Thanks to everyone who helped make our Walk-A-Thon a success! A HUGE thank you to Brian Taracena and the many volunteers who made it all happen.

The students walked a total of 4,306 LAPS!

Classes who walked the most laps earned an extra recess. The winners are:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Wade AM
- 1st Grade: Mrs. Patterson
- 2nd Grade: Mrs. Wood
- 3rd Grade: Ms. Marshall
- 4th Grade: Mrs. Corry

The student who walked the most laps in each grade earned lunch with a faculty member. The winners are:

- Kindergarten: Berkely Binggeli - 12 laps
- 1st Grade: Miles Kohler - 19 laps
- 2nd Grade: Luke Lundberg - 21 laps
- 3rd Grade: Burkely Coleman - 13 laps
- 4th Grade: Bentley Ackerson - 18 laps

Way to Go!!

The Utah State Office of Education has added a new feature to their website that allows individuals to view data regarding specific schools and compare that data to other schools. I would invite each of you to take a minute to visit www.schools.utah.gov and scroll down to the bottom where it says “Public School Data”. This is an important development because it show cases how well J.R. Smith Elementary is doing as we work towards our mission of ensuring high levels of academic learning for all students. Out of 546 elementary and charter schools in the State of Utah, J.R. Smith Elementary was ranked 69 in mathematics, 124 in language arts and 151 in science. We pause to celebrate and express thanks for these high rankings only to resume our quest that every student be academically stretched to their fullest.

These high rankings are the result of a host of factors; perhaps the three greatest are the hard work of our students, the diligence of our teachers in focusing on student learning and the phenomenal support of so many volunteers. The month of September has been a busy month for students, teachers and volunteers. Students and teachers have been busy gathering baseline data so that student growth can be measured throughout the year. The PTA has been busy organizing an army of volunteers to get programs like Meet the Masters, Fluoride, Gold Medal Mile, the Walk-A-Thon and many others up and running. One new program that we are particularly excited about is a result of the surveys that were sent out last spring. The data gleaned from those surveys indicated that many parents and teachers wanted to see our students involved in service projects. You spoke and we listened. The first grade participated in a service project this month. They took a break from their studies and walked to a neighborhood park to help spread new sand. Thank you to the volunteers who made this possible! I am thankful so many are willing to help provide these enriching experiences for our students. Our PTA and volunteers accomplish much good.

October will be even busier than September. I will continue to do auto calls, work to put information on the website calendar, send notes home and use twitter to keep you all up to date. Thanks for all you do!

**Dated To Remember:**

**October Is**

- **Scarecrow Festival**
- **Month**

**October 4-6**

- **Book Fair**

**October 5**

- **Walk to School Day**

**October 5 & 6**

- **SEP’s**

**October 13**

- **APPLE Party**

**October 18**

- **Vision Screening**

**October 20-21**

- **Fall Break—No School**

**October 24-28**

- **Red Ribbon Week**

**October 27**

- **Halloween Carnival**

**Reflections - This Year’s Theme is “Diversity Means...”**

Start thinking about what you will create today!

Projects are due December 1, 2011

*Watch for more information soon.*
RED RIBBON WEEK
“Tune out drugs!”
October 24-28

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APPLE PARTY

“SCARYTELL FESTIVAL”
Thursday October 13th
5-6:30 p.m.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL
Each class will be making a scarecrow of a favorite literary character.
Be sure to watch for them around the school in October!

MEET THE MASTERS
October’s artist is:
Paul Gauguin
Be sure to ask your student about him.

From the Counselors Tool Bag

SEPTEMBER’S TOOL WAS: GOOD LISTENING SKILLS
This month, JR Smith Elementary students were introduced to the new school counselor, Lynette Schiess. The students learned that the main job of the school counselor is to be an advocate for them. They also learned that the counselor will be visiting each classroom at least once a month and sharing a new tool with them from her counseling tool bag. These tools will help students succeed in school and throughout their lives.

This skill is made up of four parts. H – Hands to self. E – Eyes on speaker. N – No talking/noise. S – Sit up straight. Ask your student to show you what “Hens and Roosters” looks like. You will be impressed with this new tool your student has acquired.

GOLD MEDAL MILE
A big Thank You to Keith Daniels for overseeing our Gold Medal Mile this year. We had a fabulous kick off assembly. The kids are loving earning points this year by kicking soccer balls around the field, noodle hockey, etc. Come support your children’s class in their quest to claim the quarterly gold medal mile prize.

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Service Projects
Thank you to Wendy Spencer, Jen Boshardt and everyone who helped with the 1st Grade Service Project! The children did a great job spreading the new playground sand at Eagle Park!

The 2nd grade will be doing their service project on October 17th. They will be tying fleece blankets for Primary Childrens! If you would like to help please contact Syndi Fitzgerald: bsfitz@msn.com

JUST A LITTLE BIT ADDS UP
Have you ever wondered if saving box tops is really worth it? At $.10 a piece it doesn’t seem like much, but it adds up quickly. Last year our school earned $1,497.00.

“To the Book Fair and Beyond”
Oct. 4th 8:30-4:30
Oct. 5th 8:30-9:00 am & 3-7:00 pm
Oct. 6th 8:30-9:00 am & 3-6:00 pm

Join us for books and fun that will be out of this world!
*All proceeds from the book fair are used for books for the students and the school library.