

Dear Parents,



Thank you for your support of **Vineyard Ranch Elementary** and the investments you make in your children's lives. We are so excited to reintroduce you to this year's only major fundraiser, the **Apex Fun Run!**

We had an amazing Apex Fun Run last year! The first 10% was allocated to the teachers to spend in their classrooms. Then, we were able to pay for Technology and supplemental curriculum. This year we plan to use profits to pay for **Technology, Learning Gardens, Special Programs, and again allocate 10% to the teachers to spend in the classroom!**

The Apex Fun Run will last for 2 weeks and will kick off with a Pep Rally on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm**. Please look for your child's Pledge Kit that they will receive on that day. We will have emails also coming from your teachers. Please feel free to visit [www.apexfunrun.com](http://www.apexfunrun.com) to hear about this interactive program that helps schools all over the country raise money, while promoting leadership and fitness in the classroom. This year's character theme is **Apex DREAM TEAM!** Students will join Johnny Dreamer and the Apex team in an exciting journey to learn what it means to become a Dream Team Leader:

- **Dive In!**
- **Resourceful!**
- **Elevate Others!**
- **Attitude Check!**
- **Make A Difference!**



During the Apex Fun Run program, students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** to help our school. Students will run for 30 minutes and average 26-36 laps, with the maximum amount of laps being 36 (each lap is 1/16th of a mile). Sponsors can pledge \$1, \$2, \$5 or more per lap or any flat amount donation for each student. All students will receive an access code that allows you to enter pledges online. Funds raised this year will be going to the school to pay for **Technology & Learning Gardens!**

The Apex Fun Run is for every student regardless of financial giving. All students will receive Apex wrist bands, Apex race-day jerseys, team awards and participate in the Fun Run itself. We invite all parents to come to the Apex Fun Run and share in this great event! The times for the Apex Fun Run are as follows:

- **Fun Run 1: Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am for Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
- **Fun Run 2: Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:10am for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- **Fun Run 3: Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:20am for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

You can help our school be successful in the following four ways:

- Help connect your child to potential sponsors (family and friends) to acquire pledges.
- Ask your child about the "Apex Dream Team" character lessons, and download the FREE "Apex Fun Run" App!
- Come to the Apex Fun Run and don't forget to invite others to attend the big event.
- Help volunteer for the race! We need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps. If you would like to volunteer for the race, please contact the **Front Office**.

Thank you again for your continued support—we are so excited to begin this journey with you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. VanCleave, Principal