

Welcome to the 9th Annual Asbury Elementary Read-A-Thon!

Reading books - Raising Funds - Reinforcing literacy



The main focus of Read-A-Thon is literacy and a love of reading. With this event, we hope to instill a love of books to our Asbury eagles, so that they may become, and continue to be, passionate readers as they grow. We hope that ALL students will participate in the program. We also have fundraising component available for those families who wish to engage their friends and family in that manner. Because Read-A-Thon is run entirely by parent volunteers, **100% of all money raised** will go directly to the Asbury PTSO.

The Read-A-Thon is a great way to support our kids though active reading.

- Reading is a more complex task for our brains than watching TV.
- Reading improves concentration.
- Reading develops our kids imaginations.
- Reading improves vocabulary & language skills.
- Reading builds empathy.
- Reading promotes achievement in ALL subjects at school.

Our goal this year is to encourage our kids to read because it is FUN!!!!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1. Read, track your minutes, and turn in Reading Feathers. March 5th - 12th

- a) Use the enclosed Reading Log to record the number of minutes you read. It stays at home.
- b) Return a gold Reading Feather to school each weekday morning.

Transfer the number of minutes you read from your Reading Log to the corresponding Reading Feather on the gold tear sheet. Bring the feather to school each morning (March 6th, 9th, 10th, 11, & 12th).

The Read-A-Thon Committee will tally minutes read based solely on the gold Reading Feathers returned to school. At the end of reading week, each student who reads more than 300 minutes will receive a Snarf's gift certificate, and prizes will be awarded to the top readers of each class. Classrooms with the most minutes read and highest participation rates will also earn a classroom celebration (K/1, 2/3, 4/5). Please make sure your child turns in their Gold Reading Feathers so they can participate in these contests.

2. Collect money from sponsors. March 5th - 20th

If you are interested in participating in the optional fundraising component of the Read-A-Thon, contact friends and family who may want to sponsor your child and encourage them to read this week.

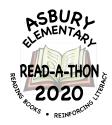
- a) Collection envelopes are included in this packet for cash or check payments. Checks should be made out to "Asbury PTSO", with "Read-A-Thon" on the memo line.
- b) Donations may be made through VENMO at "AsburyPTSO-AsburyPTSO" (write Read-A-Thon in the notes).
- c) Donations may also be made online through <u>asburyreads2020.cheddarup.com</u>.
- d) A sample email you can send out will be shared via School Deets tomorrow.

*** Please return all cash & checks collected by Friday, March 20th ***

Should you need replacement forms, downloadable versions are available in the Thursday folders section of the Asbury website.

Thank you for participating in Asbury's 9th Annual Read-A-Thon!

For questions, contact Leah Borsheim: leah.borsheim@gmail.com or Lizzie Mussoline: lizziemussoline@gmail.com



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Student Reading Log



Reading that counts:

- 1. Reading before or after school.
- 2. All-School 10 minute reading period.
- 3. Assigned reading for homework or book reports.
- 4. Reading comics, newspapers, magazines, or on-line.
- 5. Reading in other languages.
- 6. Parents reading aloud to you.

Reading that does NOT count:

- 1. Reading before March 5th.
- 2. Reading after March 11th.
- 3. Reading during class time (except the all-school 10 minute reading period).
- 4. Reading the same book more than once.

Use this reading log to tally the minutes you read. Transfer your daily totals to the gold reading feathers. Turn in your feathers on the days indicated. **FEATHERS MUST BE TURNED IN TO GET CREDIT FOR YOUR MINUTES!** Classroom total and prizes will be based on the counts from the feathers returned to school.

Thursday March 5 th	Friday March 6 th	Saturday March 7 th	Sunday March 8 th	Monday March 9 th	Tuesday March 10 th	Wednesday March 11 th
Reading Time						
Min						
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Min	+10 Minutes in class	Min	Min	+10 Minutes in class	+10 Minutes in class	+10 Minutes in class
Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.	Daily Total Put this number on your feather.

Turn in Thursday, March 12	Name: Minutes read Wednesday 3/11:	Parent Initials
Turn in Wednesday, March:	Name: Minutes read Tuesday 3/10:	Parent Initials
Turn in Tuesday, March 10t	Name:Minutes read Monday 3/9:	Parent Initials
Turn in Monday, March 9th	Name: Minutes read Friday 3/6: Minutes read Saturday 3/7: Minutes read Sunday 3/8:	Parent Initials
ELESTI FERRITARIO	Name: Minutes read Thursday 3/5:	Parent Initials

Turn in Friday, March 6th