



September 21, 2018

Dear OLG parents,

As many of you know, Marathon is OLG's BIGGEST fundraiser! It is typically led by the 8th grade families, but is truly an all-school event, so we want to make sure you know all about it!

Marathon raises **over \$100K** for OLG School. Funds raised go 100% to our school, and this year it will fund 3 critical areas:

1. The Groves Reading Program at OLG.
2. Continuing the Design for Learning Project (new furnishings) throughout the building.
3. Any remaining funds will support our Technology fund.

This year's Marathon was kicked off today at our all-school Pep Fest - a fun-filled, high energy event- led by our faculty, 8th graders and local celebrities to rally our students behind the Marathon cause.

This year's theme is **Dancing with the OLG Stars!** What are our giving goals?

- We ask that each student raise at least \$150. However, most important is our goal of 100% participation in giving at whatever level is possible for each family.
- In addition to raising money for our school, we will gather donations of various goods for several local charitable organizations. Our generosity will support:
  - Simpson Housing Services
  - Sharing and Caring Hands
  - Children's Hospital Minnesota
  - Ronald McDonald House

Please see the attached **Marathon Calendar** accompanying this letter and watch the Weekender for all the exciting details you need to know! Suggested donations for our charities are found on the back of the calendar. Also attached is a collection envelope and matching gift form— please check with your company to see if you can use a matching gift to make your donation even more impactful.

Donations will be collected over the next two weeks, ending with our all-school and family celebration at OLG on **October 6, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**. Please plan to join us for this wonderful celebration and watch for Sign-up Genius invitations to help make it a grand success!

THANK YOU in advance for your support of this important school fundraiser.

Your 2018 OLG Marathon Chairs,

Katie Mork, Leah Olson & Alyssa Pankratz