

## PROJECT SAFE START – THE SAFE STARTING SYSTEM

On April 30, 2017, we are going to make it easy for you and your students to have a great and safe experience at the Kids Marathon!

When you get to the start/finish area – we will have signs that will be in areas we call “zones.” Those zones will be for schools to gather by the first letter of their schools’ name. Schools can make their own signs, but they must remain in the correct alphabetical zone.

When it is time to start the race – we will do a “progressive wave start.” In other words – each school zone will be released right after the other zone in alphabetical order. We will alternate this start each year. We do a “progressive wave start” so school groups can run together safely. Safety Net Runners in bright colored t-shirts will hold alphabetical signs and participants are asked to line up behind the signs that correlate with the first letter of their school group. If you are not with a school group, line up behind the “Fun Zone” sign. Zones will be announced alphabetically until all 7 zones have been released.

Clearly marked signs will be posted for the “Wave Zones” at the start line and also in the Kids Finishers Corral to allow school coordinators and parents to easily find their children after the race. PLEASE be sure and discuss this with your child before the race. Finding the designated “meet up” area prior to the race will save a lot of time and worry after the race.

### The order you will assemble at the start line is:

1. If you are in schools that begin with the letters **E, F, G, or H** – you will be in the front in the “first wave zone”
2. If you are in schools that begin with the letters **I, J, K, or L** – you will be in the “second wave zone”
3. If you are in schools that begin with the letters **M, N, O, or P** – you will be in the “third wave zone”
4. If you are in schools that begin with the letters– **Q, R, S, or T** – you will be in the “fourth wave zone”
5. If you are in schools that begin with the letters– **U, V, W, X, Y, or Z** – you will be in the “fifth wave zone”
6. If you are in schools that begin with the letters **A,B,C, or D** – you will be in the “sixth wave zone”
7. If you are not part of a school group – you will assemble in the back in the “Fun Zone” as the “seventh wave zone”



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