

# PTO NEWSLETTER

SUMNER ACADEMY

AUGUST 2023

## GET READY FOR READ-A-THON!



School is underway, and that means that it is almost time for Read-a-Thon kick off. This year's theme is *A World of Pure Imagination*, and Read-a-Thon officially runs from **August 19th-August 31st**. This is an extremely important fundraiser for our school! It funds all PTO-supported activities and events, PTO supported classroom needs and identified school needs. This year, Sumner Academy has identified technology upgrades (which also contribute to campus security) and a teacher professional development fund as unmet needs for these fundraising dollars to go towards.

Reading encourages learning, critical thinking, empathy and creativity- amongst a million other things! It allows us to step into another world, not only as an escape but as a way to learn about new things and new ideas. We can be another person or in another place, if only for a while. While fundraising is extremely important, I think the greatest goal of the Read-a-Thon is to read more, in a way that is exciting and fun. This year, each student will receive a 'Golden Ticket' of challenges to allow them to get creative and try out some ways that reading can contribute to other interests, in addition to just wracking up reading minutes.

How can you help? Encourage your children to read (books, comics, the cereal box- everything!) and record those minutes. Do the Golden Ticket challenges together as a family. Help them ask trusted friends and family members for reading pledges. Consider asking local businesses for sponsorships, or being a business sponsor yourself. We can not do this without your help! Most importantly, even on the days where it feels like one more thing to check of the list (don't we all have those days?) be excited for them and with them!

Reading is its own reward, but for some external motivation, remind your readers that they are also working to earn extra recess, ice cream parties, gift cards and other fun treats. Good luck to all, and thank you for your participation!

"In your wildest dreams, you can not believe what awaits you in a world of pure imagination." -Willy Wonka

## UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Read-a-Thon (8/19-8/31)  
Read-a-Thon Ice Cream parties (TBD-September)  
Grandparents Day (9/29)  
Bonfire Night featuring Cantrell's Grill, The Rolling Recipe and Deja Moo (10/27)

## Need Spiritwear?

Visit the online store 24-7 and have items delivered to your child's classroom!



## 2023-2024 MEETINGS

*8-9 AM IN THE CAFETERIUM*

Aug 1st	Jan 9th
Sept 5th	Feb 13th
Oct 17th	Mar 19th
Nov 14th	Apr 16th
	May 14th

Questions?

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