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**Students Asking For Support Of Their Teacher’s Effort**

*Editor, The Cheshire Herald:*

We are fifth-graders at Doolittle School. Our band teacher, Mrs. Jane Bate, is walking in a marathon to raise money to fight leukemia and lymphoma with her daughter, Sarah. She hopes to raise $4,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which will be used for research, education and financial aid for patients and family members. We ask that you donate any amount of money to this fund. It will benefit our teachers, Mrs. Sue Taylor and Gretchen Wojcik along with many others.

Mrs. Taylor taught second grade, and two of the writers of this letter were lucky enough to have her before she was diagnosed with cancer. We miss her so much and would love it if you could help. She also taught first grade, and was loved by all her pupils. She was a funny, caring, loving teacher. We are hoping she will be healthy and back teaching again soon.

Mrs. Wojcik was a music teacher at Chapman School and Doolittle School: A few years ago, she was diagnosed with lymphoma and, thankfully, is now doing well teaching third grade in Georgia.

The marathon is 13.1 miles long and 80 percent of the money raised goes directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for research, education, as well as financial aid to parents, etc. If you would like to participate, please make out checks to “The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society” and mail them by Nov 30 to: Jane Bate, 454 Riverside Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 (dacapo@juno.com).

Thank you so much for helping to find a cure for leukemia and lymphoma. We appreciate it so much.

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