

Sharon Elementary Read-A-Thon

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Sharon Elementary PTO is sponsoring its 7th annual Read-A-Thon! This is a great opportunity for your child to have fun reading and earn prizes ... all while raising money for a great cause ... OUR school! The money will go directly toward Sharon Elementary reading programs! This year the money will be used to expand our nonfiction and informational book collections. Last year we purchased non-fiction informational books, as well as playaways. The teachers at Sharon have used the money from previous read-a-thons to purchase leveled books for their classrooms. We have also expanded the book room in the library with new and interesting classroom book sets! This wouldn't have been possible without your support.

The fundraiser will run the month of February and all pledge forms and monies will be due by Friday March 9, 2012.

Here's how it works:

1. Estimate a goal for total amount of minutes read by the student.
Example:
 - 25 days x 20 minutes/day = 500 minutes “**out of school**” reading
 - Goal = 500 minutes
2. Mark the goal on enclosed pledge form.
3. Collect pledges for the amount of minutes read
 - Example: \$0.02, \$0.05, etc. per minute
 - Example: Flat rate of \$10, \$20, \$30, etc. if goal is reached.
4. Record minutes read daily on the Sharon Reading Calendar and record weekly totals on attached Read-A-Thon tally sheet.
5. Total amount of minutes read. Parent or guardian signs the pledge form to verify minutes read.
6. Turn in **checks** and pledge form by Friday March 9, 2012.

“**Out of school**” reading may include parent to child, reading with siblings, etc. We encourage this to be a family activity! Students are encouraged to obtain pledges from family, friends and

neighbors. Mom can be one pledge, Dad another, Grandparents, Aunts, etc. Do not solicit money from strangers or go door to door.

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Awards Program

Silver Award:

Students submitting at least 500 minutes and **less** than \$10.00 in pledges will receive a personalized participation certificate.

Gold Award:

Students submitting at least 500 minutes and a minimum of \$10.00 in pledges will receive a personalized participation certificate **and** a free book from the Sharon Book Fair! (**Minimum** \$10.00 in pledges please)

Grand Prizes:

There will be two grand prizes awarded. The first Grand Prize, a \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card, will go to the student who brings in the most money in pledges. All additional students who qualify for the Gold Award level will have their names entered into the Grand Prize drawing for another \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card.

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Dear Sponsor,

I am participating in a Read-A-Thon to help raise money for my school. It will take place in the month of February. The proceeds will go towards funding Sharon elementary Reading programs. Will you help us by pledging money for each minute I read?

Student's Name: _____

	Sponsor's Name and Number	Pledge Amount	Amount Due
1			
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19			
20			
		Total Amount =	

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Tally Sheet

Week	Total for Week
Feb. 1 – 7	
Feb. 8 – 14	
Feb. 15 – 21	
Feb. 22 – 28	
Grand Total =	

My reading goal was _____ minutes

I read a total of _____ minutes Teacher _____

Phone Number _____ Total Money Earned _____

Please make check payable to Sharon Elementary PTO
Return this form and checks collected in a sealed envelope to the child's teacher
By Friday March 9, 2012.

Contact Sherry Barnes (330) 334-3497 or piseco14@aol.com if you have any questions