



Iron Giraffe Challenge

Help the class of 2031 leave their mark of service by helping the people of South Sudan gain access to clean water!

As a class, the 6th graders read *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park which brings light to the struggles, challenges, and illnesses that millions of people face in Sudan each day due to the lack of clean water. The main character, Salva Dut, recounts his own journey as he became one of the Lost Boys of Sudan and how he was able to turn a negative experience into a positive one.

Back in 2003, he founded the charity, "Water for Sudan." Their mission is to deliver sustainable quality of life services to the people of South Sudan by efficiently providing access to clean, safe water and improving hygiene and sanitation practices in areas of great need.

The 2024 Iron Giraffe Challenge calls on schools to each raise a minimum of \$1000 toward a new drilling rig, with a goal to raise \$150,000 from all schools combined. Since this is our 2nd year reading this text and bringing this service project into 6th grade, we set our donation goal to \$1000.

We are putting a few fundraising opportunities together to maximize our efforts and to support our **Sandburg Striders**.

Below are a few ways you and your child can contribute to this great fundraiser.

1. Ask for donations from your friends and family. Donations can be turned into their homeroom teacher. Use the attached form to keep track of your generous donations. Donations can be cash or check. Please write the check to "*Carl Sandburg Middle School*" and add "*6th grade*" to the memo line.
2. Share this link with friends and family or on social media [Sandburg Striders 2](#)
3. Make an online donation to the "Sandburg Striders" using this QR code.



* To create a personal profile, click on "Join team", enter your personal information, and share with family and friends. (Optional)

4. Purchase a bracelet that outlines one of Salva's famous quotes, "One step at a time...One day at a time" and his organization Water for Sudan. Bracelet sales begin May 19

If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

With all appreciation,

The 6th grade teachers

It's time for the 2nd

Long Walk to Water 2025 Walk-a-thon!

June 4, 2024

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

1. I plan to walk for the Water for Sudan nonprofit organization. This event will occur during the school day and is exclusive for 6th grade students. Cash or checks made payable to *Carl Sandburg Middle School* and add "6th grade" to the memo line.
2. Please collect all money prior to the event.

Please consider helping us meet our \$1000 goal!

**Regardless of amount fundraised, all students will be participating in this service event.*

Dear Sponsor,

I am participating in the "Walk for Water" Walk-thon. All proceeds will be donated to this nonprofit organization.

Name of Sponsor	Amount Pledged	\$ Collected
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 6th grade class read the novel, A Long Walk to Water. The 6th grade team is having a FUNdraising walkathon on June 4th during 5th period-WIN. The goal is to raise money for the nonprofit organization “Water for Sudan.” Students will participate in various water related relays, lap walking, and other fun challenges. There is no donation required for participation- all students will be part of the fun day!

***If your child is unable to participate for any reason, the form below must be completed and returned by June 2nd so that we can plan an alternate activity for him/her.**

-Only return this form if you are NOT participating.

Name of student: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

My child will not be participating because

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency phone number: _____