# Glenwood Read-A-Thon School Fundraiser

Dear Glenwood Families,

Today students learned about the Ninth Annual Glenwood Read-A-Thon. In past years, money raised from the Read-A-Thon went to the new playground, outdoor basketball court, library mural, art room renovation, and other PTO initiatives. **This year the money raised will be used to add swings to our playground!**

Success of the Read-A-Thon depends on the involvement of every student – our goal is 100% participation.
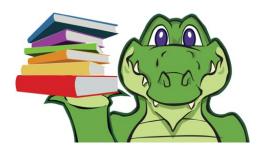
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**Inside this Packet**

- Read-A-Thon details

- Sponsorship Form and return envelope

- Minute Recording Log (which also

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**Read-A-Thon Rules**

- The Sponsorship Form should be used to keep track of sponsors and how much they have pledged.

- Students should start recording their reading minutes on Monday, March 4th.

- The Minute Recording Log must be used to keep track of how many minutes outside of school were read each day. *Total minutes must be calculated to be eligible for the individual prize.*

- No guessing minutes. Please use a timer or stopwatch to clock all minutes.

**Important Dates**

- **March 1:** Set "minutes read" goal and start gathering sponsors (note: additional sponsors may still be added after reading starts)

- **March 4 – March 24:** Record minutes daily on Minute Recording Log (look for dates of special Read-A-Thon events identified on same sheet)

- **March 25 – March 26:** Tally up the total minutes read and collect donations.

- **By no later than March 27:** Go to the Glenwood PTO homepage and click on Read-a-Thon to submit total minutes read and donations.

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**Questions?**

Email **readathon@glenwoodpto.net**

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**What Minutes Count?**

- Reading before and after school counts

- Reading before the official beginning of the Read-A-Thon does not count

- Reading during class does not count, except on Pajama Day when students can count minutes read during DEAR – Drop Everything and Read

- Being read to by other people counts as long as it isn't during school

- Reading aloud to other people counts (If a student happens to read to someone who is also participating in the Read-A-Thon, it counts for both students!)

- Homework reading counts as long as it is done before or after school

- Reading on the bus counts

- Reading under the covers with a flashlight late at night counts (with parent approval, of course!)

**Special Read-A-Thon Events**

- **Pajama Day/DEAR (Drop Everything and Read):** On **Friday, March 8th**, students should wear pajamas to school and will get to "drop everything" in class for 15 minutes to read. Minutes read during DEAR count toward the Read-A-Thon.

- **Mystery DEAR:** During the week of March 11, students will be surprised with extra reading time to count towards the Read-A-Thon.

- **Dress as your favorite storybook character:** On **Tuesday, March 19th**, students should come to school dressed as their favorite storybook character. The same rules apply as for Halloween – no weapons or sharp objects allowed.

**Prizes**

- **Class Prizes:** The students from the class in each grade with the most minutes read will get an EXTRA RECESS.  The teacher from the class in each grade with the most minutes read will get a special trophy.

- **Schoolwide Challenge:** If the school meets its overall reading goal each class will win a movie party.

- **Student Prizes –** Any student who meets or exceeds the minute goal for each grade will be entered into a raffle to win gift cards to the Indigo Bookstore.

| Minutes Required to Enter Raffle | |
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| Kindergarten | 275 |
| First Grade | 325 |
| Second Grade | 425 |
| Third Grade | 525 |
| Fourth Grade | 625 |