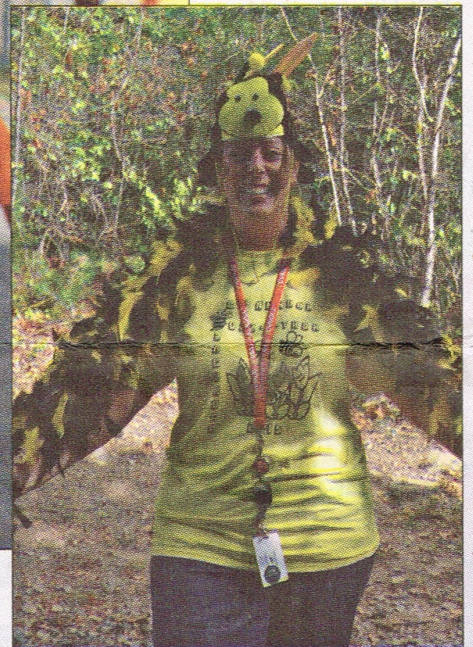


# All Abuzz at Blackrock



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Students at Coventry's Blackrock Elementary raised funds for the school at the annual "Buzz-a-thon" held yesterday. RIGHT: Blackrock Elementary School Principal Nicole Hitchener gets into the act.



## Coventry elementary walks for fundraiser

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COVENTRY — Students, parents and teachers "buzzed" around the field at Blackrock Elementary School Tuesday during the 8th annual Buzz-a-thon Walk-a-thon, organized by the PTA.

Alicia Boulanger, Blackrock PTA vice president and Buzz-a-thon chair, said this is the

school's main fundraiser for the year.

"At the beginning of the year, an envelope is sent home with the students and they collect pledges," Boulanger said. "Pre-K through second-grade walk for 20 minutes and grades three through five walk for 30 minutes."

The goal is \$6,500, which goes to funding the cultural arts program, a guest reader, school

dances and field trips.

Deborah Stravato, PTA president, has participated in previous walks but found this one to be a more pleasant one.

"The kids are loving being with their parents and I'm noticing more enjoyment," she said. "It brings everyone together and the event does help with the cultural and educational programs."