

Friends of PACER's
(VIRTUAL) **Run Walk Roll** AGAINST BULLYING
2021 HIGHLIGHTS

PARTICIPANTS

1,750+ registered participants

from around the county (41 states) and the world, including Thailand, French Guiana, Lithuania, Canada, and Mexico.

203 registered teams

including school groups, colleagues, neighborhoods, teams, families, and friends.

EVENT MILEAGE

87,412 cumulative miles

entered during April 2021, surpassing our goal of 24,901 miles.



3.5 times around the world!

THE TOP 3 TEAMS FOR MILEAGE INCLUDED:

1) Jumping Branch Tigers from Jumping Branch, WV – 7,462 miles

"Jumping Branch Elementary is a small school within our community and I was amazed by the end of the month how driven and involved our students had become. Honestly, it was tremendous for our mental health and physical health as well during a pandemic, as we ventured outside every opportunity we had." – Tracey Foster-Long, team lead

2) Clovis Point Coyotes from East Wenatchee, WA – 6,819 miles

3) Pirates With A Plan from Talcott, WV – 5,512 miles

WHAT WAS THE IMPACT OF THE VIRTUAL RUN, WALK, ROLL?

In the post-survey sent out to all participants, 95% of team leads shared that the virtual Run, Walk, Roll Against Bullying helped them raise awareness about bullying prevention in their community.

Respondents shared their favorite experiences or moments from the event, including:

- Building teamwork with staff as we've been separated since the pandemic. This allowed us to do something together (virtually) but with a common goal outside of work.
- I loved being able to be a part of something global and to make a difference in uniting against bullying
- Our staff walked on the track for one mile after school. It was misting when we started and then it poured. We just kept walking! It was so much fun. The kids really enjoyed it.
- My favorite experiences remained consistent throughout [...] the cause: bullying prevention and my motivation to walk and roll more.

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EVENT SUCCESS STORIES



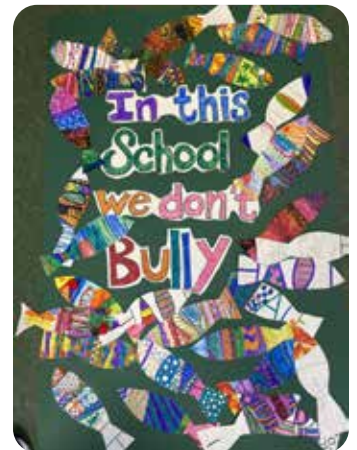
PUSHING TOWARD A GOAL ONE LAWN AT A TIME

I started participating on April 1 by walking during my planning period at school for an hour each day. I also have a small grass cutting business I started during this pandemic to stay busy. Instead of using my big riding lawnmower, I decided to just push all these lawns and accumulate more miles each day. I never took a day off from walking. I also want to share that I just had a full total hip replacement done in December of 2020. I did this walk because I was bullied as a child and want the message that 'bullying isn't cool' to resonate across our country!"

– Bryan Atkinson, individual participant, completed 179 miles

TEAM AGATHA'S ATHLETES

Team Agatha's Athletes, from St. Agatha's School in Massachusetts, participated in the virtual Run, Walk, Roll in many ways. They spent the month working on talking to the kids in each grade about kindness and inclusiveness. The art teacher worked with students on class posters to show how they could be better friends and more supportive. These posters were used to decorate the school's hallways. Finally, the school held an orange dress down day and collected money to donate to PACER. The students ended up surpassing their original goal (2,000 miles) and reached 3,186 miles!



SCHOOLWIDE SUPPORT

"Each year our group leads a variety of schoolwide kindness activities, including Unity Day each October. When we saw this opportunity, we knew it would be easy and fun to implement! We provided all the information for our students to participate during advisory time. We also shared some additional kindness activities for teachers to complete during their advisories. Almost all the students participated by either walking around the indoor track, walking around the outdoor track, or walking around the school outside. Our high school has approximately 300 students! 27 staff members also participated that day."

– East Central High School in Finlayson, Minnesota