

# Hyde Park School's Annual Read-a-Thon

## Welcome Packet

Each year the Hyde Park School PTO organizes a Read-a-Thon to raise money to support field trips for our kids and meet classroom needs identified by our teachers.

This year, September 29th through October 21st, the entire school will participate in a contest to see which team of students can read the most. Classes will be paired in cross-grade teams, with names celebrating teamwork and friendship in our favorite children's stories.

We kindly ask for your support, by sponsoring a reader, encouraging your student(s) to read, and helping to make this fundraiser a fun experience for the kids.

**Prizes will be awarded for the team with the highest number of minutes read, the team with the highest average of minutes read per student, as well as the top reader in each homeroom.** There will also be participation prizes for returning or submitting your forms at the end.

We hope that every family will participate, as this is our second largest fundraiser of the year and provides so much for our school community!

***Every child is encouraged to participate no matter how much money they raise. Homerooms with the highest participation (reading logs completed, with or without pledges) will earn a pajama day at school, and free reading time during ELA period on pajama day.***

### Important Dates

- **September 26<sup>th</sup>:** Read-a-Thon Kickoff Rally, set reading goals
- **September 26<sup>th</sup>-October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Gather sponsors
- **September 29<sup>th</sup>:** First day to read
- **October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Last day to read
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>:** Submit minutes read and pledge form electronically (preferred) OR turn in reading log, pledge form, and money from 7:30-7:40am at doors 1 & 2. Students will receive Pumpkin Chuck game tickets when forms are submitted
- **October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Winners announced at the end of the day. Group picture of winners from each homeroom with their prizes
- **October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Literary Character Parade
- **November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Pumpkin Chuck at 12pm

# Read-a-Thon Instructions

**Setting a Goal:** Help your child decide on a realistic number of minutes that s/he can read (or be read to) during the reading period, September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>. Record this at the top of the Reading Pledge Form. Only minutes read outside of school (including homework), count towards this goal. Your student may include time spent reading, being read to, or listening to audiobooks.

**Sponsors:** Sponsors are people who agree to support your child's reading by pledging a dollar amount. We will send an online link for your student's team to share with family, friends, and neighbors. Sponsors may pledge a certain amount per minute OR a flat pledge, paid if the child meets his/her reading goal. Use your student's donation page link provided by their homeroom teacher to collect pledges or Pledge Form to record each sponsor's pledge and the amount collected.

**Completing Your Reading Log:** Students will keep track of their minutes on the enclosed Reading Log (an adult must initial each day).

**Collecting Pledges and Turn in Days:** All students can submit their final minutes read through the Google Form that will be available through your child's homeroom teacher. Pledges can be made through the school's online fundraising portal (<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/hps2025>) accessible with the QR Code to the left. If you are unable to submit minutes read and pledges electronically (preferred), students are able to drop off paper forms, cash, and/or checks (made out to HPS PTO) from October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> outside doors 1 & 2 during drop-off.



## **Prizes are awarded for reading!**

The team with the most minutes read by all students in the class and the team with the highest minutes read per student (averaged among the number of students) will win a pizza party. The top reader in each homeroom will receive a book store gift card. Homerooms that have the highest participation (classroom reading logs submitted, pledges are not required to win) will earn a pajama day & extra free reading time in class. Simply for turning in their forms by October 24<sup>th</sup>, students will receive game tickets to be used at Pumpkin Chuck on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Winners will be announced, and individual prizes awarded, at the end of the day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Winning classroom/team parties will be coordinated with homeroom teachers at a later date.

**REMINDER:** A Google Form to submit minutes online will be made available during the last week of Read-a-Thon. Reading logs and sponsorship information are in this packet and will also be accessible through your student's homeroom teacher.