

Welcome to the Montessori School of Westminster's 2021 Hike-a-Thon! It's time for the MSW community to get outside, have some fun in the woods, and raise some money for our fantastic school!

- 1. <u>Set your goal.</u> Talk to your family and figure out when you might be able to get outside for a hike. Your whole family could hike, or just you and one parent, or maybe you can hike with friends for some socially-distanced outside time! How many times do you think you'll be able to hike during the 3-week event? How far? Check out our list of trails, or find others by searching online. Exploring new trails is a great Spring Break activity!
- 2. <u>Fundraise.</u> Ask your parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, family friends, and neighbors to sponsor you for our school's Hike-a-Thon. They can sponsor you at a flat rate for the event or sponsor you at a specific amount of money per mile you hike during the Hike-a-Thon. (*Hint: Do goal-setting first, so they have an idea of how many miles you might be going!*)
- 3. Pack snacks and water, pick a trail, and go! If your trail doesn't have mile markers or if you turn around partway, you or an adult can track how far you've gone using an exercise app on their phone. New to hiking? See our online tips on what to wear and pack!
- 4. <u>Take photos on the trail</u> and have your parent post them to our Facebook Event. If they're not on Facebook, email them to tstmichel@theMSW.com and they will get posted.
- 5. Record your hike mileage. Round your hike to the nearest half mile. (Ask your parents if you need help with the math!) You can submit mileage weekly to your Guide or online so we can track the progress of your class and the whole school. Just make sure you keep track of your total mileage so your sponsors know how far you went and your accurate numbers are entered for class and individual prizes!

FINAL MILEAGE AND PLEDGE AMOUNTS ARE DUE TO MSW NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021, TO BE INCLUDED FOR COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES. PRIZES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN MAY.

## **Hike. Explore. Earn prizes!**

There are two primary opportunities for students to earn prizes during the Hike-a-Thon: total number of miles hiked and total amount of money raised for MSW.

## **Total Mileage Hiked April 1-21**

(round to closest half mile)

0-4.5\* Hiking patch 5 to 9.5 Sunglasses

10-14.5 Customized carabiner clip

15-19.5 Single-dip Hoffman's ice cream

20+ Water bottle

\*All students will have the opportunity to hike on campus with Mrs. Misner during Environmental Education.

**Special prizes** for the MSW student with the Highest Mileage, Most Money Raised, and Largest Number of Sponsors.

Class prize for classroom with the highest percentage of students (virtual and in-person) participating in the fundraising.

## **Fundraising levels**

\$0-10 Free slice of pizza

\$10.01-\$25 Reusable water balloons

\$25.01-\$50 Jump rope

\$50.01-\$75 Hike-a-Thon T-shirt \$75.01-\$100 Magnifying glass \$100.01-\$150 Stuffed oriole

\$150.01-\$199.99 Best Easy Day Hikes: Baltimore guide

Need more information?

Visit our event

hike-a-thon for

www.theMSW.org/

online hike recording and donation

forms; "Trail Guide"

webpage at

registration for parents, grandpar-

ents, and friends; additional forms

to download; and lots of resources

for getting out on the trails.

\$200+ Custom logo beach towel

Students will receive only the prize indicated for the fundraising level achieved. The Montessori School of Westminster reserves the right to substitute a prize with a similar product should the prize initially offered no longer be available. All students who raise \$50.01 or more will be entitled to receive the event T-shirt as well as the respective prize for the total amount they have raised.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF WESTMINSTER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY, AND CONSENT AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement"). In consideration of participating in the Montessori School of Westminster Hike-a-Thon between the dates of April 1, 2021 and April 21, 2021 (hereinafter "Event"), I represent that I understand the nature of the Event and that I and/or my minor child am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Event. I acknowledge that if I and/or my minor child believe even conditions are unsafe, I and/or my minor child mill immediately discontinue participation on the Event. I fully understand that the Event involves risk of serious bodily injury, including injury, permanent disability, and death, which may be caused by my own actions or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my and/or my minor child's participation in the Event. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF WESTMINSTER, ITS RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, ANY SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE EVENT TAKES PLACE, (EACH CONSIDERED ONE OF THE "RELEASEES" HEREIN) FROM ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK, I, OR ANYONE ON MY AND/OR MY AND/OR MY AND/OR MY AND/OR MY AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN HIKES AS PART OF THE EVENT, I understand that I

Student's name		Guide Mile			eage goal		
Sponsor Name	Sponsor contact	Flat pledge amount	Pledge per mile (suggested \$2-5)	Total Miles Hiked	Per mile amount due	Amount pledge collected	
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Montessori School of Westminster is a non-profit institution and all funds donated go directly towards supporting the school, the students, and the staff by providing funds for initiatives such as: need-based scholarships, additional instructors in the arts, foreign language and physical health, and needed equipment for the students. By fundraising for such beneficial and needed items, we are able to continue to offer a Montessori education to those who otherwise may not be able to afford it and also keep tuition affordable for current students. Thousands of local families have benefitted from our unique learning environment which encourages independence, self-discipline, and a passion for individual growth.

Thank you to our Hike-a-Thon sponsors!







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