



# 6TH ANNUAL JBN WALKATHON 2017



## Solar Walk



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**  
**5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

Each year, JBN students, parents, teachers and staff walk together to raise money for special programs and purchases at JBN! Funds raised at this year's Walkathon will support the ongoing renovation of our Learning Resource Center and the many fun programs and activities that the PTO sponsors year-round. These include field trips, Reading Club, Family Science Night and the Watch D.O.G.S. fathers' program, just to name a few!

This year's Walkathon theme – Solar Walk – was chosen to celebrate the wonder of our solar system, the promise of solar energy and the amazing solar eclipse that we experienced this year!

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- 1. SAVE THE DATE!** The Walkathon is a FUN way to kick off the school year and meet other JBN families! Activities will include music, food, prizes, entertainment, and a raffle of items donated by teachers and local businesses! New this year: Fun facts and trivia about our sun and our solar system. Please join us for a night of family fun at JBN!
- 2. ENTER THE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!** Every year, the Walkathon t-shirt is designed by a JBN student. Contest instructions are included

below. The winner will receive a free t-shirt and all designers will be entered in a drawing to put their handprint on our school Walkathon sign! The deadline for entries is Tuesday, Sept 5!

**3. REGISTER YOUR FAMILY!** Your whole family can join our walk and help raise money for our school. Our pledge website makes it easy to create a family page and collect pledges. Please visit <http://pledgestar.com/jbn> to get started and see our instructions below! Registering now will help us plan a fun event and raise as much as we can by October 12!

\*\*Kids who register and send out at least 10 emails by Sept. 1 will win a free kids ice cream scoop courtesy of the Batavia Creamery!

**4. INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SPONSOR YOUR WALK!** The online pledge tool makes it easy to send emails and track of your pledges but you can also use the attached paper form if you prefer. Win fun prizes for each challenge level you reach. Prizes will be announced in a few weeks!

**5. SPONSOR THE WALKATHON!** If you have a business, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution or donating an item for our raffle. Please contact [JBNWalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:JBNWalkathon@gmail.com) to learn more about sponsorship levels and recognition for your business. Individual and group contributions are also welcome!

**6. BECOME A VOLUNTEER!** The Walkathon is the PTO's largest fundraiser and we need your help to make it a success! This includes help preparing the raffle, securing donations from local businesses and doing various jobs the night of the Walkathon. We also need a carpenter to make a wooden sign, a graphic designer, and a DJ / musician to play at the event. To join our team and meet other parents, please contact us at [JBNWalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:JBNWalkathon@gmail.com)!

**THANK YOU!**

The Walkathon Committee

# HOW TO REGISTER FOR OUR FUNDRAISING SYSTEM



**Fun**

**Easy**



This year, our Walkathon will use an awesome web-based fundraising system that makes it **much easier** for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make **secure** credit card donations online. It's easy, it's fun and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

## ***OUR WALKATHON IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!***

Please register now so we plan a great event and help our school raise as much as we can by October 12!

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/jbn>
- Enter your name and email address, then click Register
- Follow the instructions on-screen
- After you enter your name and email, the system will email you a code. Sometimes this can take a little while, depending on the time of day.

After you enter your information, the system will help you email pledge requests to your family and friends. You will get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

**NEED HELP?** Please call PledgeStar at [1-888-598-7510](tel:1-888-598-7510) or contact the Walkathon organizers at [JBNwalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:JBNwalkathon@gmail.com).

# JBN 2017 SOLAR WALK T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



- WHO?** ALL J.B. Nelson Students
- WHAT?** Design a t-shirt for this year's "Solar Walk"
- WHEN?** Turn in your entry to the JBN Office by September 5<sup>th</sup>
- WHY?** Show your school spirit and help fund great things for the students of JBN!

## **YOUR T-SHIRT DESIGN MUST...**

- Reflect this year's theme - "Solar Walk"- and your imagination!
- Include the words "Solar Walk" "JBN" and "2017"
- Be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 paper
- Be simple and use bold lines (small detail will not show up well on t-shirts)
- Be drawn in black and white (so the graphics can be captured easily)
- Appear on the front of the t-shirt (sponsor names will appear on the back)

## **SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY...**

- Write your name and your teacher's name on the back of your design
- Place in an envelope labeled, "JBN PTO Walkathon Committee T-shirt Design Contest" and drop off at the JBN Office by Tuesday, Sept 5
- The winner will be notified by school announcement.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact [JBNwalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:JBNwalkathon@gmail.com)

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**HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!**



# 2017 "SOLAR WALK" PLEDGE FORM

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

My goal is to walk \_\_\_\_\_ laps around my school field in 30 minutes and raise \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my school!

Please sponsor me by pledging an amount for each lap I walk or a fixed amount below. Your donation is tax deductible. Please make checks payable to J.B. Nelson PTO and mail to 334 William Wood Lane, Batavia, IL 60510. To pledge online, please visit <http://pledgestar.com/jbn>. Thank you for supporting J.B. Nelson School!

Name	Address / phone	Amount Per Lap (e.g. \$10, \$20)	Fixed Pledge Amount/ Maximum Total Pledge

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECKS COLLECTED TO YOUR TEACHER AFTER THE WALKATHON.**

*J.B. Nelson School PTO is a tax exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN/ Federal Tax Identification Number 75-3226850.*