

# Adopt A Project program thriving

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The Adopt A Project Program is off and running. Seven out of the 14 classes have been adopted and most of the classes have projects. Many of the students working on these projects are busy planning and are very excited about being the first class to do their project.

The sophomore class is especially busy. They have adopted the project of raising funds for the American Cancer Society. They have been adopted by First American Bank. This year they are planning what is called the "Relay for Life." The 10th-graders have taken on planning the project but it really is a community effort. This fund-raiser has the potential to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society, but in order for that to happen, the community has to get involved.

What is "Relay For Life"? It is a walk/run-a-thon that will start at 6 p.m. May 26 and end at 8 a.m. on

## School Slate

May 27 at the Falls High School track.

Who participates? The 10th grade is planning the event but anyone can participate. Teams are made up of 10 members who take turns walking during the 14 hours of the event. One person from each team must be on the track at all times. Teams are made up of fellow employees, family members, neighborhoods, etc.

How is the money raised? Each member of each team tries to raise \$100 (The team's goal is to raise \$1,000 or more.) All money is collected prior to the start of the event.

Does everyone stay overnight? Staying overnight at the track and meeting people are two fun reasons

for participating. Teams may pitch tents or bring trailers or RVs to park and stay all night. When team members are not walking, there will be music, line dancing, games and plenty of other fun things to see and do.

Why should the community participate? It's fun! Businesses and organizations may want to use this as a staff development event. It is also great publicity for businesses and other groups. There are T-shirts given away to every participant with the logo and dates on it and there will be prizes for the participants that raise the most money. The team with the best uniform also wins a prize. This event will bring the community together in a festive spirit and

setting!

How can I participate? To participate in this event, teams need to be formed. A team captain should be designated and a registration form must be filled out and handed in by April 18. Registration forms are available and should be turned in to Falls High, Falls Elementary, First American Bank, The Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the Backus School main office. There will be team captains meeting at 7 p.m. April 24 in Room 122 of Falls High School.

The 10th-grade students and teachers are putting in many hours of time and effort to make this project a success. This is not only the sophomore class project, it is a community project. As a community, we have a chance to get together and raise thousands of dollars for a good cause. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, call me at 283-2571.