

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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walking
classroom®

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Heartfelt thanks from a teacher

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Thank you for donating and allowing these precious students to experience The Walking Classroom. We live in a very small and rural area where so many students face unreal daily challenges, making school seem like the last priority. **In the four years I've been teaching in this community I have never seen students so eager to learn.**

They beg daily for TWC, and I overhear conversations with other grades during breakfast about the things they are learning! **Even students who struggle to engage during regular classroom lessons are fully and excitedly engaged.** They enjoy the mix of technology and movement over sitting behind a desk so very much that they barely realize they are learning.

When we come back to the classroom, we have thick discussions about that day's podcast. I enjoy seeing their little faces light up as they excitedly spill facts they have learned and ask such deep questions! **Their vocabulary is expanding immensely, which has spilled over to success across the curriculum for many students.** The RLA teacher has commented how some of the students have gained on such things as idioms and interjections in her classroom as well.

The engagement and learning that occur after a podcast are phenomenal. I wish you could witness these students using TWC and the wonderful things that are unfolding in our little neck of the woods. Our school is 100% free breakfast and lunch. So, again, I feel these students are getting such a special experience of learning in a fun way. **They are a part of something bigger than themselves, and they have a great sense of pride.**

As a single mother of four on a teacher's salary, believe me when I say I deeply know and appreciate the value of a dollar. You chose to generously donate to TWC and my students, our school, our little community and we are all so very blessed by your thoughtful and generous donation. **Thank you doesn't seem like nearly enough after experiencing TWC with my students and witnessing the magic of learning truly come alive.**

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Gratefully,

Ms. Lillie Rattler, 4th grade teacher
Hancock County Elementary, TN

100% of children at this elementary school are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Only 22% of the school's 4th graders were proficient in reading—far below the state average.

Feedback from happy kids and teachers

Survey results for **over 4,800 students** who used the program during the 2016-2017 school year:



Survey results for **over 500 educators** who used the program during the 2016-2017 school year:



95% said

- The Walking Classroom (TWC) is an effective tool to differentiate instruction.
- I would recommend TWC to a colleague without reservation.

94% said

- My students are better behaved after a TWC lesson.
- TWC is an effective tool to increase discussion and engagement.

93% said

- Listening to TWC podcasts while walking strengthens student understanding.
- I enjoy doing TWC lessons with my students.
- I trust the educational content of TWC.
- I noticed an increase in health awareness and healthy choices in my students.
- My students appear to be in better moods after a TWC lesson.
- TWC engages different learning styles.



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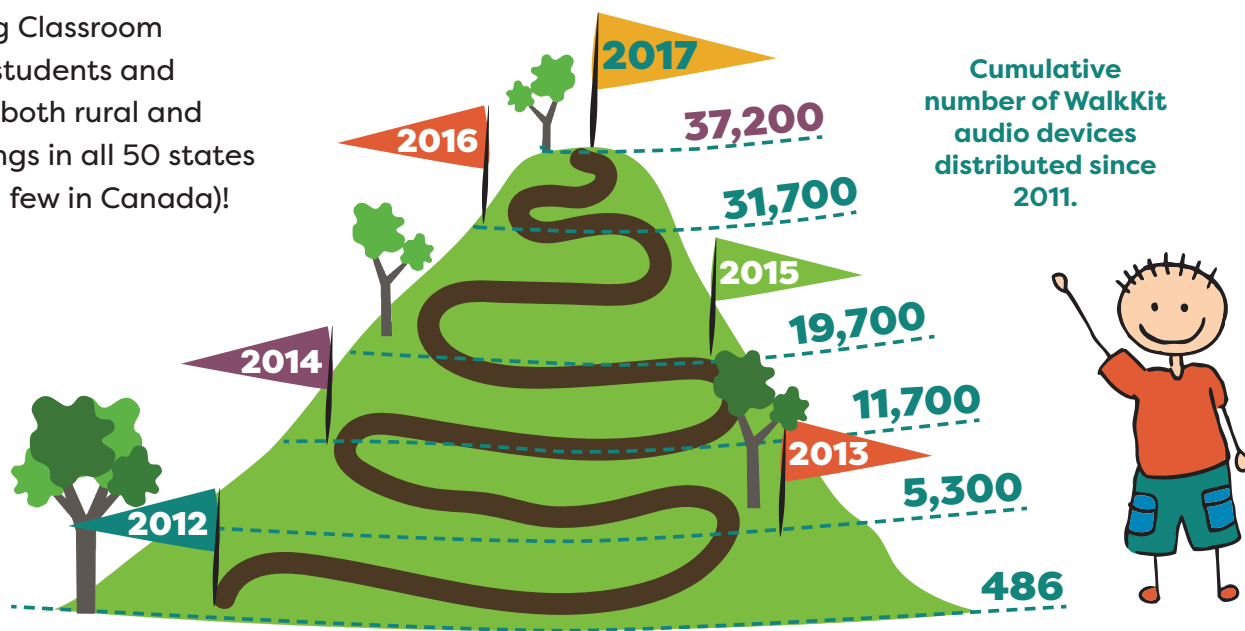
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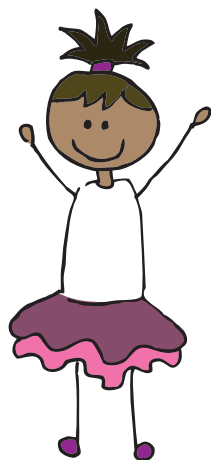


Six years and growing!

The Walking Classroom is loved by students and teachers in both rural and urban settings in all 50 states (and even a few in Canada)!



Since most teachers share their materials with multiple classrooms, over **60,000** kids now are walking, listening, and learning with The Walking Classroom!



We have provided nearly **\$3 million** in donated materials

Nearly **70%** of all distributed **classroom materials** have been provided **free of charge** to schools and organizations, primarily in **low-income areas**.

Visit www.TheWalkingClassroom.org for full financial statements.





"Your face would light up when you see some of my biggest strugglers start to feel like they are the smartest ones in the school! I am a BELIEVER!"

—Candice McWhirter, teacher, NC



"Usually I dislike school, but ever since we got these WalkKits, I have actually been looking forward to school!"

—Chase, 5th grader, ND

"I like getting out and walking and learning. I feel so much better and happier."

—Julius, 4th grader, AL

"We have several students who struggle with emotional problems. The walks help to break up that energy and release it in an appropriate way so they can focus better throughout the day."

—Leigh Ann Huebert, teacher, CO

"Thank you for finding a new way to reach the unreachable!"

—Callie Herring, teacher, NC

Where are kids experiencing The Walking Classroom?

- ✓ Public school classrooms
- ✓ Afterschool programs
- ✓ Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- ✓ YMCAs
- ✓ Summer youth programs
- ✓ Adjudicated youth programs
- ✓ Autism programs
- ✓ At-risk youth programs
- ✓ Homeschool
- ✓ Private and charter schools



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