

# Westbrook School Walkathon

## Friday, September 27th, 2024

Welcome back to School! We hope you all had a fantastic summer. With the beginning of the school year also starts the planning for the annual Westbrook School Walk A Thon. We cannot express our gratitude for the continued support from Westbrook School Staff, Parents, Kids and Surrounding community members. Without your support this vital fundraiser would not happen.

With that being said, the day does require a substantial number of volunteers. If you could please review the attached volunteer form and return it to the school or email prior to Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email us at [westbrookwalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:westbrookwalkathon@gmail.com)

Please note that we will once again be offering Moms Pantry as an alternative to the Walk A Thon fundraising efforts. We find this gives our donors an option when supporting Westbrook School.

As a combined fundraiser, All funds raised are utilized in almost all aspects of each child's experience at Westbrook School.

Thank you for your continued support with this event!

## Walkathon Details

### Pledge Forms

Please find the forms attached to this package. Collect as many pledges as possible from friends, family and neighbors. Our goal is bigger than the last! **Last year's walkathon raised just over \$20,000.00!** All pledge forms must be turned in **the morning of the event** to be photocopied and will be returned, so the pledge money can be collected. **Please ensure that all pledges are collected and returned to the school by Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

### Walkathon Day

Kids will come to school as usual and meet in their classrooms. Attendance will be taken. (Please let the school know if your child is unable to participate prior to 8:30 that morning.) All volunteers will gather for any last-minute instruction as well as pick up any supplies. Students and staff gather in the gym for an assembly reminding them of their responsibilities and reviewing safety protocols and route details.

Along the route are clearly marked check stops manned by volunteers to ensure children's safety. Younger groups of children are assigned a walking volunteer to stay with and encourage them along the way. Other walking volunteers will keep the pace of the older students.

### Check Stop 4 – The Turnaround

Check Stop 4 will be the turnaround point for all grades, with the exception of kindergarten. This check stop will offer students a nutritious snack, water, and porta potties.

### The Finish Line

All students finish the walk back at Westbrook School. Here, students will check-in at the front of the school and can celebrate the completion with the support of fellow students, staff and volunteers. Walkers will be routed to the back of the school for lunch, announcements and free play.

## Safety

As always, our children's safety is our primary concern. We enlist the aid of our community papers and radio stations to inform the public of our event. Local RCMP and Alberta Fish and Wildlife are also involved in insuring student and volunteer safety. Bike riders and other volunteers maintain a close eye on all participants along the route as well as keeping in touch with the coordinators and sweep vehicles throughout. As you can see, this event is not possible without you!

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### **\*IMPORTANT NOTES\***

1. All volunteers must have a valid criminal record check and/or current Annual Declaration Form - Volunteers. Please see volunteer package for form.
2. Parents bringing younger siblings on the walk are responsible for stroller transportation and cannot be a classroom volunteer. Please note here if sibling(s) will be attending.
3. No pets are permitted at the school or along the route.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

#### **Food Donations**

If you are supplying an item in this category, a table will be set up at the main entrance of the school the morning of for your donation. The following items are required:

#### **Checkstop/Drivers** (18- 20 volunteers)

There are 8 check stops along the route. It is best if two volunteers can man each stop. A teacher who knows the entire student body will assist at the finish line where attendance is taken. A "sweep" vehicle is also necessary to pick up any injured or exhausted participants along the way. The Check-Stop Coordinator will be sure to travel throughout the route regularly with extra water, first aid supplies etc.

#### **Lunch** (6 volunteers)

Lunch requires set up, cooking of hot dogs, drink preparation, and clean up.

#### **Walking Volunteers** (as many as possible)

This requires a smile, a comfy pair of shoes and of course the spirit of Westbrook.

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# Westbrook School Walk A Thon

## PLEDGE FORM

### September 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The Walk A Thon is our Schools major fundraiser of the year. Funds raised through this event are used for education related projects, activities, and equipment that exceed funding from Alberta Education.

All students are asked to collect pledges and participate in the walk, or otherwise if walking is not possible. This is a **WHOLE** school effort for students and parents alike. Grades 2-8 complete an 11km walk while the kindergarten and Grade 1 students walk a shorter distance.

Good Luck!! Lets get those pledges collected!!

<i>Please print clearly</i>			
Sponsor's Name:	Online Payment Confirmation #	Amount Pledged	Amount Received
<b>Total</b>			

***One Pledge form per student Please!!***

**All Payments MUST be made via School Cash Online**

***(Please see instruction sheet)***

**All Funds must be submitted by Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*Thank you for your continued support!!*



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## Westbrook School Walkathon 2024-25

Please make all donations ONLINE at: <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com>

This link can also be found on the Westbrook School website under the *Parents* tab.

Select: <b>ITEMS</b> (top Right corner)	
Select: <b>Make a Donation</b>	
<b>Gift Information (REQUIRED)</b>	
Fund Destination: Choose "Westbrook School" from drop down menu.	
<b>Tribute Information (NOT APPLICABLE)</b>	
<b>Message to School Board (REQUIRED)</b>	
Enter in message box:	
(without this information, the donation cannot be counted towards that student/class totals)	
Select: <b>Add to Cart</b>	A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

**Thank You for supporting Westbrook School!**

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## Volunteer Form (Please return one form per family)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### I Will Volunteer to...(Needed)

Walk     Check Stop     Lunch Set up     Bike     Sweep Vehicle

### I would like to donate (Needed)

1 Cut Watermelon     Fruit Tray     Vegi Tray

1 Loaf     1 dozen cookies/ Muffins

**Please return this form to the school by Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Thank you for your continued support with this event! One of our coordinators will be in contact with you to confirm your interest.

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