

Keheley Cougarthon

A NEW event is coming to Keheley!

Are you tired of multiple fundraisers throughout the year? Wouldn't it be nice to have **one main event** that would fund PTA projects, Relay for Life and the annual school selected charity? (The charity for 2009-2010 is Cystic Fibrosis; for 2008-2009, it was Jump Rope for Heart.)

The Keheley Cougarthon IS the main event!

The goal for the Keheley Cougarthon is to make this event meet the financial needs for:

- Keheley PTA projects – 70% of proceeds go to PTA; 10% goes to classrooms
- Relay for Life donation – 10% of proceeds
- School Charity donation to Cystic Fibrosis – 10% of proceeds

We are working to create an annual event that the students, parents and faculty will look forward to and enjoy. **100% of the student body will participate in the Cougarthon event that will promote character education, fitness and leadership skills.**

We will be kicking off this event with a noisy Pep Rally on February 24th. The event will take place on March 4th with a rain of March 5th. While the Cougarthon is designed for student participation, we encourage you to come and cheer on your child. The Cougarthon is NOT a race. The 2 tracks are small and each lap equals 1/15 of a mile. Total number of laps allowed is 35, but at no time should a child feel that have to complete the entire 35. Each child may walk, run, jog, skip and/or dance each lap. Below is the schedule for each class and the times they will be out on the field.

Schedule for March 4:

Time	Classes
8:30 – 9:30	2 nd and 3 rd grades
9:40 – 10:40	4 th and 5 th grades
10:45 – 11:30	Lunch for Event Workers
11:30 - 12:20	Kindergarten
12:30 – 1:30	1 ST grade

Who will benefit from this fundraising event?

100% of the funds raised will benefit:

- Keheley PTA projects, including funding projects/materials in Keheley classrooms
- Relay for Life donation
- Cystic Fibrosis donation

There will be no bake sales, hat days or other events where donations are requested for Relay for Life or events like Jump Rope for Heart. There is no outside agency that has been hired to provide help or share in the pledges provided by your child.

Keheley PTA provides educational programs through Arts in Education, Environmental projects (our new organic garden), Earth Day, First in Math, Reading Celebration day, Health and Wellness programs, as well as supports our teaching staff through educational materials provided for the classrooms. **Please remember all pledges received are tax deductible.**

Please help your child with the attached pledge sheet and return it to school on the day of the event, Thursday, March 4. No money is to be collected until after the event and all laps are recorded. Your child can ask for a flat pledge or a pledge per lap completed. The maximum number of laps a student can complete is 35.

The Keheley Cougarthon does not replace the traditional Straw Walk. The Straw Walk is a family focus on a free wellness event. We encourage friends and family to come and walk with your child at the Straw Walk in April. The Cougarthon will kick off our March wellness month and all laps completed during the Cougarthon will count for the Straw Walk as well.

Each student will receive a Keheley Cougarthon T-Shirt on the day of the event and every child will participate with their class team in the event.

About the Charities for 2009-2010

Cystic Fibrosis

The Physical Education teachers in Cobb County have been raising money through the Jump Rope for Heart program for the American Heart Association for over 20 years. Ms. Lawson and Ms. Tramble were given the option to continue with Jump Rope for Heart or to select another deserving charity. They chose to spread the LOVE☺ and support Cystic Fibrosis this year.

Why Cystic Fibrosis? Coach Jones, the PE instructor from Davis ES who recently taught our students Volleyball, has a direct connection to Cystic Fibrosis. Bryce, his 18 month old son, was diagnosed with CF at birth and is doing very well due to new drugs that have been created in recent years. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will use money collected from our school for more research, and to help the families affected by this disease in the future.

Relay for Life

Relay for life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs for the American Cancer Society. On May 7th and 8th, teams of friends, families, co-workers, and other members will join together to make a difference in their community by raising funds for the American Cancer Society. In honor of those who battle cancer every day, team members take turns walking the track throughout the day and night. During the event, there is around the clock action from entertainment, food, games, as well as touching ceremonies, and stories of inspiration. Relay for Life brings our community together, where new friends are made, old friends are hugged, and hearts are touched by the magic that is Relay!