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Students jog for a cause



Flowery students collectively ran 1240 miles during their latest fundraiser. Submitted students

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Flowery School students ran 1240 miles collectively or 4340 laps around the school track to raise funds for the fifth-grade class to participate in a four-day outdoor education program at the Headlands Institute in Marin County.

Students raised \$7300 in pledges from family and community members. This amount is being matched by a generous donation from Steve Ledson of the Harmony Foundation. Ledson presented Flowery Elementary School with the matching funds at an awards assembly on Friday, April 3 in the school cafeteria.

The two classes who ran the most laps collectively and collected the most sponsors were honored. In addition, individual runners were honored for their achievements. Fourth-grader Ethan Vitale and fifth-grader Eduardo Barajas both ran 26 laps, the greatest number of laps in under an hour.

Students train all year long for this event by running laps with their teachers around the school track several times a week in addition to regularly scheduled PE classes. The tradition of running laps is integral to the curriculum and testament to Flowery's commitment to physical fitness and to combat childhood obesity.