

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Oklahoma City Memorial Kids Marathon – Building Character is a Marathon, Not a Sprint!

Why We Run

The first Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon was held on April 29, 2001. The *Run to Remember* honors the 168 individuals who were killed in the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. This run celebrates life, hope and the future. Kids will learn about service, honor and kindness all while engaging in habits that will lead to a healthy lifestyle.

Race Details

- The Marathon will be held on April 30, 2017, beginning at 8:15am.
- The cost to participate is \$15 per child. If adults want to run with their child, they must register for a fee of \$25. All proceeds support the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum in their efforts to teach respect, responsibility and resilience.
- Kids will log 25 miles prior to the race. The last 1.2 miles will be run at the Marathon.

Why our School is Participating

Building character is a race, not a sprint. We want our children to learn the importance of building a strong character through their own positive choices. Throughout our school's participation in the Kids Marathon, we will be encouraging students to make good choices in their interactions with others, as well as realize how their actions can affect others in positive ways.

Schools with the highest percentage of participation or the highest number of participants receives \$500 toward their PE department and an amazing traveling trophy.

Students will each receive a commemorative t-shirt, drawstring back pack loaded with race swag and a marathon finisher's medal to celebrate their accomplishment!



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Registering for the Kids Marathon

Go to OKCMarathon.com. Click on the registration link. Choose Kids Marathon (adult or child). Make sure you choose your school from the school drop down menu in order to run with your child’s school team. Bring a copy of your registration confirmation to your team captain (this includes registered adults).

Logging Miles

After registering, a running log can be downloaded from the OKC Marathon’s website. Following a run or walk, participants will log their miles until they reach 25. Students are responsible for the completion of their logs and getting them signed by an adult. These will be turned in at the Expo to receive race materials.

When and Where Can My Child Log Miles?

- In P.E. at school
- Walking the neighborhood with parents
- Playing tag with friends
- School Recess
- At soccer practice or other sporting events

Thank you for your commitment to our goal of helping students have strong minds, bodies, and souls!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (your Team Captain) by email at

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Sincerely,



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