

Proceeds to Assist East P.A. Foundation

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Almond Elementary School added a community service dimension to its annual Walk-A-Bout, which was held Saturday. This year, the students will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from the event to East Palo Alto Kids, a non-profit foundation serving the East Palo Alto community.

"It's a longstanding tradition, and this year we tried to put a different twist on it and came up with the idea of tying community service aspect to the event," Principal Jeff Baier said.

Parent Laura Roberts, who is involved with the East Palo Alto foundation, suggested the idea, and the school community responded eagerly to the community service aspect, Baier said. In conjunction with the donation, the school had someone from the foundation speak to students, as did East Palo Alto poet Kalamu Chache.

"They responded quite well to the community service aspect," Baier said. ``We're always looking for ways to challenge our students."

The rest of the Walk-A-Bout's funds will go to Almond Elementary School. The target overall amount is \$20,000.

"This is a wonderful gesture and really speaks to the generous heart of the Almond community," said Bill Cooper, a Los Altos school district school board member.