

Walkathon Event Schedule

The following covers the basic Walkathon schedule. It is not all-inclusive, but gives an idea of what to expect. Questions? Email walkathon@mybesca.com



Friday before Walkathon (optional)

Many families set up personal canopies the night before the event. (This is not required but helpful to establish a “home base” and to reserve spots on the field). Canopies may be set up beginning at 6:00 pm. Any set up before this time will be removed. Look at the ground for areas that have been marked for specific vendors, water stations, etc. that are reserved for their set up on Saturday morning.

Walkathon Day (Saturday, October 14, 2023)

7:30 am: If you did not set up your canopy/tent last night you can start at this time.

8:15 am: At the registration booth, look for your grade level and your teacher. You must bring your signed permission slip to exchange it for your walker’s lap card. Alumni and Junior registration is at the same table.

8:30 am: All booths are open, including activity ticket sales (BESCA marketplace food, crazy hair, tattoos, face painting, jumpy houses), Teacher Fun Drawing tickets, Silent Auction displays, and Marketplace Merchandise.

8:45 am: Students & parents go to the starting line for warm-ups in the designated grade level section (look for signs with grade level sections)

8:55 am: We play the National Anthem in anticipation of the grade level groups of walkers beginning their first lap. All walkers will walk at the same time.

9:00 am: Walkathon begins! The first few laps are crowded and fast-paced. Parents are welcome to walk with their kids. Keep your little ones close as many of the older kids will be running at full speed.

2:00 pm: Walkathon ends. Make sure your kids turn in their lap cards at the incentive prize booth to receive their rewards for walking **when they are done walking for the day**. Food prizes may be claimed as they are earned.

Things to Remember

- If you pre-purchased activity tickets, these are the same tickets that are sold at the activity ticket booth. You only need to purchase more if you run out.
- In accordance with state requirements, Teacher Fun Drawing tickets will only accept cash or check.
- Food trucks will not take activity tickets; they accept cash and credit cards/electronic payments.
- Marketplace Merchandise will accept cash and credit cards/electronic payments.
- If you arrive after 9:30 am, lap cards may be picked up at the activity ticket booth.
- No lap credit will be given for walkers who leave for sporting or other outside events.
- Remind your students not to lose their lap cards. Replacement cards can be issued but they will not include any miles that were captured on the original card. Lap cards will be needed in order to collect the food prizes and the incentive prizes at the end of the day.
- To keep walkers fueled throughout the day, encourage them to collect their food prizes as they earn them.
- **DO NOT** have your child collect the incentive prizes until they are done walking for the day. They must turn in their lap cards to receive these rewards.
- Students are expected to wear their Walkathon t-shirts. They will bring t-shirts home on Thursday and size exchanges may be requested on Friday after school or at Walkathon.
- Silent auction details: bidding has already started online, view items at the Walkathon starting at 8:30 am, auction closes at 1:00 pm, pick up items you have won 1:00 -3:00 pm.
- Remember to keep getting those pledges through Pledgestar and Corporate Match!

Walkathon donations directly fund enrichment programs for our students. Thank you!