Kindergarten Steeplechase Information

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First, Welcome to Edna Maguire! We hope that you are settling into the routine and that your child is enjoying their experience so far. This sheet will give you all the information about our Annual Steeplechase coming up on **Friday, October 21, 2011**

1. It's okay if you don't quite get what Steeplechase is or know exactly how it is going to work. It is part of the joy of being a new family at a new school. This is your only year to enjoy everything for the first time!

2. Relax! This is a **FUN** event for your child to participate in with no pressure to complete any laps. The kids are welcome to run or walk as quickly or as slowly as they choose! The Steeplechase lap a thon is a **FUN** way for all of the children to participate in raising funds for their school to pay for classroom supplies, field trips, assemblies & P.E. equipment among lots of other things. Instead of simply asking for a direct donation from parents, we have an event that allows us to solicit business sponsors and your family to solicit pledges. We are looking for a classroom goal of 100% participation and $300 per child. However, if that amount presents a hardship, please donate whatever you can. We can only reach our goal with everyone's help!

3. All parents are welcome to come and watch their child participate in the lap a thon. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please sign up in your child's classroom with your room parent. If the slots are taken, please just come and cheer the kids on as they complete their laps.

4. If you still need to know more details, here is a brief summary of the event. At 12:45 pm, the kindergarteners will begin assembling on the big grassy area just beyond the blacktop. **Room B:** will group next to the table with the red balloons; **Room C:** next to the table with the blue balloons; and **Room D:** next to the table with the yellow balloons. At 1:00 pm, Principal Zimmer will say, "Go!" and the kids will run around a circular course on the field until 1:20 pm. Each time they go around the course, they will stop in at their table to answer an academic question (nothing difficult, just something to exercise their brains) and get their lap cards marked. They can also rest and get a drink of water if they want to. Once the event is over, the kids will return to their classrooms to eat popsicles.

5. That's it in a nutshell! Don't worry if you can't spot your child on the first lap, there will be many more laps and many photo opportunities as the laps continue! The T-shirts, lap cards and popsicle stains are all mementos for your child to take home after the event.

THANK YOU!!

If you have any other questions or need more details, please feel free to contact Cathy Wilmoth at 786 -6923 or ccwilmoth@comcast.net