



# Tualatin Elementary Black Bear's Read-a-thon:

**Roaring for Reading!**

**March 20th – April 14th**

The Tualatin Elementary PTA is proud to announce our Read-A-Thon! We want ALL our children to develop a love of reading for pleasure, for knowledge and for adventure!

## **Information Packet**

Please take the time to read through this packet. There is a lot of important information. If you have any questions email Tualatin Elementary School PTA at [tualatinPTA@gmail.com](mailto:tualatinPTA@gmail.com) or visit our webpage: <http://www.tualatinelementarypta.org/read-a-thon.html>

### **What is the read-a-thon?**

The read-a-thon is an event that encourages children to become better readers and learners, by nurturing a joy of reading. This will also be one of our largest fundraisers of the year! Students will collect donations from sponsors and have 7 days to read as much as possible, while earning fun prizes for their achievements.

### **How does it work?**

Students will set individual reading goals for the 7 days. Students can read to themselves or be read to. They can read books, magazines, newspapers, comics, etc. Suggested daily minimum read time: Pre-K-2nd: 20-30 minutes 3rd -5th grades: 40-60 minutes.

### **How do I get pledges?**

Ask friends, family and neighbors! We have 2 options for collecting pledges: use the enclosed **pledge form** or use our easy **online pledge system** to participate. Register your child at PledgeStar and follow the simple registration steps. It takes 2 minutes to set-up your child's own fundraising page. By registering online, students can get support from friends and family who live near or far away! You can also collect money and record the names and pledge amounts on the enclosed Pledge Form. You can collect pledges using both online and the enclosed pledge sheet.

### **Why are we raising money?**

Your support allows the PTA to continue to fund many of the great programs and events at our school, such as: Art Literacy, Classroom supplies, OBOB, family events, field trips, Backpack program, and more.

### **What is our goal?**

We hope to raise \$10,000. If every student can raise at least \$50, we can achieve our goal!

### **FAQ's:**

- Pledges are one-time flat donations, not per minute.
- Pledges are tax deductible.
- Record all in-person donations on your pledge sheet and put the money in your envelope right away.
- Acceptable forms of payments are: Cash, Check (Payable to Tualatin PTA), Credit Card via PledgeStar donation.
- Students do not have to collect pledges to participate, although encouraged, all kids can participate regardless of financial contributions.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### **March 20th - 26th, Spring Break:**

- Set up pledge star with students
- Begin gathering sponsors using the online pledge system and/or the enclosed pledge form

### **March 28th - April 2nd:**

- Continue gathering pledges
- Daily prizes for participation with teachers.

### **April 3rd - April 7th (April 8th is in-service day):**

- Start turning in pledge sheets &
- Fill out the Reading Log!!
- Read-a-thon spirit week and reading challenge

<b><u>Monday, April 4th</u></b> <b>Read-a-thon kick off</b> <b>Black Bear Pride –</b> Wear black and red or spirit wear items	<b><u>Tuesday, April 5th</u></b> <b>Cozy PJ and book</b> <b>day</b> Wear your favorite pajamas and take a break to enjoy some cozy reading	<b><u>Wednesday, April 6th</u></b> <b>Wacky Hair</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Let's see your crazy hair. Be creative! Read a wacky, funny joke book and earn double reading time	<b><u>Thursday, April 7th</u></b> <b>Story book Theme Day</b> Dress as your favorite story book character and bring in your book to share with your class
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### **April 11th - 14th (April 15th is in-service day)**

- Turn in your Read-a-thon sheets
- Final week to turn in pledge forms
- Class winners will begin to be tallied

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### **Readers' Oath By:**

**Debra Angstead**

**I promise to read each day and night.**

**I know it's the key to growing up right.**

**I'll read to myself, I'll read to a crowd.**

**It makes no difference, if silent or aloud.**

**I'll read at my desk, at home or at school.**

**On my bean bag or bed, by the fire or pool.**

**Each book that I read puts smarts in my head.**

**'Cause brains grow more thoughts the more they are fed.**

**So, I take this oath to make reading my way**

**Of feeding my brain what it needs every day.**





## PRIZES!

We encourage EVERY student to participate and EVERY student will have a chance to win a prize.

### Individual Prizes:

- Register at <https://pledgestar.com/tualatin/> and earn a **bookmark!**
- Send out at least 10 emails and receive a tasty treat!!
- Receive your first pledge and **your name will be added to a STAR on the Read-a-thon Wall of Fame.**
- Raise \$25 get a **fun eraser!**
- Raise \$50 get something for **In-N-Out Burger!**
- Complete the activity worksheets with the teacher each day for a prize and a **chance to win a prize from the treasure bin.** 1 winner per class per school day! Popits!!
- Turn in your reading log and receive a **certificate signed by Mr. Kingery!**
- Turn in your read-a-thon pledge sheet and receive a **frozen treat!**

### Class Prizes:

- K - 2nd Classroom with the most money raised will get an ice cream party!!
- 3rd - 5th Classroom with the most money raised will get a Buntlet Party from Nothing Bundt Cakes!!
- 2 classrooms (one from K-2nd and one from 3rd -5th) with the most minutes read will get a Pizza Party and the teacher will earn a \$25 Gift Card.
- Additional prizes to be announced officially the week of the Readathon and may include items like sporting events tickets.
- 1,000 Minute Club members will be posted on the Wall of Fame and be eligible for additional prizes!

### School Prize: If we can hit our school wide goals of:

- \$1,000 - Staff and teachers wear a tu-tu
- \$5,000 - Music Teacher, Melissa Hinkle, will get a pie in the face!
- \$7,500 – PE Teacher, Hannah Olson, will get a pie in the face!
- \$10,000 – Extra Recess and Popcicle party!



# Reading Minutes Recording Sheet

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Goal is to read a total of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in 7 days! Our Read-a-thon will track all reading from April 4th through April 10th. Please record how many minutes you read or were read to and have an adult sign off on it. Please turn in your completed log to your teacher by **Wednesday April 14th**.

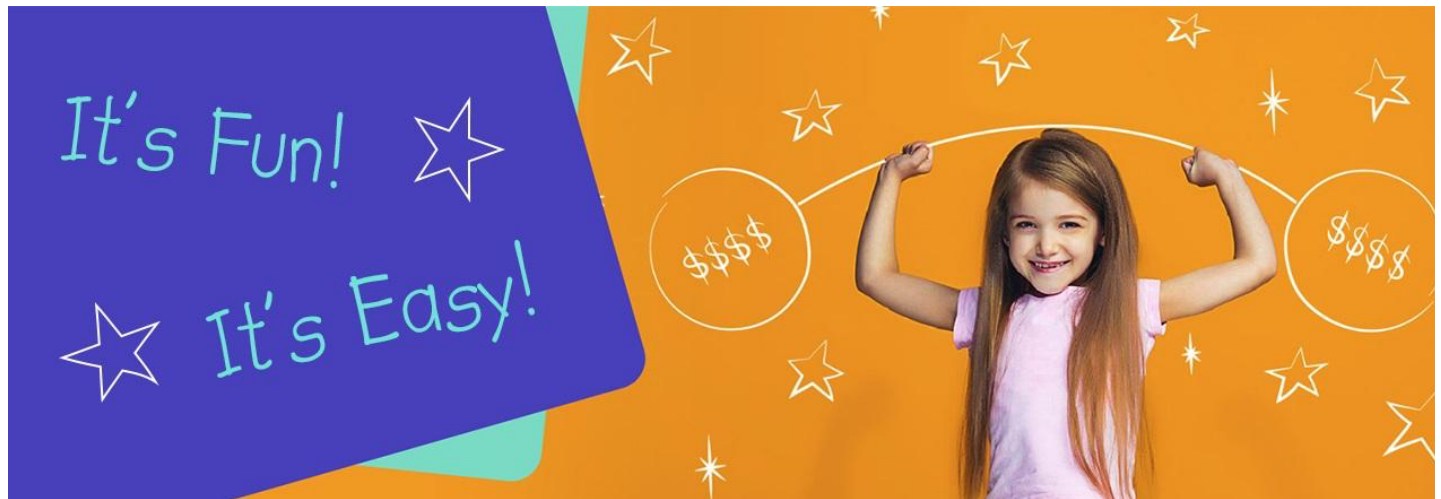
Monday April 4th	Tuesday April 5th	Wednesday April 6th	Thursday April 7th	Friday April 8th	Saturday April 9th	Sunday April 10th
Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:	Minutes Read:
Date Read	Book Title				Minutes Read	Adult Initial

Actual number of minutes read: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Tualatin Elementary School Read-A-Thon Fundraising System



For our Read-A-Thon this year, we're using an awesome [web based fundraising system](#) that makes it **much easier** for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Remember, our Read-A-Thon is **March 20th – April 14th**, so please **register now** to help our school raise as much as we can for Art Literacy, Instructional Assistants, Family Nights, Library, Technology and so much more:

#### Using your computer's browser:

- Go to <https://pledgestar.com/tualatin/>
- Click “Not Registered For This Year’s Event”
- Enter your name and email address, then click “Submit”
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Reader(s) and add family and friends

#### Using your Android or Apple phone or tablet:

- Go to your device’s App Store and search for “PledgeStar” to download the Family App
- On the home screen enter your event code: “tualatin” to locate your event
- Click “Not Registered For This Year’s Event”
- Enter your name and email address, then click “Submit”
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Reader(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online. Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.