



Attention: Gill Families!

There's an exciting new **FUN**draising event coming to Gill Elementary this spring. It's called the **Gill Elementary PTA Mustang Mini-Marathon** and it will serve as our primary fundraiser for the 2008-2009 school year! This is an important event for Gill in many ways, so we want to be sure you have all the information you need to help make it a success!

A FEW FACTS

- We're calling this event a "Marathon" because the kids will be challenged with completing a distance of 26.2 miles. What makes it a "Mini-Marathon," however, is that they will have several months to complete it. The event will officially begin on June 6th at our Starting Line Event and end on September 20th at our Finish Line Event.
- From "Start Line" to "Finish Line," students will be logging miles and gathering pledges from friends and family for every mile (up to 25) they promise to run, walk or wheel*. As they log miles, they'll have the opportunity to earn Toe-Tokens (brightly colored foot shaped tokens) to show how far they've gone.
- Once they complete 25 miles, they will collect and turn in their pledges, then join their friends to run, walk, or wheel* the last 1.2 miles of the marathon at our Finish Line Event on Saturday, September 20th.
- All students who participate in the Finish Line Event on September 20th will receive an event t-shirt, a goodie bag, and a marathon medal!
- When they turn in their pledges, students who reach the following pledge goals will earn more prizes:
 - \$50.00 in pledges - Custom printed water bottle from LifeTime Fitness
 - \$75.00 in pledges - LifeTime Fitness Hat

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 16:** This fundraiser kicks off today! Attached, please find your registration packet that includes all the information needed to get started.
- **June 6:** In the afternoon, the kids will line up at the Mustang Mini-Marathon "Starting Line." After an outdoor kick-off assembly, Mr. Morawski and Mr. Vondrasek will lead the kids on a half-mile trek around Gill school grounds to get them started.
- **Wednesdays from June to September:** Students can meet up with their friends to log extra miles at our Wednesday "weekly training runs." Training runs will begin on June 18 at 7:00 PM. Students can come (**accompanied by a parent or guardian, no drop-offs**) to the Power Middle School track where they will run, walk, or wheel* a mile to add to their training log. Students will also receive an extra Toe-Token for participating!
- **July 19:** Students can join us in the Farmington Founder's Festival Parade to log another mile, earn another Toe-Token, and promote Gill PTA's awesome new fundraiser on LIVE TV!
- **September 10:** All Pledges and "Mileage Tracking/Pledge Logs" are due on September 10th. Please send pledge money in the form of cash or checks (made payable to Gill Elementary PTA) to your child's teacher by this date. We ask that you kindly enclose money and log in a sealed envelope marked with "Mustang Mini-Marathon Pledge Log & Money" and your child's name. Thank you!
- **September 20:** The Mustang Mini-Marathon will end at the Finish Line Event where students and their families will be invited to come celebrate the completion of their mini-marathon. Students will check in and receive their event t-shirts, goodie bags, and bib numbers. Participants will then finish the Mini-Marathon by running, walking or wheeling* over the finish line to receive their Mini-Marathon Medal in front of all of their fans!

With this event, we hope to:

- Help raise awareness about the importance of exercise and proper nutrition
- Help raise the fitness level of our students and give them a great sense of accomplishment
- Help raise funds for the Gill PTA to support the events, activities and equipment needs not covered by district resources.

Please visit our website -- www.gillpta.com and click on the Mini-Marathon link -- to find out more, contact us, or sign up to help make this great new fundraiser even better!

Thank you for your support,
The 2008 Mustang Mini-Marathon Planning Team



**Wheeling refers only to those students who require wheelchairs.*