

*The greatness of a nation and its moral progress
can be judged by the way its animals are treated.*
(Mahatma Gandhi)



Hop-a-thon 2018

Help support our critters!

Each year in our annual survey we ask Cuvilly families what they would never want us to change about our program. The answer is generally **the animals!**

In a letter enclosed in this mailing you will read a testimony to this fact.

To help fund the animals we have held an annual Hop-a-thon which entails:

- Each Child and his/her family asking friends, family, local businesses to pledge \$ per hop.
- On the day of the event, child hopping on two feet for the duration of one minute.
- Parent, teacher babysitter or friend counting hops for each child.
- Each child and his/her family collecting pledges and donating \$ to Cuvilly.

In the past this has been a small fundraising effort netting about \$3000 dollars towards the care of the animals. However, the cost of the entire animal operation far exceeds this amount which necessitates doing more fundraising events which becomes very labor intensive.

Therefore, this year we are trying something new. **The hop-a-thon will be our major fundraising event.** This means means that we will not be begging you to come out for other events to raise money for Cuvilly! To be successful we are asking every family to commit to getting \$300 (or more) worth of pledges. If we succeed, more that half the yearly cost of the beloved critters will be covered.

N. B. Each child may accomplish anywhere from 0 and 150 hops in the minute that we time them.

Enclosed in this mailing is an inspiring letter written by a current parent to help us get excited about the upcoming year. Please read! Also enclosed is a pledge sheet so you can get started now to help your child get his or her pledges. We are also looking into ways for making pledges on line. We'll keep you posted.



*Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's
soul remains unawakened. (Anatole France)*