



 **THE FINAL MILE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M. MARCH 16**

FOR FRIENDSHIP & FITNESS!

An exercise in empathy: Prepare for the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile by reading the stories of Operation Smile's patients, learning more about cleft lip and cleft palate, and seeing how students can make a difference.

LET'S 'GO AROUND THE WORLD'

We're thrilled to invite you and your elementary student(s) to join the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile run and awareness campaign! With your support, we hope to empower elementary schoolers to make a difference in the lives of Operation Smile's patients before the Final Mile run.

To connect them to our cause, we've shared the stories of patients who received care from Operation Smile. Kids can use our mile tracker to "Go Around the World" and meet new friends in Colombia, Morocco, Ghana, India, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

This is a great opportunity for your student to explore different countries and cultures and build their capacity to empathize with others. Ultimately, we hope all students realize their potential to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



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for resources
you can use
at home and
school.



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to visit our
global HQ in
Virginia Beach.

WHAT YOUR STUDENT CAN GAIN:

Empowerment: Have your student run a certain distance, whether in class or at home, and tell them how their miles can make a difference through Operation Smile.

Empathy: When they run that distance, introduce them to Operation Smile's friend in the next country and read their story together or watch a video about them. This is also a good opportunity for them to learn about that country.

Hope: We encourage them to take their involvement to the next level and provide hope for even more patients by fundraising to provide a surgery, hosting a service project, and more.

Bonus: We invite you to walk in our patients' footsteps and tour The Anthony L. and Hideko S. Burgess Interactive Learning Center at Operation Smile Global Headquarters in Virginia Beach.



Name: _____



MEET FARRYN!



MEET CARTER!



MEET HARPER!



RUN AROUND THE WORLD!

Join our superstars Farryn, Carter and Harper as you log your miles for the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile! Along the way, meet our friends who received care from Operation Smile in their country.



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Run the Final Mile
in Virginia Beach
on March 16, 2024



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Help people
born with
cleft conditions



MEET
PEDRO!



MEET
RAMATA!



MEET
SIHAM!



MEET
JOSEPH!





WE ARE

'WONDER'-FULL!



SCAN HERE
for more
'Wonder'

Why fit in when we're born to stand out? As we prepare for the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile, let's read "Wonder" and celebrate what makes us all unique!

"Wonder" is a children's novel written by R.J. Palacio. It is about a young boy, Auggie, who was born with mandibulofacial dysostosis.

Being judged and made fun of because of his differences, Auggie tries to not let it get to him – but that all changes when he transitions from homeschooling to in-person middle school. Auggie must navigate the feelings of being surrounded with constant judgement.

Here at Operation Smile, not only do we heal smiles – but we form relationships with our patients and friends born with cleft conditions in our community. We celebrate their "wonder" and meet others who are just like them!

This upcoming school year, we will try to visit as many local schools as possible to inspire the kids to explore what their "wonder" is! We want every child to be seen for who they truly are.





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PUT EMPATHY INTO ACTION

Start a classroom Smile Fund and work together to help Operation Smile's patients live happier, healthier lives



1) Scan this QR code or visit this link: bit.ly/shamrocksmilefund

2) Click "Start a Smile Fund" and select "Student." It's very important that you select "Student" so we can quickly find your account!

3) Sign up with your information and pick your username and password.

4) Join as individual and use your school's name as the name of your Smile Fund (for example, "Operation Smile Elementary School"). We recommend you set your fundraising deadline as the day of the race, which is March 16.



5) Accept terms and conditions. Click "Create my Smile Fund." Now that you've made your Smile Fund, we'd like to keep track of your progress! Please submit your Smile Fund link via this survey: bit.ly/smilefundsurvey

6) Customize your page and set your goal!