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**FRIENDS OF
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STRUT YOUR STUFF AT WALK FOR WONDERLAND

On March 15th, our beloved school grounds will buzz with excitement as students, teachers, and families unite for Walk for Wonderland, an annual event fostering exercise, health, and community spirit. Guided by Coach Evan, this is not merely a 5k walk but a fun-filled celebration of unity, wellness, and school pride. To ensure Walk for Wonderland's fundraising success, we encourage each student to raise \$100. The process is straightforward: students create a list of family and friends, kindly requesting donations on behalf of themselves and their school. Contributions can be made online or by check, payable to "Friends of Wonderland." (Please deliver all donations to teachers by March 14th.) Your generosity doesn't just pave the way for a memorable event, the funds play a pivotal role in fulfilling our annual budget, contributing to crucial features like teachers' aides' salaries and supporting specialist teachers in PE, Music, Art, Dance, and Library. All students will receive a Walk for Wonderland t-shirt to wear on March 15th, but upon reaching that \$100 goal, your student will get colorful tube socks too! Parents: You are invited to cheer and get those steps in alongside your children.

Schedule of Events:

8:30-8:50 am: Opening Ceremony

8:50-9:50 am: TK/Kinder & 1st grade walk

10:30-11:30 am: 4th & 5th grade walk

1:00-2:00 pm: 2nd & 3rd grade walk

2:15 pm: Closing Ceremony

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Coach Evan has been at Wonderland for 31 years and still--every year--the most coveted prize a child can win is a pizza party with the man himself. We spoke to this legend to find out some of what makes him who he is. He started out working in camps and then came to Wonderland as a T.A. His love for sports (he's a long-time Dodger fan) brings a genuine excitement into every class he teaches. (We know you know which days the kids have PE because it's always their favorite.) Coach Evan loves sushi and cats—he currently has four, but previously had six. Perhaps this is why he can effortlessly handle so many kids? An admitted hippie at heart, Laurel Canyon is the perfect place for him to coach. His love for kids is not just a part of his job; it's the heartbeat of PE, which is why he inspires, mentors, and creates lasting connections with our students. In his 31 years, Coach Evan has witnessed the evolution of hairstyles, the invention of the internet, and the transformation of school lunches from mystery-meat into gluten-free, vegan options. He's seen it all and keeps coming back. We can only hope he'll give us 31 more.

Get Into The Groove with Wonderland's New Dance Instructor Mr. Mario

Thanks to your generous FOW donations, we've been able to hire Mr. Mario and the kids are about to level up their dance moves! Mario (Mr. Mario to the kids) has already started dance instruction to kids in Grade 2 and up. He says, "The kids have been amazing so far and I am beyond excited to see what the future holds at Wonderland." When asked for some fun facts about himself he mentioned that he loves donuts, goes crazy for baked goods (sensing a theme here?) loves fun fashion and traveling the world. Don't travel too far Mario, we only just got you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: EXCITING FOW EVENTS AHEAD!

Walk for Wonderland - (3/15/24)

Wonderland Roller Skating Party - (4/7/24)

Comedy Night - (5/1/24)

Wine & Cheese Party at The Blending Lab along with Silent Auction -
(5/10/24)

Wonderland's LP Record Release Party (sometime in May)

Overflowing with Gratitude

Check out our freshly hung Annual Giving banner! A huge shout-out to Julie Lee, also known as Wolf & River's mom, for not only getting it beautifully printed for us but generously donating it to the school for free! 🌟 Thank you!