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As the race began, a colorful cloud of dust enveloped the starting line as hundreds of participants bolted through the multi-colored mist.

As the runners made their way back to starting point, they were greeted with yet another cloud of color as they crossed through the finish line.

Money earned from this year's Color-A-Thon will go to enhance programs that are not funded directly through the district, such as the arts.

"Kindergarten through fifth grade do not have art on campus, so we are fund-

ing a volunteer to come in for the whole year and teach our kids art," Osburn said. "We're paying for the paper, the paint, the supplies and all of that kind of stuff."

The program will also help make improvements to the middle school gym, as well as an outdoor education enhancement program for the younger kids.

Money is also distributed to Florence Community PTA to help fund a variety of projects throughout the school year.

Osburn, who works at the elementary school as an office secretary and is this year's president of the PTA, first thought of the idea of bringing the Color-A-Thon

to Siuslaw four years ago.

"I always enjoyed running and I was signing up for races and doing different things. The kids were so excited about it, so I thought there has to be a way to inter-

twine the school and running," she said.

Osburn and the Florence PTA partnered with the national Color-A-Thon event. The PTA passed the event to Siuslaw School District after

the first year, and since then it has been a reliable and fun event to bring money to the schools.

"We give so much back from this event that I'm glad that people are finally

starting to realize that," Osburn said. "It's a great way to make money with a healthy day of great exercise that can give back to the school district."



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Register for Nativity Festival

The Florence Nativity Festival will be held Dec. 6 to 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

The event takes place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building, located on the corner of North Fork and Munsel Lake Roads, and is free of charge.

Anyone in the area who wishes to display a nativity scene this year is invited to participate; displayers from past years are welcome to join again. All nativity sets, large or small, are welcome. Security is provided for the nativity scenes once they are set up at the church.

For registration information, contact Carol Parrish at 541-997-6678. More info can also be found at the Florence Nativity Festival Facebook page.

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