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| **BMES PTA READ-A-THON** |
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Spring into Reading:



# Important Dates

## March 1

READ-A-THON Kickoff assembly

## March 2

Book Character Dress Up Day

## March 9

Pajama Day

## March 16

School Spirit Day

## March 22

BMES Reading Night & Last day to record minutes

## April 5

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

## April 10

READ-A-THON winners announced at PTA meeting

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

Let your Imagination Grow

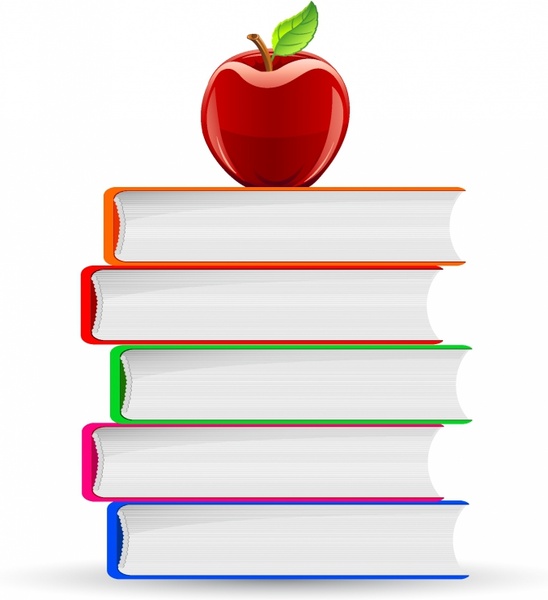
March 1 – 22, 2018

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| Dear BMES Families,  We are excited to bring back the **BMES PTA READ-A-THON**. All students are encouraged to participate. The best part is that 100% of the money collected from the **READ-A-THON** will be used to support our school while promoting a lifelong love of reading.  *All* students who hand in their **READ-A-THON** forms will receive a specialty 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 and the top three student readers will also win prizes.  We hope you’re excited to spring into reading and let your imagination grow! Thank you for your support & participation,  BMES PTA |
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## Here’s how it works:

1. **SPONSORS** - Students will ask family and friends to sponsor them for the **READ-A-THON**. Use the Sponsorship Form to track your sponsors. Each sponsor will pledge to pay for each minute your children read (or are read to) or pay a flat fee for minutes read.
2. **READING** – From March 1st-22nd 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 22nd, students will tally their minutes read and collect pledge money from sponsors. 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 5th in order to receive a participation prize and to be eligible for other raffles and prizes.***

# READ-A-THON RULES



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| READ-A-THONSPIRIT FRIDAYSMarch 2nd – Book Character Day Dress up as a character from one of your favorite books! Bring the book with the character you’re representing for a photo op.  Costumes should be in good taste (nothing scary or ghoulish). No masks and no toy weapons allowed. March 9th – Pajama Day Wear your pajamas to school. No slippers please. March 16th – School Spirit Day Wear your BMES attire or sport our school colors (blue & white) to show your school spirit! BMES READING NIGHTMarch 22nd – BMES Reading Night Come to BMES Reading Night to earn an extra 20 minutes towards your total minutes read. |

## Start reading and recording your minutes on Thursday, March 1, 2018. 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 | Reading to someone else |
| Being read to | Reading assigned homework |
| Reading before or after school | Reading in any language |
| Reading on the bus, in the car, at Horizon or EBB | Attending BMES Reading Night (earn extra 20 minutes!) |

**MINUTES THAT DON’T COUNT**

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| Reading before March 1st | Reading after March 22nd |
| Reading during school hours | Playing video/computer games |

# READ-A-THON PRIZES

**PARTICIPATION PRIZES**

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| All participating\* readers | Receive a **READ-A-THON** 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 pizza party and each student in class wins a FOLMC book voucher |

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

**MOST MINUTES READ PRIZES**

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| Top 3 students (with most minutes read) | Gift cards for $75, $50, and $25 & FOLMC book voucher |

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| **BMES PTA READ-A-THON**  **MINUTES RECORDING SHEET** | |
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| Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

Review the **READ-A-THON** rules. Starting *March 1st*, record the total number of minutes read daily in the calendar boxes (remember, reading time in school doesn’t count). *Parents: please initial each day.*

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|  |  |  |  | THUR 3/1 | FRI 3/2 | SAT 3/3 |
|  |  |  |  | \*READ-A-THON Kickoff assembly | \*Character Dress up Day |  |
| SUN 3/4 | **MON 3/5** | **TUES 3/6** | **WED 3/7** | **THUR 3/8** | **FRI 3/9** | **SAT 3/10** |
|  |  |  |  |  | \*Pajama Day |  |
| SUN 3/11 | **MON 3/12** | **TUES 3/13** | **WED 3/14** | **THUR 3/15** | **FRI 3/16** | **SAT 3/17** |
|  |  |  |  |  | \*School Spirit Day |  |
| SUN 3/18 | **MON 3/19** | **TUES 3/20** | **WED 3/21** | **THUR 3/22** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | \*Reading Night |  |  |

Attended BMES Reading Night: YES NO (if YES, add 20 minutes to your total)

Total minutes read: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**READ-A-THON Code of Conduct:**

*Character Counts* in the **BMES PTA READ-A-THON** to make it a fun and fair activity for all students. We (parent and child) certify that we honestly tracked and reviewed the minutes read each day.

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| Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Child signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| **BMES PTA READ-A-THON**  **SPONSORSHIP FORM** | | | |
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| Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |  |

Dear Sponsor:

The Burnt Mills Elementary School (BMES) PTA **READ-A-THON** is a reading incentive program designed to promote a lifelong love of reading as well as raise funds for BMES PTA. All of the money raised during the **READ-A-THON** will be used to support our school. Students will read (or be read to) during a 21-day period and ask sponsors for pledges for their minutes read. Thank you for supporting the students’ efforts to spring into reading!

All checks should be made payable to: Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA. Cash is also accepted.

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| Sponsor’s name | Sponsor’s phone number | Amount Pledged (Per minute OR  flat rate) | Total amount collected |
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Total minutes read: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total money raised (collected only): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## How to submit READ-A-THON “MINUTES RECORDING SHEET” and “SPONSORSHIP FORM”:

Put all forms and money in an envelope labeled **PTA READ-A-THON**. Turn envelope in to your teacher or main office to be placed in the PTA mailbox. ***All forms and money are due by April 5th in order to receive a participation prize and to be eligible for other raffles and prizes.***

Dear BMES families,

Please give the donation forms below to your generous sponsors to serve as a record for their taxes.

Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA, 11211 Childs Street, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous donation of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to support the **2018 BMES PTA READ-A-THON**. Your contribution helps us provide additional programs, services and support to the children at BMES. There were no goods or services provided for this gift. Burnt Mills tax ID: 52-1694278 for your tax records.

Regards,

Margaret Holt, PTA Treasurer

Save this receipt for your tax records.

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