

HDES Readathon – Reading is Fun!



“Look at me, look at me, look at me NOW! It’s fun to have fun, but you have to know how!” - Dr. Seuss

Reading is fun, and students at HDES are going to demonstrate just how much fun it is during the HDES PTO’s 2012 Dr. Seuss Readathon. The goal of the Readathon is to encourage our students to read while raising money for our school. All funds raised by the HDES PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) are used to support programs and activities at our school. Recently, PTO has supported many and varied enrichment activities for students including programs on bullying, field trips, Theater at Monmouth productions, Slapstick Science, concerts (including the Portland Symphony

Orchestra), Mr. and Mrs. Fish, and much more. We have also purchased playground, gym and A/V equipment, walkie-talkies, and given mini-grants to teachers for field trips or classroom needs. The Readathon is the major fundraiser for the PTO this year. Some school needs this year include new and replacement classroom libraries, A/V equipment, and test protocol equipment. ***We are hoping for 100% participation – if all students are involved in the Readathon we can do great things for our school!***

How It Works

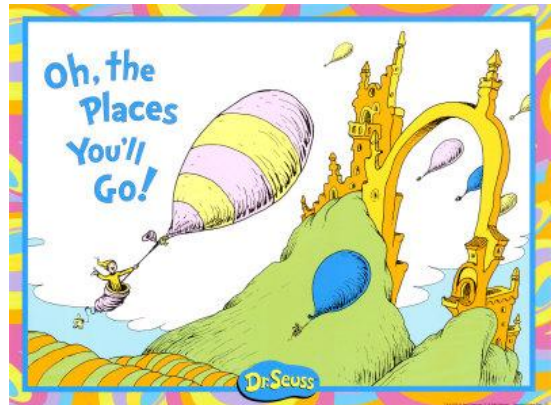
The Readathon includes a Pledge Period (February 3-12), a Reading Period (February 13–26), and a Collection Period (February 27-March 1). The first phase is the Pledge Period: students seek monetary pledges – either straight pledges (i.e. \$5, \$10, \$20, etc.) – or amounts per number of minutes students will read during the Reading Period. Prizes, reading challenges, and lots of fun activities will be happening at school throughout the Pledge Period! The next phase is the Reading Period: students will keep track of all the time they spend reading on a Reading Report. Students who aren’t yet readers should count any time that parents, caregivers, friends or teachers read to them. Students can read books, newspapers, e-books, or any type of reading material. If an older child reads to a younger child, both students can record that time on their Reading Reports. At the end of the Reading Period, students will tally their total reading time. Finally, during the Collection Period, students will collect and turn in their pledge money, along with their Reading Reports, to their teachers. All students who turn in pledge money and Reading Reports will have their names entered into drawings for great prizes, to be awarded either during our final assembly or on our Dr. Seuss Birthday/Reading Night on Friday, March 2, 2011, at HDES.

Important Dates

- Kickoff Assembly: 2-3-2012
- Pledge Period: 2-3-12 through 2-12-12
- Turn in Pledge Sheets: 2-13-12
- Reading Period: 2-13-12 through 2-26-12 (including February vacation)
- Collection Period: 2-27-12 - 3-1-12 (turn in pledge money & Reading Records)
- Assembly/Dr. Seuss Birthday/Reading Night: 3-2-12

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Prizes

Top readers and top fundraisers will be entered into a raffle for prizes. Anyone who participates by reading and getting pledges – no matter what amount – will receive a small participation prize and also be entered into a “participation raffle.” Raffle prizes include a ride to school with Hallowell Police Chief Eric Nason; a ride to school in a Hallowell fire engine; a bike, books, kids’ meals, tickets to Funtown, and more. U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited our school recently, and she donated two signed books to be used as prizes for top readers. Any class who has 100% participation will receive a special recognition award such as a popcorn party.

School-Wide Activities to Encourage Excitement for Readathon

Our hope is to make the Readathon a fun and exciting way to encourage students to enjoy reading. The following are some school-wide activities that will occur during the Pledge and Reading Periods.

- **Stop, Drop and Read!** When students hear a musical cue over the loud-speaker, they will stop what they are doing and read. Musical cues will be heard throughout the day.
- **Design a bookmark day.**
- **Guest or Mystery Readers:** Special guest readers come in to visit classrooms.
- **Teacher Swap Day:** Teachers may swap classrooms to read a story.
- **Poem in your pocket day:** Students may carry a poem in their pockets throughout the day and will be asked during the day to take out their poems and share.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make the Readathon a success. If you would like to volunteer in any way, or for more information, contact any of our co-coordinators:

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