

W.F. Ready School

Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

. . . Ready to READ, LEAD, and SUCCEED

Dear W.F. Ready Families,

Once again at Ready the staff is hosting a Read-a-Thon with the hope that this will become our main fundraiser in an effort to raise money for classroom libraries. The best part about a Read-a-Thon is that 100% of the money collected goes directly to OUR school for OUR students. In order to provide a literacy environment for our students that reflects today's best practices, we need to raise in excess of \$500 for EACH classroom. That means that we will be setting our target goal of \$20 000 (over two years). If each student at Ready were to raise \$20 each year, we would meet our goal! We can do this BUT we need your help! All students and families are strongly encouraged to participate in order to make this a fun and rewarding fundraiser for our school. Please read this packet carefully and note important dates and deadlines. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email at: wfready@rbe.sk.ca or by calling the school at: 306-791-8471.

Are you ready to READ, LEAD, and SUCCEED?

Let's make it happen!

Mrs. Balkwill

Principal, Avid Reader, and Believer

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Weekly Prize Draws:

Students will receive an entry into the weekly prize draws (each Friday) using the following guidelines:

DPS to Grade 2: 40 reading minutes weekly = 1 entry

Grade 3 to 5: 60 reading minutes weekly = 1 entry

Grade 6 to 8: 80 reading minutes weekly = 1 entry

The more you read each week, the more entries you receive for the draw! Entries MUST be filled out at home completely to be qualified for the prize draw.



Upcoming Events

September 27

Kick Off Event

October 28

Final Day of Read-a-Thon

You will find in this packet:

- Prizes
- Family Reading Challenge Info
- Sponsorship Form
- Weekly Recording Sheets
- Ballot Entries



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Family Reading Challenge:

We all know the importance of family literacy so we have created the Family Reading Challenge. Every time your family reads together, record your minutes on the sheet in the packet. Every entry into the Family Reading Challenge is a chance to win one of our Grand Prizes which will be drawn at the Final Assembly.

All Families: 10 reading minutes = 1 entry

Grand Prize Draws:

At our final assembly we will be placing ALL of the weekly entries together to make draws for our Grand Prize items. Want to better your chances of winning a Grand Prize? READ, READ, and READ some more! The more you read the more entries you will receive!

NEW this year – families have the option to make a flat pledge online using School Cash Online in the dominations of: \$20, \$50 or \$100.

Classroom Reading Challenge

Each week classrooms will be asked to record and track the amount of minutes that they participate in Read to Self or a whole class Read Aloud. Classes will earn entries into the weekly draw for \$50 towards their classroom library!

15 minutes of Read to Self/Read Aloud = 1 entry

Last year we raised over \$8000! We have purchased classroom literacy kits for our Grade 5-8 and Grade 1-2 classrooms along with Professional Resources for our staff! 6 classrooms won \$100 in Chapters gift cards to purchase books for their classroom libraries and more than 20 students won \$20 gift cards to Chapters! Let's keep the momentum going!

Literacy in our School and Community



*There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all. —
Jacqueline Kennedy*

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Read-a-Thon Rules:

- **Sponsorship Forms** should be used to track your individual child's sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.
- Start recording your reading minutes on Tuesday, September 27th, 2016
- The **Minute Recording Sheets** must be used to keep track of how many minutes outside of school.
- Parents/caregivers must sign the **Minute Recording Sheet** to confirm that the child has read their logged minutes. This will help us to assure fairness.
- Draw entries will not be eligible without a parent signature and must be filled out completely to be eligible for the draw. Please complete the entry at home and send with your child each Friday. School staff are not responsible for filling in draw entries.
- No guessing minutes. Please look at the clock or use a timer to track your actual minutes read.
- Please do not go door-to-door asking for donations, instead consider asking family and close friends to support your reading goal

What Minutes Count?

- Reading before and after school
- Reading before the official beginning of the Read-a-Thon does not count
- Reading during class does not count (in class reading will be tracked through the Classroom Challenge)
- Being read to by other people counts
- Reading aloud to pets or stuffed animals/toys counts
- Reading aloud to other people counts
- Homework reading counts so long as it is done before or after school
- Reading on the bus counts

Community Sponsorship:

One of the greatest ways to ensure the success of a fundraiser is to seek the support of community sponsorship. Do you know of a business that may be interested in supporting our literacy initiative? We are seeking businesses to provide prizes or money donations towards our Read-a-Thon and need your help. If you are able to support our Read-a-Thon by helping the school connect with a potential community sponsor, please contact Vice-Principal, **Kim Markwart** at: kim.markwart@rbe.sk.ca or call the school at: 306-791-8471.

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____ GRADE: _____

MY GOAL IS TO READ _____ MINUTES (September 27 to October 28)

Dear Family and Close Friends:

I am asking you to sponsor me in my school's Read-a-Thon. I **LOVE** to read books and our school needs more books for our classrooms. All of the money our school raises will be used to buy books for our classrooms. If you are willing to sponsor me in this Read-a-Thon, please fill out the information below. I can accept cash or a cheque made payable to:

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Sponsor Name	Is the Amount Pledged Per Minute OR "Flat Rate" Circle one	Pledge Amount	Total Pledge Amount (after minutes read)	Date Collected
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
Total Minutes Read: _____		Total Money Collected: _____		
Return this form and all money collected to the school by October 28th				

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

GRADE: _____

MY GOAL IS TO READ _____ MINUTES (September 27th to October 27th)

WEEK	TOTAL WEEKLY MINUTES READ	PARENT SIGNATURE
Sept 26-29		
Sept 30 – Oct 6		
Oct 7 - 13		
Oct 14 - 20		
Oct 21 - 27		

Return to school EACH Friday to be entered into the weekly prize draws.

Reasonable Reading Goals Per Day:

DPS to Grade 2: 10 to 15 minutes

Grade 3 to Grade 5: 15 to 20 minutes

Grade 6 to Grade 8: 20 to 30 minutes

FAMILY READING CHALLENGE ENTRY BALLOT: (ONE ENTRY PER FAMILY)

PARTICIPATING FAMILY MEMBERS:	TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES READ TOGETHER FROM Sept. 27 to Oct. 27
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	

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Classroom Reading Log

Room Letter:

Team Name for Classroom Reading Challenge (be creative!):

Teacher(s):

To be completed by school staff only.

WEEK	TOTAL WEEKLY MINUTES READ	Staff Member SIGNATURE	# OF ENTRIES FOR WEEKLY DRAW TO BE COMPLETED BY ADMIN
Sept 26-29			
Sept 30 – Oct 6			
Oct 7 - 13			
Oct 14 - 20			
Oct 21 - 27			

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