

What is Run4Richmond?

Run4Richmond is a beloved annual fun run where students, teachers and parents all get to participate – either as runners, volunteers, or as the cheering section – while generating much-needed funds to help keep our school a rich, lively, engaging environment for every student.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians, grandparents, friends etc. are invited to pledge their student – either through a flat, one-time donation or as an incremental incentive encouraging kids to run as many laps as possible.

Why is flat donation an option? Isn't the point of a fun run to tie donations to the number of laps run?

Over the years we've found the most efficient way to reach our fundraising goals (\$30,000 this year) is to solicit funds up front. However, we heartily encourage you to celebrate your runner's success with a little extra donation bump per lap. If an extra kicker is not your speed, how about a flat donation and an extra scoop of ice cream after the run?!

And, definitely be sure to swing by the Run for Richmond table at Harvest Festival so that your runner can collect their medal, have their photo snapped for the Team Spirit collage, and share tales of their glory on the track.

So, where are the funds going this year?

This year, like last, with guidance from Principal Eto, we've identified three underfunded areas which will have a significant impact on our Richmond students' educational experience. To dig into the nitty gritty:

1. Field trips for every student! Last year there were seven...we'll say that again: *Seven!* field trips, all funded by Run for Richmond!
2. Assemblies! Last year there were four assemblies, all funded by....drum roll... Run for Richmond!
3. Hall murals! Any capital improvements or refurbishments to the physical environment are strictly the purview of PPS. Yet, while the PTA is not allowed to undertake things like capital improvements or repairs, they are still allowed to commission beautiful murals which enliven the environment and show students what an enormous amount of care and attention are dedicated to our little community. The front hall mural was very generously donated by a Richmond parent; we'll do more beautiful artwork on the school walls with funds raised by Run for Richmond.

Scroll down to see a more detailed list of what was funded by Run for Richmond in the 2024-25 school year. **

Donating is not really an option for me right now. Is there some other way that I can help?

Sure! Soliciting donations from neighbors and friends is always available as an option. Your student will be bringing home a pledge sheet which can be used to help with that.

Alternately, volunteer! We can always use more hands on deck to help pull off this event. Click on this link here.

And, if that's not possible (and even if it is), come out and cheer! **The more the merrier!**

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Field trips included:

- NW Children's Theater
- Oregon Zoo
- OMSI
- End of the Oregon Trail
- Tryon Creek
- Mt. Tabor
- Special Crossing Guard Celebration at Oaks Park

Speakers and performers included:

- Singer, Christopher Brown
- Singer, Monica Metzger
- White Lotus Foundation (Lion Dance)
- Speaker, Jennifer Bass on Neurodiversity Awareness