



ÉMJS PAC'S 5TH ANNUAL  
**WALK-A-THON**  
 APRIL 17, 2026

Sponsor's Name	Pledge Amount	Collected? (Y/N)
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PLEDGES COLLECTED</b>		

**Pledges submitted via (check all that apply, submissions via hotlunches site preferred):**  
 emjs.hotlunches.net      
 sd61.schoolcashonline.com      
 cash in envelope

**\*\* Please circle T-shirt size if pledges ≥ \$40\*\***    YOUTH: S / M / L / XL    ADULT: S / M / L / XL

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. Email the Walk-A-Thon Organizers directly: [comms@emjspac.ca](mailto:comms@emjspac.ca)**

For committee use only – Prize level achieved					Counter's Initials:		
\$40 T-shirt	\$80 Ice cream	\$125 Punch Pass	\$200 Ivy's Books	\$250 Movie Pass			

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is a Walk-A-Thon?***

In short, a Walk-A-Thon (WAT) is a fundraising event. Over the next few weeks, students are asked to collect pledges and track them on their pledge sheets. On the day of the WAT, all students will walk laps around the field or the school (weather dependent) for 30 minutes. There's music, there's bubbles, and freezies at the end for our hard-working students!

### ***When is the ÉMJS Walk-A-Thon?***

The 5th Annual ÉMJS WAT will take place on **April 17, 2026**. Grades K-2 will walk for 30 min in the morning, Grades 3-5 will walk for 30 min in the afternoon. (Split classes choose morning or afternoon at the discretion of the teacher).

### ***Why is the PAC organizing a Walk-A-Thon?***

The Walk-A-Thon fundraiser at ÉMJS was started in 2022 to raise funds for an outdoor classroom and ecological learning space that would allow students to play, learn, explore, gather and connect with and in nature. The first three Walk-A-Thons were used to fundraise for this space. Last year, as we were still in the planning process with SD61 Facilities to determine a true project estimate, it was decided that WAT funds would be put towards funding requests from ÉMJS staff and other PAC-funded programs.

The funds from last year's WAT have allowed the PAC to support the school in replacing the curtains on the stage in the gymnasium, which has been on the school's wish list for several years. The new curtains are currently being made! We have also been able to: allocate funds to fixing all the basketball hoops and have new nets installed (now 80% finished); provide sensory equipment for students; increase the art supplies in the communal art room; purchase 168 new rainbow balls and 53 skipping ropes for outside play equipment; upgrade the school garden; and create a banner to bring to track and field meets, showing our support for our young athletes. Once our large ticket items (the curtains and basketball hoops) have been completed and paid for, remaining funds will go towards other staff wish list items.

This year, we will continue using WAT funds as a general fundraiser for specific wishes and needs identified by the ÉMJS staff as well as supporting the many ongoing PAC-funded projects and programs we routinely fund, such as extra-curricular activities, field trips, and touring performances. As always, we welcome any new ideas the ÉMJS community may have on how to support the school! To have your say, attend our virtual monthly PAC meetings where we make funding decisions or contact us at [comms@emjspac.ca](mailto:comms@emjspac.ca)

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It's clear that the WAT is a fun and extremely effective fundraising event, and we hope that by focusing on smaller goals, students and families can continue to see immediate and tangible impacts from their fundraising work! For the 5th Annual WAT, we are keeping our fundraising goal of \$15,000, which ÉMJS students have obliterated for 4 years running!

***Do students collect pledges based on laps?***

NO. Students do not collect pledges on a "per lap" basis but rather collect a lump sum. The day of the WAT is for students to have fun and celebrate their fundraising efforts.

***Who should my child(ren) ask for pledges?***

Family near or far, friends, neighbours, coaches, teammates... offer mailbox pick-up or drop-off or ask for an e-transfer.

***When should my child(ren) return the pledge forms?***

Students can start collecting pledges as soon as they get the pledge sheet. Students should return pledge sheets to their teachers during the week of the WAT (April 13-17).

***How should we submit all the pledge money collected by my child(ren)?***

- In order to reduce confusion, misplaced cash, and save our volunteers an enormous amount of time, we would like to encourage families **to submit their total pledge amount online at [emjs.hotlunches.net](https://emjs.hotlunches.net)**. We can more easily track donations on this site as we can individually see which funds are associated with what child. You would place your pledge similar to placing a lunch order by clicking on Orders, where you will see 2026 WALK-A-THON Pledges as an option.
- If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, you can also submit pledges via the SD61 School Cash Online website. To do so, go to [sd61.schoolcashionline.com](https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com), navigate to the donations page, please select **Margaret Jenkins Elementary-PAC** as the Fund Destination and **be sure to include in the message box "Walk-A-Thon"**.
- If your child is bringing in cash, please do so in **a clearly labeled envelope**, stating your child's NAME, DIVISION, TEACHER'S NAME and AMOUNT. Thank you for your support!

***Are there prizes?***

Oh, yes, there are prizes! See this year's list on the next page.

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Amount of Pledges	Prize
\$40	Walk-A-Thon T-Shirt
\$80	2 gift cards for a kid's scoop at 49 Below Ice Cream (+ prizes above)
\$125	Oak Bay Recreational Centre 5 punch pass (+ prizes above)
\$200	\$15 Gift Card to Ivy's Books (+ prizes above)
\$250	2 kids movie passes + popcorn & drinks (+ prizes above)

***Are there any other prizes?***

We are so glad you asked, YES, there are more prizes. The primary and intermediate classes with the highest total funds raised will each get a classroom PIZZA PARTY.

***But are there more prizes?***

You bet there are! Every pledge sheet returned, *regardless* of the amount of money pledged (even \$0!), is entered into a raffle for a \$200 Gift Certificate to Oak Bay Bikes. **No pledges collected? Just return your pledge sheet with your name on it by April 17th to be entered.**

***When will the prizes be delivered?***

Incentive prizes will be tallied after the WAT and should be delivered within four weeks of Walk-A-Thon day. We will communicate should there be an unexpected delay.

***This sounds so fun, how can I help?***

Great question, thanks for asking! We will send out requests for help and a sign-up sheet closer to the date or if you are really eager you can email us at [comms@emjspac.ca](mailto:comms@emjspac.ca). We will need help on the day-of the event and in the following weeks!

***I have more questions, who do I ask?***

Please direct any questions to [comms@emjspac.ca](mailto:comms@emjspac.ca), we would love to hear from you.

*Thank-you for your continued support!  
 Together we make our school a better place!*