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| **BMES PTA READ-A-THON** |
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Discover the Magic in Reading!



# Important READ-A-THON Dates

## March 6

READ-A-THON Kickoff Assembly

## March 7

READ-A-THON begins!

## March 8

Crazy About Reading Day

## March 15

Book Character Dress Up Day

## March 22

School Spirit Day

## March 28

BMES Reading Night & Last day to record minutes

## April 8

**Final day** for collection of READ-A-THON forms & pledge money

## April 12

READ-A-THON winners announced!

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| Inside this packet:* READ-A-THON rules
* List of PRIZES
* Spirit Days details
* Minute Recording Sheet
* Sponsorship Form
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March 7 - 28, 2019

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| Dear BMES Families,We are excited for this year’s BMES PTA READ-A-THON theme of “Discover the Magic in Reading!” All students are encouraged to participate and to discover a lifelong love of reading. The best part of the read-a-thon is that 100% of the money collected will be used to support programs at our school! *All* students who hand in their **READ-A-THON** forms will receive a pencil and be included in a prize raffle. Students who read 250+ minutes will have a chance to win additional prizes, including Principal for the Day! The class with the highest percent of participation will win a class party. Additionally, the top two student readers and the top two fundraisers will also win prizes! We hope you’re excited to discover the magic in reading! Thank you for your support and participation,BMES PTA  |
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## Here’s how it works:

1. **SPONSORS** - Students can ask family, friends, or neighbors to sponsor them for the READ-A-THON. Use the **Sponsorship Form** to track your sponsors. Each sponsor can pledge to pay a flat fee or for each minute the student reads (or are read to).
2. **READING** – From March 7-28th students will read and record their minutes each day on the **Minute Recording Sheet**. Minutes, rather than books, are recorded to be fair for readers at every level.
3. **SUBMISSION** **TO BMES PTA** - After March 28th, students will tally their minutes read and collect pledge money from sponsors. Sponsors can pay via *cash, check, or online* (on the PTA website). Put all forms and money in an envelope labeled **PTA READ-A-THON** and turn in to your teacher or main office to be placed in the PTA mailbox. ***All forms and money are due by April 8th in order to receive a participation prize and to be eligible for other raffles and prizes.***

# READ-A-THON RULES



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| SPIRIT FRIDAYSMarch 8th – Crazy about Reading DayShow how crazy you are about reading by wearing crazy socks, mismatched clothes, wacky hairstyles, etc. March 15th – Book Character Dress Up DayDress up as a character from one of your favorite books! Bring the book with the character you’re representing for a photo!Costumes should be in good taste (nothing scary or ghoulish). No masks and no toy weapons allowed.March 21st – School Spirit DayWear your BMES attire or sport our school colors (blue & white) to show your school spirit!WHITE OAK LIBRARYVisit **White Oak Library** to check out a book during the read-a-thon OR attend the **March 16th Read to a Dog** program to earn 20 extra minutes towards your total minutes read.BMES READING NIGHTCome to **BMES Reading Night** on **March 28th** to earn an extra 20 minutes towards your total minutes read. |

## Start reading and recording your minutes on Thursday, March 7, 2019. You may read books, comic books, short stories, poems, magazines, or newspapers. Online reading also counts.

Use your **Minute Reading Sheet** to track your minutes read each day. Use your **Sponsorship Form** to keep track of your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.

**MINUTES THAT COUNT**

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| * + - * Reading by yourself OR being read to
 | * Reading before or after school
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| * Reading to someone else
 | * Reading assigned homework
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| * Reading on the bus, in the car, at Horizon or EBB
 | * Reading in any language
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| * Attending BMES Reading Night (earn 20 extra minutes)
 | * Visiting White Oak Library or attending their Read to a Dog program on March 16th  (earn 20 extra minutes)
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# READ-A-THON PRIZES

**PARTICIPATION PRIZES**

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| All participating\* readers | Receive a READ-A-THON certificate, pencil, and entered into a raffle for Friends of the Library MC (FOLMC) book voucher |
| Students reading 250+ minutes | Entered into a prize raffle, including “PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY” raffle |
| Class with highest percentage of participation | Wins a class party and teacher wins a gift card to purchase school supplies! |
| If 100+ students participate in the READ-A-THON | Mr. Clarke will dress up as the BMES Eagle at school! |

 \*Participating is submitting a complete Minute Recording Sheet with or without sponsors.

**ACHIVEMENT PRIZES**

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| Top 2 reading students (with most minutes read)  | Target gift cards for $50 and $25 |
| Top 2 fundraising students (with most money raised) | Target gift cards for $50 and $25 |