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**Annual Run Continues to Grow!**

**- 5th Annual Robert Cipriano Cross-Country Meet Set For October 15**

The fifth annual Robert Cipriano Cross-Country Meet will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, with a one-mile run/walk for Dearborn Public Schools staff members at Dearborn’s Ford Field Park located at Brady Street and Monroe Street.

For students, the fun begins at 9 a.m. when hundreds of fourth through eighth graders will hit the course in a series of one and two mile races started at half hour intervals according to grade level and gender. The event is an opportunity for elementary and middle school teams from across the district to engage in some friendly competition while at the same time growing an interest in the sport of cross country and track.

The entire community is invited to come out to Ford Field to support the student runners and cheer for your favorite school!

“This event ties in well with the District’s effort to promote habits that create healthy lifestyles. It really supports the overall efforts by all in involved in the Healthy Dearborn program,” commented Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Maleyko.

Once again, the district has teamed up with the Dearborn Track Club and the City of Dearborn to coordinate the event. Last year, more than 750 students took part and this year, if the weather is good, over 1,000 are expected to participate. A brief awards ceremony will follow each race with the top 10 finishers receiving a medal.

 Mr. Cipriano was the District’s Director of Business Services for more than ten years. He also oversaw athletics in the District. Bob was tragically killed in April, 2012 when two young men broke into his home and attacked him, his wife, and son. Mr. Cipriano, an avid runner, was working with the Athletic Directors to create a running program for middle and elementary students that would encourage competition, lifelong fitness, and fun. The Cipriano Memorial Race is a fitting tribute to Bob’s work in the Dearborn, his commitment to the children, and his love of running.

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Photo 1 caption: Last year, hundreds of students took part in the Robert Cipriano Cross-Country meet. Everyone is invited to come cheer for the runners on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Ford Field Park in Dearborn.

Photo 2 caption: Hundreds of elementary school students hit the course they began last year’s Robert Cipriano Run. The event aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and introduce students to running.