



## The Annual Terry Fox Run Marathon of Hope

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year we are encouraging students to participate in the Terry Fox Run that will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Registration starts at 8:30am on the grounds of Vasant Valley School, Sector C, Vasant Kunj, Sector C, New Delhi 110070. It is a run/walk with the purpose of raising funds for cancer research in India.

The students have been learning that Terry Fox was an ordinary young person who did something extraordinary. Terry was an active 18-year-old Canadian student when he was diagnosed with bone cancer. He had to have his right leg amputated and then 16 months of chemotherapy. While he was in the cancer clinics, he was deeply affected by the suffering he saw, and decided that he would do something. He endeavoured on an almost impossible goal: to run across Canada (nearly 5,500 kilometres) to raise funds for cancer research.

Terry began on the eastern tip of Canada, and ran a full marathon (26 miles), each and every day, for 144 days straight! And on one artificial leg! Tragically, after running through six of Canada's provinces and with the run half completed, he developed a relapse, and had to stop to seek further treatment. Terry died a few months later...

Terry said if he couldn't finish the run, he hoped others would continue it for him. Now there are Terry Fox-inspired runs around the world. International Runs are organized by Canadian embassies, high commissions and consulates, Canadian Forces bases, anti-cancer councils and societies as well as other dedicated organizations and individuals. It is estimated that more than 20 lakh participants take part in Terry Fox events around the world each year.

To date, more than Rs.2,500 Cr. has been raised for cancer research through foundations around the world associated with Terry Fox. All funds raised in New Delhi go towards cancer research in India. 80 (g) tax exemption certificates are issued for donations of Rs. 1000 and above.

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### Run Details and Permissions

**Date:** January 29, 2012, 8:30 am registration. Sector C, Vasant Kunj (Vasant Valley School grounds)

**Ages:** The Terry Fox run is open to all ages. We welcome your entire family on the day for either a 2K or 5K run, jog, walk, stroll. Babies can be pushed in strollers.

Roads will be closed to traffic, water and first aid available to all participants

I hereby give my permission for my child/ward \_\_\_\_\_(name) to participate in the Terry Fox run that will take place on January 29, 2012.

Name of parent/guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent /guard (signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge/Support amount: \_\_\_\_\_