

# Hillside School Read-a-Thon



Dear Parents:

The PTA and Hillside School is excited to announce our new fundraiser, a Read-a-Thon. The Read-a-Thon is a fun way of bringing parents, teachers, and students together to promote the importance of reading. The program is designed to encourage students to become better readers, by reading more often, trying out new books--and having fun doing it! By asking sponsors to pledge their support, not only will the students enjoy the benefits of reading, they will also support the various activities the PTA funds throughout the school year. Attached is a Read-a-Thon FAQ with all the information you need to participate in this school wide event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alexandra Genis at [Alexandra\\_genis@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexandra_genis@yahoo.com).

## Important Read-a-Thon Dates

**January 3rd thru 8th** – Find 6 sponsors and collect pledges

**Monday 9th** Read-a-thon kicks off

**January 9th thru 20th** --**READ, READ, READ!** Enter minutes in your reading log.

**Friday 13th** – return Week 1 Reading Log. Place in an envelope and write Read-a-Thon on front. Return to school.

**Friday 20th** – Pajama Day to celebrate the last day

By **Monday 23rd** – all collected money pledged should be placed in an envelope with the pledge form and Week 2 Reading Log. Seal envelope and write Read-a-Thon on front. Return to school.

## Read-a-Thon FAQ

### How does it work?

2 Weeks of reading —students read and log their minutes. At the end of the first week send in Week 1 Reading Log .  
6 Sponsors pledge their support—each student finds 6 sponsors to support their program. By pledging just \$1.00/hr. or a suggested \$4 flat donation per sponsor.

**How do I collect pledges?** Ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors that you know if they would like to support your efforts to read and to earn money for your school. DO NOT collect pledges from someone you or your parents do not know. It is not safe and is in no way encouraged by this school.

**Can I get more than 6 sponsors?** Yes, there is no limit on the amount of sponsors you can have.

## Who Are The Winners?

- Reading Raffle – All students who participate will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Kindle.
  - Every student that raises \$50 will earn a \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card.
  - The student with the highest amount of pledges per grade will win \$5 school store credit AND entered into a raffle for a chance to be the one that pies Mr. Gramata.
  - The classroom with the highest amount of pledges will win a pizza party AND extra recess AND the teacher wins a \$50 Scholastic gift card to spend on classroom supplies!
  - If the entire school meets our goal to have 72,000 minutes read in 2 weeks Mr. Gramata will get “pied” in the face.
- 100 % of all donations go to the school.

# Read-a-Thon Pledge Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

1. Have sponsors fill out the pledge form and indicate how much their donation is. Flat donations can be collected at pledge time.
2. Checks should be made to Hillside PTA. Cash is also accepted.
3. Pledges are due by Monday, January 23rd, 2017 . Please return in an envelope marked read-a-thon.



Sponsor Name and Phone Number	Flat Donation (\$4 suggested donation)	Amount Collected
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>		

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!!!**



