



# “Warrior Run Fundraiser”

October 4, 2017

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the Warrior Run Fundraiser?

The Warrior Run is a fun way for our students to work together to raise funds for enhanced educational resources and activities. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, students will return donation envelopes to their teachers and celebrate fund raising efforts by completing an obstacle course located on our school playground.

### What should I wear?

Dress for running. Wear comfortable sneakers and clothes. Of course we still need to dress for the weather ~ rain or shine ~ we will run. If it rains, ponchos will be provided.

### This sounds like fun! Can I volunteer?

YES! The Warrior Run is a terrific event in which to participate. We need lots of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Missy Britton-Simmons or Siri Pannell at [fundraising@mybenfranklinpta.org](mailto:fundraising@mybenfranklinpta.org) or watch for the Ben Franklin Weekly Updates Email, distributed every Wednesday morning, with details on how to sign up to volunteer for the Warrior Run Fundraiser.

### What's the goal?

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$40,000 which will fund most of the critical activities noted on right hand side. The Warrior Run is our **biggest** fundraiser of the school year and the **only** time we ask families to seriously consider making a **generous** donation to our school. We ask for a \$100 per student, donation before matching. Donations may also be collected from family, friends, neighbors, or anyone who wants to help support your child's enhanced educational resources/activities. Students will provide a fully tax deductible donation receipt, included in the paperwork, to anyone donating.

### What is a Matching Fund and how does it work?

Many companies will match the donations made to a charity by their employee. The donor should check with their employer and complete all related paperwork. About one-third of donations that the PTA receives are matching funds. Please take the time to complete the paperwork. For example, employees of Microsoft must go to <http://lcaweb/give/Pages/default.aspx>, click “Match Now”, and click “Match Now” again. On the page you will see a link to search for an organization. Click that link and type Ben Franklin in the name box and click the search button. Click on **Ben Franklin PTA**. Finally, please make sure the Matching gift goes to **Ben Franklin PTA** and NOT Ben Franklin Elementary. Please note that **Franklin PTA's legal address is indeed in TACOMA!**

### Donations:

Donations can be made in the form of cash, checks, or online. We ask, for accounting purposes, that you write a **separate check** for each student. Donating online is easy and simple and can be made at [www.mybenfranklinpta.org](http://www.mybenfranklinpta.org). If a donation has been matched, please place a copy of the Matching Funds Forms in each child's envelope. On **October 4th**, the day of the Warrior Run, all envelopes are to be turned into your student's teacher, including blank envelopes. **It is very important that all envelopes, empty ones too, be returned to your student's teacher.**

### Questions?

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### How Contributions to the PTA Benefit Our Children at Ben Franklin

#### Educational Resources for Students

- Digital licenses
- Math Licenses
- Classroom library books
- Art room supplies
- Library resources
- PE supplies
- Field Day
- Music supplies
- Student Enrichment Grants (SEG)
- Off-campus Enrichment

#### Educational Activities

- In-house learning (e.g. Toymaker)
- Assemblies
- Science fair supplies
- Math Challenge
- Artist in Residence
- Reflections

#### Professional Development

- In residence training for teachers
- Funds for individual staff development
- Staff Development

#### Community Building

- Free Family Fall Night
- Welcome Back Tea
- Parent Education
- International Night
- Dance Night
- Pancake Breakfast
- Volunteer Recognition
- Staff Appreciation