

Dear Parkview Families,

We are pleased to announce our 2009 READ-A-THON! This event is a fundraiser for our school library and a fundraiser for your child to earn his/her own books. Our READ-A-THON will take place during the weeks of March 30 – April 12. Students will have a goal of reading 25 minutes or more a day. We invite all students to participate and support this year's READ-A-THON.

Proceeds from the READ-A-THON will benefit our school by helping us to purchase award-winning books for our library, technology to support appreciation of literature, and a future author visit at our school. **Not only will the READ-A-THON benefit our school, but 50% of pledges will be returned to students in Barnes and Noble gift cards that may be spent on books of their choice at our Barnes and Noble Book Fair event on April 23.** Information about the Book Fair will follow at a later date.

By participating in our READ-A-THON, your child will further develop a love of independent reading as well as the pleasure of reading to someone or the joy of being read to.

If you would like your child to participate in our READ-A-THON event, attached you will find a pledge card, guidelines, and a reading chart. During the READ-A-THON, students who read 100, 200, or 300 minutes will be entered into daily drawings for prizes.

Help your child monitor his/her collection of pledges and submit the amount collected (cash or checks made out to Parkview PTO) to your child's teacher with the pledge card on April 13.

All students participating in the READ-A-THON will receive a prize. Students collecting \$50 or more in pledges, or a \$25 donation directly to the library, will have their names placed on a book plate in a new book purchased as a result of their donation and he/she will have the opportunity to check out that book first.

Thank you for your support of this program. If you have any questions, contact Nicole Frovik at 952-431-8350.

Sincerely,

Parkview Advisory Council

Parkview Elementary READ-A-THON GUIDELINES

The Read-A-Thon begins on Monday, March 30 and ends on Sunday, April 12.

Every minute you read outside of school counts! You will be reading for materials for our library and yourself! From each pledge that you receive, **50% of the money will go to support our school library and 50% will go back to you to buy your own books at our Barnes and Noble book fair!** You may use the attached pledge sheet to keep track of your pledges and the attached reading record to keep track of your reading minutes.

Reading that counts:

1. Reading before and after school counts.
2. Other people reading aloud to you counts.
3. Reading aloud to other people counts. If you read to your friend or your brother and sister, it counts for both of you!
4. Reading aloud to the cat, the dog, or the fish counts.
5. Assigned reading for homework and book report reading counts.
6. Reading, comic books, newspapers, or magazines counts.
7. Reading in another language counts.

Reading that does not count:

1. Assigned reading during class time does not count.
2. Reading that you think you will do in the future if you have extra time does not count.

Important tips:

1. Use the clock, a timer or a stopwatch to keep track of your reading time. No guessing or rounding off minutes.
2. Keep your reading record form handy at all times.
3. Do not go door to door to collect pledges and do not ask a stranger. Your parents, your grandparents, your aunt, uncle, cousin, babysitter, and family friends, are all good choices.

The last day to read for the READ-A-THON is Sunday, April 12.

Make sure you bring your reading chart and the pledged donations to school on Monday, April 13.

**The class with the most recorded minutes read will win a Culver's Party!!
All Participants who raise \$100 in pledges will receive a Pizza Party!!!**

PLEDGE SHEET

Parkview Elementary 2009 Barnes and Noble READ-A-THON

READER'S NAME: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Parkview Elementary School is having a READ-A-THON and we need your support! In raising pledge money, **50% of the pledges will support our school library to purchase books, software, and sponsor future author visits, and 50% of each pledge will go directly back to the student to buy their own books at our school's Barnes and Noble Book Fair on April 23!** Students are asked to read a minimum of 25 minutes everyday, outside of school, to reach their goal.

1. Sponsors complete a section in the form below. Donations are tax deductible.
2. After completing the Read-A-THON, readers collect the money from the sponsors.
Checks should be made payable to Parkview PTO. Checks serve as receipts.
3. Return the pledge sheet and donations to the classroom on Monday, April 13.

Please print clearly

For reader's use

Donor's name	Phone number/Address	Amount of Donation	Total due	Pledge Collected
<i>Example: Grandma</i>	<i>62 Reading Lane – 8235 Gerdine Path, Rosemount, MN 952-431-8350</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	<i>\$15</i>	<i>✓</i>
	TOTAL MINUTES READ	_____		

Total Pledges Collected \$ _____

READ-A-THON READING LOG

Write down your minutes every time you read!

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Reading time	Reading time	Reading time	Reading time	Reading time	Reading time	Reading time
___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes
___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes
___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes
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___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes	___ minutes

TOTAL MINUTES: _____

Reader's name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

I certify that I have kept an accurate reading log and that all above information is correct.

Reader's signature

Date

Parent/guardian's signature

Return the bottom section to the library each time to reach your goal of reading for 100, 200, or 300 minutes. You will be entered into a daily drawing each day during the read-a-thon, with a chance to win a free book or gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

I read 100 minutes !!!

I read 200 minutes !!!

I read 300 minutes !!!

Name:

Name:

Name:

Teacher/
Grade:

Teacher/
Grade:

Teacher/
Grade:

Parent
Signature:

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