



## YOU'RE A CH STAR! FUN RUN

CHESTNUT HILL AND THE CHESTNUT HILL PTA  
INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
EIGHTH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE HILL EVENT



This wellness event will be our PTA's primary fundraiser. What does this mean to YOU?

- There will be no catalogs or flyers with items to sell.
- ALL of the money we raise will stay at our school (not 35-40% as in catalog fundraisers).
- Any amount donated is completely tax deductible.

We are asking families to join us in helping to raise \$10,000 that will be used to fund activities for our children this year. Under the current budget, our PTA is the one to fund the field trips that your "stars" experience. We also provide movie nights, holiday events, game nights and the annual ice cream social. This year, we will also be providing treats for all of the holiday parties, so we hope that families will consider this when planning your donations.

*What we're asking you to do:*

*Students should request donations from people that they know (not strangers), including relatives, friends and neighbors. Personalize the top of the form with the donor's name, and place the student's name and classroom on the lower portion. After the donor completes the bottom half, return it (with payment) in the enclosed collection envelope. All donations are due by **Monday, September 9**. Donors may give online at [ChestnutHillPTA.org/donations](http://ChestnutHillPTA.org/donations) but must still include a form in the envelope for the student to receive credit.*

To encourage student involvement, we are offering the following prizes:

- Each student who collects \$25 will receive a pair of Chestnut Hill sunglasses
- Each student who collects \$50 will receive a You're a CH Star T-shirt\*
- The three classrooms that collect the most money will receive a special prize
- Every classroom with 100% participation will receive a \$100 mini grant for the teacher's use
- Any donation will enter a student to win a Cinemark gift card, plus an entry for every additional \$25 donation

If we reach our \$10,000 goal, our staff will compete in an event that will surprise and excite!

*\* Siblings will receive T-shirts for \$40 after the first family member collects \$50*

★ ★ You are welcome to join the festivities on September 17. Watch for more details. ★ ★

Thank you so much for your support of our school. We hope that you and your children are as excited about this activity as we are!

## YOU'RE A CH STAR FUN RUN – FAQs

### *Why are we doing this type of a fundraising event?*

We feel like a fitness activity is more consistent with our PTA values than asking our children to sell items from a catalog. We also believe that this type of fundraising activity opens an important dialogue within our broader community to partner for school success.

### *What happens if it rains on September 17?*

If the weather is very bad, we have set a rain date of September 20. If the weather is questionable, we ask that you send a change of clothes to school.

### *What will be the course for the You're a CH Star fun run?*

We have some fun obstacles planned for our kids, including a few crawling sections. Please have your stars wear clothes that are OK to get dirty.

### *How can I get more involved?*

We will need many volunteers to make this event a success. If you have an hour or two to spare, please complete the volunteer form that your star brought home from school.

### *What if our family lives out of town?*

The donation form is on the CH website, so you can e-mail it to anyone you won't see during the drive. We offer an online donation method (credit card or Paypal payment) for anyone who lives out of town.

### *Can anyone donate online?*

We pay credit card fees to Paypal, so we prefer cash or checks (so that all of your donation stays at CH).

### *What if we have more than one child in our family?*

We've done our best to set the incentives at family friendly levels. Please keep in mind that our expenses aren't any lower when students come from the same family.

### *What if we need more donation forms?*

Your star's classroom teacher can provide more forms (or you can print some from our webpage).

### *What if we're asked for tax documentation?*

The IRS doesn't require us to provide receipts for donations under \$200 so the top of the donor form (or your cancelled check) will serve as the only paperwork.

### *What about asking businesses in our area for a donation?*

If you have a relationship with a local business, please do ask them to contribute to our school's success.

### *What is your check policy?*

We accept checks or money orders that are made out to "Chestnut Hill PTA". Any check that is returned by the bank will be charged a \$25 service fee.