

Spiritridge Elementary

Read-A-Thon!



April, 2019

100% of the proceeds raised from the Read-A-Thon go towards students at Spiritridge. Please help us reach goal of raising \$35,000.

How will the funds be used?

- \$64,000 as grants to school for supporting full time Instructional Aides.
- \$20,000 as grants to school for grade level enrichments
- \$14,000 as grants for school & staff (Books for K-5 students, Read Live Interactive Books, Author visit, library books, art supply, etc)
- \$13,000 for programs & community events to Spiritridge students and families

2018 – 2019 Grade Level Curriculum Enhancements:

Kindergarten	Pumpkin Farm Field Trip, Three Little Pigs Theatre
1 st Grade	Pumpkin Farm Field Trip, Storybook Theatre
2 nd Grade	Seattle Underground Tour, Thistle Theater, Museum of Flight
3 rd Grade	Museum of Flight, Seattle Art Museum, Mercer Slough field trip, Toymaker visit
4 th Grade	Village Theater, OHOP Pioneer Farms, Roger Fernandes, Peter Donaldson
5 th Grade	Mercer Slough, Phantom Tool Boot, Dictionaries

2018 – 2019 PTSA Sponsored Programs & Community Events

Back-to-School BBQ	Kindergarten Noodle Night	Toymaker Workshop Family Night
Reflection	Pumpkin & Poem	Winter Movie Night
Arts & Crafts Fair	Gingerbread Night	Spelling Bee
Lip Sync	Multi-Cultural Night	Science Fair
Egg Drop	Game Night	Talent Show
Carnival	Dance Movement Night	Academic Challenge/Math Challenge

Remember: we will not be holding an auction this year. Please support the Read-A-Thon generously! Thank you!

Q: What is the Spiritridge Read-A-Thon?

A: The Read-A-Thon will be Spiritridge PTSA Spring fundraiser for the 2018-2019 school year. Students will set a reading goal, gather sponsors to pledge money, read during the week of 4/21 – 4/28 and turn in money and packets by May 3, 2019. **There is a calendar in this packet that shows the full schedule of the event.**

Q: Can you tell me more about Spiritridge PTSA Fundraising?

A: PTSA raise money to support and enhance our students' education. Our budget this year spends approximately **\$275 on education enhancing opportunities for every Spiritridge student**. We know that some families will donate more than this amount and some will donate less. The important thing is that **everyone participates at a level that is comfortable and meaningful to them.**

Q: Can I submit for matching funds from my employer?

A: Yes! If your employer matches funds that you donate, please submit all necessary paperwork so that the Spiritridge PTSA can receive double the amount of your donation! Microsoft employees, please use account #653-85.

Q: What can students win?

A: We have some *awesome prizes* for this event. There are lots of ways to win!

- 1) **Participation:** *Every student* who participates will receive a bookmark PLUS coupon from Peaks Yogurt for **4oz of FREE frozen yogurt!**
- 2) **Reading Achievement:** The student who reads the most number of minutes in each grade level, regardless of amount of money raised, will receive a book selected and signed by Ms. Rogers & Ms. Gehrke.
- 3) **Grand Prize:** The students who raise the most money in each grade level will receive a book selected and signed by Ms. Rogers & Ms. Gehrke PLUS a Panther stuffed animal
- 4) **Highest Class Participation:** The class that has the highest percentage of participation in the Primary Grades (K-2) and the Secondary Grades (3-5) will earn a Popsicles on the Playground Party!

Q: Cool! How do we participate?

A: There are four things students need to do to participate in the Read-A-Thon:

- 1) **Set** a reading goal.
- 2) **Get** at least one sponsor to pledge at least \$10.
- 3) **Read** during the week of April 21 – 28th & fill out either a paper or online reading log.
- 4) **Turn in** your Money, Pledge Sheet, and Reading Log by **Friday, May 3rd, 2019.**

Q. Wait – Did you say can we do this ONLINE now???

A: Yep! If you would rather donate online and/or fill out an online reading log rather than use a paper packet you can do that through our website. Just click the “Read-A-Thon” icon on <http://spiritridge.org> home page and there will be instructions on how to do it. The cool part is: **students can enter their own reading minutes into their online reading log!** It’s a pretty fun interface where they can earn badges for reading various amounts of time. *Parents will need to log in and approve the number of minutes their students read.*

Q. Do I have go online to participate in the Read-A-Thon?

A: Nope! Everything you need to participate is in this paper packet.

Q. Can I do part of the Read-A-Thon online and part by paper?

A. Absolutely. It’s totally fine to donate online and fill out a paper reading log, or send in checks and a paper pledge form and do the online reading log, or do it all via paper, or all online. Whatever works for you. Just make sure you get everything turned in by **May 3rd, 2019.**

Q: What counts as reading for this event?

- Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Audiobooks
- Materials in languages other than English
- Online Reading (Raz-Kids, etc.)
- Parents reading to Kids
- Kids reading to Parents
- Spiritridge siblings or friends reading to each other **counts for both kids** – a win/win!
- Your regular assigned reading from your teacher

Think of something that isn’t listed above? Here’s a rule of thumb: if your teacher or Ms. Rogers or Ms. Gehrke would consider it reading, **then it is.** ☺

Q: Where can I find reading materials?

A: Here are a few suggestions:

- **The Spiritridge Library.** Librarians will allow all students to **check out one extra book** the week before the Read-A-Thon!
- **King County Library.** While there are many branches, the one closest to Spiritridge is the Lake Hill branch, at 15590 Lake Hills Blvd
- **The Internet.** Every student at Spiritridge has access to many reading databases – check with your teacher or the librarians if you cannot find your list of login/passwords.

Q: Where do students find sponsors?

A: Included in this packet is a sample letter that students can e-mail or read to friends, family, and neighbors requesting sponsorship. Students should **NOT** ask strangers – we want everyone to stay safe!

Q: I am concerned I won't be able to find someone to pledge at least \$10. Can I still participate and help my class earn a party?

A: **Yes, you can!** In addition to raising money to support our students' education, the Spiritridge Read-A-Thon also focuses on **setting goals, making reading a priority, and building community** with our classmates. Because of that, participation is **highly encouraged!** If you think you will be unable to find a sponsor, the PTSA will find you a sponsor. Just tell your teacher you'll need some help with this part, and your teacher will let the Read-A-Thon chair know.

Q: I have more questions. How do I get them answered?

A: You can email your questions to readathon@Spiritridgeptsa.org! We are happy to answer any question you have, so please don't hesitate to ask.




Good Luck, PANTHERS!
Read, Read, Read!



Read-A-Thon Calendar

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20
	Read-A-Thon packet Distributed		Gather Books & Sponsors	Gather Books & Sponsors	Gather Books & Sponsors	Gather Books & Sponsors
4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27
	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>READ, READ, READ!</u></p>					
4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3	
READ, READ, READ!	Contact Sponsors, Collect Money, Turn in Money & Packet	Contact Sponsors, Collect Money, Turn in Money & Packet	Contact Sponsors, Collect Money, Turn in Money & Packet	Contact Sponsors, Collect Money, Turn in Money & Packet	LAST DAY TO TURN IN \$\$ & PACKETS	

EVERY STUDENT who participates will get a bookmark & coupon of FREE 4oz frozen yogurt treat at Peaks Frozen Yogurt (15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98008)



Spiritridge Read-A-Thon Pledge Request Sample

Letter/E-mail

Dear _____ (Grandma/Aunt Mary etc.),

Hi! I am sending this email to tell you about an exciting week coming up at my school. We are having our first **Read-A-Thon** at Spiritridge Elementary. My whole school will spend **the week of 4/21 – 4/28** doing as much reading as we can, and we will be raising money for our school! I have thought carefully about how much reading I will try to do that week, and I am setting my goal at _____ minutes for the week. I might even read more than that!

Do you think you could sponsor me in the Read-A-Thon? You can sponsor me by the minute (10¢/minute? 25¢/minute? \$1/minute? It's up to you!) or you can sponsor me for a flat amount for the week. Once the Read-A-Thon week is over, I will let you know how much reading I did. You can write a check made out to "Spiritridge PTSA" and send it to me, or donate through our PTSA's website at <https://spiritoridgeptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/2019ReadAThon/GuestInfoPacketPage/0>. (Read-A-Thon Donate As Guest).

All the money we raise will help fund programs, equipment, and experiences that benefit every student at Spiritridge Elementary – including me!

What do you say? Can you help me with my Read-A-Thon this year?

Thanks,

(student's name)



Read-A-Thon Pledge Sheet

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name & E-mail: _____

My Goal: _____ Minutes x 7 Read-A-Thon Days = _____ Total Minutes

PLEDGE BY THE MINUTE

Sponsor's Name	Per Minute Pledge (circle one)					Mins Read	Total Due
	10¢	25¢	50¢	\$1	\$ _____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	\$1	\$ _____		\$
	10¢	25¢	50¢	\$1	\$ _____		\$
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PLEDGE A FLAT AMOUNT

Sponsor's Name	Flat Pledge Amount	Total Due
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

All funds are due by **May 3, 2019**. **TOTAL RAISED:**

Please make checks payable to **Spiritridge PTSA**. Please include this form with your payment(s).
 Parents: If it's easier, you can write one check to Spiritridge PTSA and have the sponsors reimburse you. Additional pledge sheets can be printed at www.spiritridge.org. OR you can donate online
<https://spiritridgeptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/2019ReadAthonParent/SignInPacketPage/0>

<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____ FOR THE SPIRITRIDGE ELEMENTARY READ-A-THON.</p> <p>YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>STUDENT NAME/DATE</p>	<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____ FOR THE SPIRITRIDGE ELEMENTARY READ-A-THON.</p> <p>YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>STUDENT NAME/DATE</p>
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