

# MPTO Fun Run Explained

It has come to our attention that the Mahtomedi Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (MPTO) did not do a great job explaining what the Fun Run is. Our apologies and we hope this handout provides some clarity regarding this great fundraising event.

**What is the MPTO?** The MPTO works with Wildwood and OH Anderson to build community, communication, and programs. We work closely at both schools to provide both financial and volunteer support in various ways. Any parent or guardian of an elementary student in Mahtomedi is automatically a member of the PTO.

**What is the Fun Run?** This is the big fundraiser for the PTO. Three years ago we moved away from having students sell wrapping paper and instead came up with the Fun Run. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 which equates to a goal of \$50 per student. Students ask family and friends for donations for them being active in support of their schools. We have provided a script on our website ([www.mahtomedipto.com](http://www.mahtomedipto.com)) that you can modify to assist with this when talking in person, sending an email, or using social media. Our website and Facebook page ("Like" Mahtomedi Elementary PTO) are great ways to stay in contact regarding PTO news and we highly recommend checking them out. Since the Fun Run is all volunteer organized the PTO keeps 100% of the donations which go straight back into the classrooms this school year. It is truly a win-win situation as the students and staff love it and we are able to meet our funding needs.

**What happens at the Fun Run?** On October 15th (WW) each classroom will pair up with another classroom and get to have their run in the gym. There are various stations that the students can participate in like bag race, tunnel, and activity dice.

On October 17th (OHA) students will sign up to participate in 2 of the following 4 activites: yoga, karate, dance, or obstacle course. These stations will be outside if at all possible so dress for the weather.

They will also all receive a t-shirt that morning to wear for the event that is theirs to keep. We don't have prizes for the most donations or anything like that. The Fun Run is team event where the students get to celebrate their achievement as a school wide team. The students school spirit is very visible throughout the school that day.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** If you would like to volunteer at the Fun Run please visit the PTO website to find the signup information.

(WW) Time slots are listed by classroom teacher. We can only have 15 volunteers per time slot as the gym gets to crowded to allow spectators. We really get the kids moving.

(OHA) Time slots are morning or afternoon. If outside we don't have a cap for volunteers, but instead list the minimum needed for the event.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the PTO. You Can always email Tony Vosooney [pastofficer@mahtomedipto.com](mailto:pastofficer@mahtomedipto.com) or Liz Palvere [presidentelect@mahtomedipto.com](mailto:presidentelect@mahtomedipto.com)