

Dear Fairland Families,

We are asking your child to participate in our Winter Break Read – A – Thon fundraiser. The Read- A-thon helps us raise funds for our school and also helps to encourage our children’s love of reading. The Read-A-Thon allows our children to raise money for their school/ PTA without having to sell anything! Instead, family members and friends can make pledges of encouragement. All profits from Read-a-Thon will go to the school to help each grade plan field trips.

Your Packet Contains:

- 1) Read-A-Thon rules
  - 2) Sponsorship form
  - 3) Minute Recording Sheet
  - 4) Return Envelope
  - 5) Tax Deductible Donation certificates
- The Read–A–Thon begins on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – we know that for some students this is challenging to start on a Saturday so please encourage reading starting on this day!
  - Please have your child select a “reading minutes” goal, then ask people to sponsor them by pledging to pay for each minute that your child reads or to pay a set sum when the child reaches his or her minute goal. Remind your child that relatives, neighbors, friends, and even businesses make great sponsors!
  - ALL PLEDGES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE! You can fill out the enclosed receipts to provide to your sponsors for their records.
  - Use the minute recording sheet to keep track of minutes read over the entire period.
  - The reading period ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Your child should tally up their minutes, collect their pledge money from the sponsors and bring the collected money to school by February 6th.
  - Please use the enclosed envelope to return your child’s sponsorship form and minute recording sheet with the money so that your child may participate in the “most minutes read” and” most money collected” contests.

Let’s have fun and start off the new year with a bang!

Sincerely,

Claudia Silberglitt  
Email: silbita13@verizon.net

## **Fairland Elementary School Read – A – Thon Rules**

Have FUN! Be Creative!

Start reading & recording minutes on Saturday, January 14th, 2017.

Use your minute recording sheet to officially keep track of how many minutes you read each day in order to be eligible to win prizes. We suggest that you keep your minute recording sheet in your homework/ take home folder.

Use your sponsorship form to keep track of your sponsors.

1. Reading before and after school counts
2. Reading before the beginning of the Read – A – Thon Does Not Count
3. Reading during class time Does Not Count
4. Being read to by others counts
5. Reading to your pet counts
6. Reading in a train, plane, car, or box in the rain does count
7. Reading aloud to other people counts
8. Reading aloud to someone participating in the Read – A – Thon counts for both of you
9. Rereading your favorite story counts
10. Reading instead of doing homework Does Not Count
11. Reading instead of playing video games & or watching TV counts
12. Reading assigned homework (including book report reading) counts
13. Reading anything, in any language (including the cereal box) counts
14. No guessing or rounding off minutes. Please look at the clock or use a timer/stopwatch to track your minutes.

Please remember Character Counts – be honest with your minutes so that it will be fair and fun for everyone. Remember that your parents will need to initial your minutes on the Minute Recording Sheet.

The Last day of the READ – A - THON is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. No minutes will be counted after that date.

Make sure you return your Minute Recording Sheet, you Sponsorship form, and your collected money to school by Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, in the envelope provided.

## **Prizes:**

**Entire School!!! Read – A – Thon Participation Party Friday, March 10th**

**Grand Prizes (2): Student who reads the most minutes in the school, and student who collects the most money for the school (\$50.00 gift card & Principal for a Day)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners (2 per grade level – student who reads the most minutes and student who collects the most money) \$25.00 gift card**

**All who participate will receive a surprise gift...**

**The classes with full class participation will receive a class prize.**

**Winners will be announced at the Participant Party!!!!**

**Fairland Elementary School PTA's Read – a – Thon Minute Recording Sheet**  
 Keep this sheet in your student take home folder

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

MY GOAL IS TO READ \_\_\_\_ MINUTES IN 18 DAYS! (Example: 20 minutes a day would be 360 minutes)

ADDITIONAL TEACHER CHALLENGE! \_\_\_\_\_

Review the READ – A – THON rules and then read anything you want, or have your parent, grandparents, babysitters, or siblings read to you for an 18-day period. Remember CHARACTER COUNTS – be honest with your minutes so that it will be fair and fun for everyone. Parents please initial each day. Please total your minutes for the reading period.

**DECEMBER**

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Day 1 Jan 14 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 2 Jan 15 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 3 Jan 16 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 4 Jan 17 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 5 Jan 18 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 6 Jan 19 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 7 Jan 20 Reading Time: Initial:
Day 8 Jan 21 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 9 Jan 22 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 10 Jan 23 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 11 Jan 24 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 12 Jan 25 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 13 Jan 26 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 14 Jan 27 Reading Time: Initial:
Day 15 Jan 28 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 16 Jan 29 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 17 Jan 30 Reading Time: Initial:	Day 18 Jan 31 Reading Time: Initial:			<b>Monday, Feb 6th RETURN PACKETS TO SCHOOL!</b>

Total Reading Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# READ - A - THON - SPONSORSHIP FORM

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GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ DUE DATE: **Monday, February 6th, 2017**

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I READ OVER MY MINIMUM GOAL BY: \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES

Dear Sponsor,

Fairland Elementary School PTA'S **READ - A - THON** is a reading incentive program designed to motivate our children to read, to keep them reading and to reward them for reading (with fun prizes). 100% of the money collected will go to the Fairland PTA to assist the school with field trip costs, because education is increased by experiences outside of the classroom.

Students will receive prizes for the **TOP PLEDGE AMOUNTS & MOST MINUTES SPENT READING.**

**CASH IS PREFERRED. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE FES PTA**



**Tax Deduction Sheets**

Fairland Elementary School PTA (20-336991) would like to thank you for your Tax-Deductible

Donation of: Please Circle One

\$2.50                      \$5.00                      \$10.00                      \$20.00

Additional Pledge Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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