



## Welcome to Ready, Set, Read!

**Our mission** is to create a fun school-wide community event that celebrates reading while empowering students to participate in fundraising for PS 372. All money raised will go directly to help fund school activities and 10% will go to the school library to purchase new books for the students. *Although we want to raise money for the school, our focus will be encouraging participation & excitement about reading. All prizes are based on participation, not amounts raised.*

**How it works:** The school community asks family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor students either for an amount per minute of reading or as a lump sum donation. Students participating in Ready, Set, Read! record the minutes they read outside of the classroom every day on their Read-a-thon log sheets. Books count! Reading on a Tablet counts! Magazines count! Comics count! Newspapers count! Even homework reading counts! Students who are not reading independently should record the minutes they are read to by an adult or older child.

## What Is In My Read-a-thon Packet?

### ***This Instruction Sheet***

Keep this sheet to refer to if you have questions. Extra Instruction Sheets, Read-a-thon Log Sheets and Pledge Sheets can be found in the PTA office. They are also available as downloadable PDFs on [incusions.org](http://incusions.org).

### ***The Read-a-thon Reading Log***

During the whole month of February, each night after they read (or are read to), students or parents should record both what they read and for how many minutes they read. After reading on 2/14 and again on 2/28, families should tally up the total minutes read and record this number on the read-a-thon log sheet in the designated box. Read-a-thon Logs should remain in children's backpack folders for the month.

### ***The Pledge Sheet***

Here students record the names of their sponsors and how much each sponsor will contribute, either a lump sum or an amount determined per minutes read. At the end of February, families calculate the total pledge amounts, collect all donations, indicate on the sheet how each pledge was given (check, cash or

online donation), and return the Read-a-thon Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, Read-a-thon" by Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Checks can be made out to: The PTA of PS 372. Sponsors can donate online via this link: <http://inclusions.org/read-a-thon-payment/>

## What Is Tally Day?

### ***The Mid-Month Tally***

2/15 will be an exciting day at PS 372! Parent volunteers will collect the Reading Log Sheets from classrooms to record how many minutes each student has read thus far. Students who meet certain milestones (125 minutes, 250 minutes, 500 minutes) will receive special Read-a-thon buttons. Reading Log Sheets will be returned to students before they go home that day so they can continue keeping track of their reading activity.

### ***Read-A-Thon Final Tally Day***

At the end of February, please return the Reading Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, Read-a-thon" by Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, volunteers will record minutes read for the entire month of February (please be sure to have tallied your child's final minutes read on the log). **We need volunteers for both tally days. To help out, please sign up on Konstella or email [readathon@ps372.pta.org](mailto:readathon@ps372.pta.org)**

## **Cool Stuff about Ready, Set, Read!**

- Every participant in our Read-a-thon will receive a certificate.
- Students will be awarded buttons to showcase milestone minutes read.
- Students reaching milestone minutes will be entered into a drawing to win gift certificates to local bookstores.
- The class with the most participation in every grade will be awarded bookmarks & participate in choosing a portion of the books our school library will purchase with funds raised by our read-a-thon.
- During the month of February, students are allowed to take out multiple books from the school library. Take advantage of this great resource!

Happy reading to all & thank you for participating and supporting our school,

**Team Read-a-thon & the PTA of PS 372**