

Dallas students walk for fun, profit

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More than 100 elementary school students doing "the Locomotion" is a pretty impressive sight. Especially when they're doing it for a good cause.

Dallas Elementary School students participating in the Parent-Teacher Organization's (PTO) annual Walk-a-Thon raised \$3,947.75 for special projects while taking advantage of the sunshine and crisp autumn air October 1 to walk laps for cash pledges around a track, join in group dancing and snag some snacks.

Encouraged by the Dallas varsity cheerleaders, the kids walked either for fun or to fulfill pledges for specified numbers of laps.

"It's fun to help motivate them. We don't mind helping out," the cheerleaders said.

Radio station KRZ's Tookee Bird, mimes from College Misericordia's Clown Ministry and KRZ's "Sky Box," an impressively loud sound booth on the back of a truck, were on hand to help out.

Several younger girls squealed with delight as the "Achey Breaky" boomed out over the sound system, lining up on the soccer field to do their version of the popular Country-Western dance.

Later, Mrs. Roeder and a dozen laughing students formed a circle

to do the "Chicken Dance," keeping up with the music as its speed increased.

Students also could try the gimmick laps. There, they had to hop on one foot, walk backwards or do the Bunny Hop and the Chicken Dance all the way around the track.

Each homeroom selected a theme for a banner, which they made and carried around the track, competing for prizes in each grade level.

Zeza's Zooming Ziti zipped by, hotly pursued by Brown's Braves, complete with funky feather war bonnets and face paint.

Other students pranced by, bearing signs with unusual names like Lyon's Nittany Lions, Doerfler's Dynamite, Reishu's Really Radical, Mrs. Cannon's Cannonballs and Mrs. Klick's Candlesticks.

A group of fifth-graders taking a break after several laps agreed that it was fun getting out of class for the afternoon, even if their teachers had made them work extra hard that morning to make up for it.

Pledged to walk five laps, Crystal Heffner had already completed two. "It's neat, especially helping out the PTO," she said.

"It's fun," said Heather Jones, wearing her Dallas Mini-Mounts cheerleader's uniform. "I think I'll try the gimmick laps—if Jen does."

Jennifer Gross, Heather's best buddy, said that the PTO should do this more often, "maybe once a week."

Mrs. Cannon's first graders were the overall winners, coming out with a \$20 cash prize for being the top fundraisers and \$15 for having the funniest class banner.

They may use their prizes to buy something for their classroom.

Other winners in the homeroom banner competition were: cutest, Harding's Hounds (kindergarten); most creative, Zeza's Zooming Ziti (second grade); most original, Roeder's Rock-ettes (third grade); best theme, Jones' Jogger-Knots (fourth grade) and coolest, Nulton's Knightmares (fifth grade.)

Each winning classroom will receive a \$15 cash prize to buy something for their classroom.

Money raised by the Walk-a-Thon will be used to support PTO events for the children, including holiday shopping, field trips, special parties and assemblies, and to help home and school visitor Joan Makowski in her work with students.

"Overall, this year's Walk-a-Thon was better than last year," said Paula Opel, who co-chaired the event with Debbie Carey.

"The kids said that they really liked the music and have asked us to plan another Walk-a-Thon next year."



PLANNING A GREAT COLOR AND READ BOOK - Members of the Back Mountain Color-and-Read Book Committee are, front row from left; Sarah Wilson, Patricia Bove, Kristy Rice; second row, Martha Wheeler, Durelle Scott, Heather Madiera, Bill Jones, and Sue Hand.

Children's contest to benefit library

Entries are now being accepted for a Back Mountain color-and-read book planned by Sue Hand's Imagery in Dallas in conjunction with the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Drawings for the book will be chosen from those submitted by students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Proceeds from book sales will exclusively benefit the library.

Entries must be submitted on white 8-1/2" x 11" or 9"x12" paper and be drawn in pencil, black or grey marker or ink and be a drawing about the Back Mountain. Each must include an explanation of the drawing not exceeding three sentences.

Entries may be left at Sue Hand's Imagery on Main Street in Dallas, or the Back Mountain Memorial

Library on Huntsville Road. The deadline for entries is 4:00 p.m. Saturday October 23, 1993.

Submission of the entry includes permission by the winning entrant to be included and published in the book's final format. Winners will be announced November 1, 1993. After the contest the "Back Moun-

tain Color-and-Read Book" will be available for purchase at Sue Hand's Imagery or at the library.

Over 200 sponsors have agreed to help defray the cost of the initial printing for the book. Interested persons are asked to call Heather Madiera at 675-5094 for more information.



WALK-A-THON BUDDIES - Fifth-graders Amy Koshiński, Heather Jones, Jennifer Gross, Jolene Mintzer, Crystal Heffner and Jennifer Hardisky joined in the Dallas Elementary School PTO's annual Walk-a-thon to help raise money for special projects.

Lyme Disease support group will meet

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Northeastern PA presents a Lyme Disease Informational meeting Saturday, October 16, 7 p.m. at the Northeast Pennsylvania Game Commission, Route 415, Dallas.

Dr. Derrick DeSilva, Jr. is an

internist in New Jersey who has treated nearly 600 Lyme patients. He is co-author of the book Coping With Lyme Disease, and hosts the weekly radio program "Ask the Doctor." Dr. DeSilva has appeared on CNN and CBS This Morning.

Lyme Disease symptoms are flu like symptoms, skin rash, fatigue, headaches, facial droop, memory problems, joint and muscle pain, heart block.

For further information, contact Kim Kirk 675-3187 or call 1-800-886-2568.

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Former CIA director at Misericordia

William E. Colby, former director of the CIA, will give a lecture on "Domestic Terrorism: A Threat to Freedom?" on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Anderson Sports-Hearth Center, College Misericordia.

Colby will also sign copies of his book "Honorable Men: My Life in the CIA," at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Anderson Center.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 674-6250.

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