

FAQ for Website

What is the Dash of the Runaway Wizards?

The Dash of the Runaway Wizards is the annual fun run fundraiser for Woodlin Elementary School. Taking place virtually this year, the Dash raises money for the Woodlin PTA. This money provides academic support for teachers, educational events at school, and PTA-sponsored community activity building activities. The PTA is working with Woodlin and our community to use the PTA funds to support our students and teachers during distance learning. Throughout the week of the Dash, our students will learn about the importance of being active, eating healthy and doing well in school. The day of the Dash will be a fun opportunity for each class to participate in a class workout with their teacher on Zoom!

What does the Dash look like for my child this year?

During the week of October 19, teachers will be giving mini-lessons during Morning Meeting about the importance of eating well and keeping active. When your child wakes on October 23, please make sure that he or she wears the Dash of the Runaway Wizards t-shirt. If we have somehow not gotten your child a t-shirt, please wear one from previous years! At some point during the day, your child's teacher will have a fun workout for the children to do as a class! We know that this is not the amazingly fun day that the kids are used to, but we will do our best to make the Dash a fun, community-building day for Woodlin!

Specifically, where do the funds raised from the Dash of the Runaway Wizards go?

In 2019, the Woodlin community raised more than \$25,000 for our school. Here are some of the places where this money was spent: a grant given to the Woodlin administration for new programs, provide support for After School Clubs, and fund Woodlin community events like Movie Night and the Winter Dance. The money raised by the Dash, and the Silent Auction in the Spring, will enable the PTA to continue to offer after-school clubs, albeit virtually, to bolster the social and emotional needs of our children and to supplement the supplies needed by teachers to make out classrooms safe for return to in-person learning. Many of our events will need to be reimagined this year, but we are still determined to host important cultural and educational celebrations like International Night and Black History Month, and school-wide activities that foster inclusion and understanding of our diverse community, kindness and empathy, STEM learning, cultural arts, the broader world and financial literacy.

When does the Dash of the Runaway Wizards take place?

The Dash will take place on Friday, October 23, 2019 during the school day.

What do I need to do to raise money for the Dash of the Runaway Wizards?

We encourage you to set up an online fundraising profile through Pledgestar. Through this platform, you can ask family, friends and neighbors to securely donate online to the Dash. Instructions for setting up your fundraising site, can be found here:

<https://pledgestar.com/woodlin>

You can also arrange with the Dash of the Runaway Wizards coordinator if you have cash or check donations to make. Please email Allison at allisonnadelhaft@hotmail.com.

The Woodlin PTA is also looking for corporate sponsors for the Dash. So, if you know of a company who would like to sponsor the Woodlin fun run, please contact fundraising@woodlinpta.org. Corporate sponsors offset the cost of the Dash.

Weekly prizes will be given to the class who raises the most money. At the end of fundraising, we will acknowledge the individual family who has raised the most for the Dash with a gift certificate.

I really want a Dash t-shirt for my child. How do I go about getting one?

Our goal is for every Woodlin student to have a t-shirt by the day of the Dash to wear proudly on October 23. We will be at Woodlin one day in the near future (info on time and date coming soon) to distribute t-shirts. The t-shirts are given to every student at Woodlin, free of charge.

What can I do to make the Dash a success for Woodlin?

More than any other year, parents will be integral to making the Dash a success. We don't want to add to your already-full plate, but we need your help! Here are the simple things that everyone can do:

- Set up a Pledgestar site and ask family, friends and neighbors to donate to Woodlin
- Make sure that your child gets a t-shirt
- Take pictures and post to Social Media using #WoodlinDash
- Get your kids excited about the virtual Dash

What if I have other questions that are not answered here?

Please email the Dash of the Runaway Wizards Coordinator, Allison Nadelhaft, at allisonnadelhaft@hotmail.com.

