

Dear WRS families,

We are very fortunate to be able to offer our "B.A.T. Club". This stands for Boys' Athletic Training Club and our male students in grades 3-5 are able to join it each fall and spring. We created this club a few years ago to offer something comparable to Girls on the Run Inc. which is open to our female students in grades 3-5 in the spring. The Children's Fund of the Upper Valley generously supports this club and they are now expanding these running clubs in other schools through their program: Finding Our Stride. Their goal is to promote health and wellness among our local youth. The Children's Fund also provides t-shirts for our club members and they provide generous support to many other local organizations and programs.

For the second year in a row, our WRS B.A.T.s club will participate in the CHaD Hero event on October 22nd in Hanover. We at WRS are hoping to promote health and wellness among our students while also helping our students to be civic minded and charitable.

With this in mind, we will be holding a coin/penny drive at WRS! The B.A.T. club members will visit each classroom and speak to the students about the CHaD Hero event and explain why they're hoping to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. Each classroom will have a coin collection jar in the room from October 2nd- October 20th.

Here's the really great news: ***The Children's Fund of the Upper Valley will match all funds raised by Finding Our Stride (WRS B.A.T. Club) Then, Positive Tracks will match all funds raised! In short, if a runner on your team raises \$10, it gets matched by The Children's Fund of the Upper Valley to make it \$20, and the Positive Tracks will match that \$20 making the total raised \$40!***

To learn more about the *CHaD Hero* event follow [this link](#) or type this website into your browser: <https://chad.donordrive.com>

To watch a really special video about why this is important, follow [this link](#) or type this website into your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bs1NCxv9Pw&list=PL55EF4D669F8590E9>

To learn more about the *Children's Fund and Finding Our Stride*, follow [this link](#) or type this website into your browser: <http://www.childrensfunduv.org/finding-our-stride>

To learn more about Positive Tracks, follow [this link](#) or type this link into your browser:
<http://www.positivetracks.org/about/>