The total number of laps completed will be recorded during the check-out process.
- All students K-5 are encouraged to participate. Children in kindergarten must have a parent /guardian with them in order to participate. Kids enrolled in the Boys & Girls club program will have a Boys & Girls club program representative serve as their guardian. All other parents/ guardians and siblings are invited and encouraged to participate as well.
- Students not in Boys and Girls Club must have a signed consent form to participate. Students will not be able to begin without this form on file with the club. Please submit completed forms to Marathon Club on the first day your child participates so we can get them entered in our records.
- Our weather policy is as follows: We will not cancel Marathon Club, but please don't send your child if you feel the weather / transportation conditions are not appropriate. If you drop your child off for Marathon Club, they will be participating regardless of the temperature or if it is raining outside.
- Please have students dress appropriately, including proper shoes. It might be cold and windy on some Marathon Club days, so send a hat and /or gloves when needed. A water bottle is always advisable.
- Marathon Club members will be required to maintain appropriate behavior. There will be no pushing, throwing rocks, bullying, name-calling, cheating, etc. Kids who exhibit this behavior will not have their mileage recorded for the day. If the behavior persists, they will not be able to participate in Marathon Club.
- There will be no supervision of or responsibility for children who are dropped off and who do not participate in Marathon Club (on the playground or other school grounds).
- Volunteers are needed to help with the check-in and check-out process and to help track completed laps. We'd love to have you as a Marathon Club volunteer. If you are able to help regularly or just from time to time, please check the box on the consent form and we will contact you with more details.
- Homework miles – those completed outside of when Marathon Club is held- may be turned in by the parent of a child and will be recorded as well.
- Questions / Concerns or homework miles can be sent to schweglermarathonclub@gmail.com