

# Amy Imai 'Walk on the Wild Side' Walkathon!

## 2023 Final Reminders and Info Sheet

We are super excited for our walkathon tomorrow. Please review these details before coming to ensure a smooth day!

Added info is on the 'Walkathon' tab at [www.imaipta.org](http://www.imaipta.org).

**Where:** All registered walkers and walk-in walkers must check in at the Imai MUR first!

**When:** Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM – K-1st Grade Check-In** Track open at 9:30 for K-1 only

**10:15 AM Onwards All Grade Check-In Begins**

**10:30 AM Onwards** Track open to all grades

**1:30 PM Walkathon Ends**

### ***Very Important Safety Guidelines***

- **A parent or legal guardian must check in their child and be present on campus during the walkathon; this is NOT a drop-off event. Children cannot attend on their own, nor can an older sibling watch your child. This is primarily in the event that your child needs medical attention.**
- Please establish a meeting point where your child can find you throughout the day and show them where to go if they are lost.
- Walkers must walk unless mobility issues apply. i.e. no scooters, bikes etc. to keep the course in good condition.
- There will be self-serve First Aid supplies located by the Snack Table. If a child needs more than a band-aid, they will be asked to return with a parent to access other supplies.
- Please bring a hat, sunscreen, comfortable shoes, extra socks, a raincoat and layers of clothing. **The weather has been unpredictable and we may get a bit of rain. The event will be held, rain or shine.**
- Make sure you encourage your children to take breaks during the day to prevent dehydration and fatigue. While we do have incentives for laps walked, it is **not** a competition and there is no minimum lap requirement. Please have your child only do what's best for them.
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FILLED WATER BOTTLE.** Water can be refilled on campus.
- No Pets. Humans only for this event please! :)
- Walking on the course is ONE WAY only. Only enter and exit the field at designated areas.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the course.

**Bring:**

- Comfortable shoes, Hat, Extra socks (Raincoat + Dress in layers)
- Water Bottle
- Cash (small bills) for snacks

**When You Arrive:**

- Check-in at MUR (Registered and “Walk-in”)

**Before You Leave:**

- Check-out at MUR to Record your Laps

## ***General Reminders and Questions / Answers***

### Can my child still attend the walkathon if they did not already register?

YES! If your child is not registered, they can do a walk-in registration at the MUR. Let the check-in person know you are not already registered. You will need to fill out a waiver form at check-in. The cost for walk-in registration is \$20 per student / sibling walker (cash or check only). Unfortunately, walk-in registrations do not get a walkathon t-shirt.

### Where do parents sit?

You may sit on the grassy area within the inner area of the lap course, however due to the rain, you may choose to be under covered tables instead.

### What are the food / drink options?

- Drinks and pre-packaged snacks will be available for purchase- **cash only** - small bills preferred. Most items are \$1. Look for the **Snack Table** under the solar panels.
- We will have 2 food trucks + Kona Ice – between ~11 AM – 1PM.. (Cash / Credit card). Keep in mind, for an event of our size, the lines can get long so consider ordering early.
- You are also welcome to bring your own snacks, lunch or drinks, but please no eating on the course.

### Who can walk on the lap course?

- Only registered walkers (students and siblings) who have a lanyard received at Check-In can be on the lap course. Parents are welcome to join their kids; adults don't require a bracelet.
- For safety and crowd size, we kindly ask that **only immediate family members** attend.

### Can you come / leave at anytime?

- You can come anytime after your designated registration time (9:30 AM for K/ 1 and 10:15 AM for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and can leave at anytime. The event ends at 1:30 PM for all grades.

### Will the bathrooms be open?

- Most of the bathrooms will be open. However, due to the weather and field conditions we may have to change our track course from last year, making some bathrooms less accessible than others.

## ***Overview of Lap, Tracking and Incentives***

### How are laps tracked?

- When the student checks in at the MUR, they will receive a lap card and lanyard. The lap card will be labeled with their name on it.
- Every time a lap is completed on the course, a volunteer who will be sitting on the course, will mark it on the card.
- Lap cards must stay in good condition so take care of them and wear them at all times.
- The volunteers will only mark laps if your child:
  - stays on the track,
  - completes a full lap within the track borders and
  - follows the direction of the course
- When certain lap milestones are reached (marked by a symbol on the card), they should go to the Incentive table to get their treat / prize.  
Note: Lap milestones differ by student grade, so not all cards are the same.
- In some cases prizes include a raffle (i.e. tickets to an activity, a gift card, etc)
- **Important: *When your child is done walking for the day or when you are leaving, you must go to Check – Out (at the MUR) so your laps can be recorded for purposes of per lap pledges you might have and to better plan for next time.***
- *If you forget to check out, please snap a photo of the lap card and send it to [walkathon@imaipta.org](mailto:walkathon@imaipta.org).*

### ***A Final Note***

**PLEDGES STILL NEEDED!** While this is a great community event, it is also one of our 3 primary fundraisers for the PTA. The PTA spends ~\$110K annually. **We are well below our \$30K walkathon goal** (~\$100 / student in pledges). The good news – it’s not too late! **We will be accepting pledges for 1 week after the walkathon!** Check your inbox for an email from “Imai PTA” + “99 Pledges” to easily find your child’s pledge page. *Can you send it to 5 family and friends asking for a \$25 pledge?*

With **nearly 70% of students attending, we are thrilled** that our participation goals have been met! However, please keep in mind this is only our 2nd year holding a walkathon. With a small but nimble walkathon committee of just 8 people, and a short timeline of only 7 weeks, we are learning best practices each year.

A few things we do expect:

- A fun and exciting, but very crowded (and possibly wet) event
- Lots of happy smiles + the possibility of a few tears and scrapes along the way
- The extension of grace and latitude, especially towards the 70+ volunteers who are supporting the event.

This is new for all of us and some mistakes and wins will happen along the way. It is also **OUR** school community, so the success of our event depends on all of us solving problems as they arise.

Please step in to help if you can. We look forward to an awesome day with lots of positive role-modeling – showing our kids how to be a great community citizen and demonstrating a growth mindset!

Thank you to all of our Imai families, the Imai PTA, walkathon volunteers, Ms. Siam and staff and especially, the Walkathon Committee for your hard work and support!