2021 OAKHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READ-A-THON

Why a Read-a-Thon?

The Read-A-Thon will encourage our children to excel in reading while raising funds for enriching programs and materials for Oakhurst. During the Read-A-Thon, students will develop and enhance reading skills and habits. We hope that many children will sustain this frequency of reading throughout the rest of the school year and beyond!

Step 1: Create your Student's Fundraising Profile and Gather Reading Sponsors, Now until December 2

This is the time to talk to your child about the Read- A-Thon, help them set a goal and check out extra books from the library.

This year we are back to logging reading minutes on the attached reading log but will use our website to create a unique fundraising page for your student(s). This allows you to send emails directly to your sponsors, share your fundraising page, update them on your student's progress and collect donations from sponsors directly through the website.

To set up your student's fundraising profile:
        -You will first login to or set up a new parent login at https://oakhurstelementarypta.org. The schoolwide password to create a new parent login OakhurstOwls (case sensitive, no spaces).
        -Next you will create a profile for your student(s) under the Read-a-thon tab by clicking on "start a new campaign".
        -If you have already created a profile for your student on the website, it should still be active and can be edited with this year's reading and fundraising goals.

This tutorial video https://mymitsy.com/setting-up-a-personal-fundraising-page/ will show you how to set up your students profile on https://oakhurstelementarypta.org/peer-to-peer/. If you have any questions or issues please let us know!

Step 2: Read! Read! Read!, December 3 - 10

Encourage your child to read as much as they can! Read aloud to your child, take turns reading a book, listen to audiobooks - any reading done outside of the classroom counts!

Log the minutes on the attached reading log daily. Be sure to return your child's reading log to school for their minutes to be tallied on **Monday, December 6** and **Friday, December 10.**

All reading must be completed and reading logs turned in by 8:30am on Friday, December 10 for the final tally.

Step 3: Collect Sponsor's Donations, December 10 - 17

Sponsors can easily donate through the link to your student's Read-a-thon page at any time if they are pledging a lump sum. If they are pledging per minute, now is the time to calculate those pledges and get the donations submitted!

Donations can also be made by checks made out to "Oakhurst PTA" and mailed to the school at 175 Mead Rd, Decatur GA, 30030.

Thank you for your support and participation! We are so excited to kick off our Oakhurst Elementary Read-A-Thon. We want every Oakhurst Owl to be excited to READ! If you have any questions please let us know!

Sincerely,

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2021-2022 Read-A-Thon co-chairs

Setting a Reading Goal

Parents, you can help your children set an attainable, yet ambitious, reading goal by considering the following:

- How many minutes does your child spend reading and/or being read to each day outside of class? In-class minutes will not count toward their goal.
- Are they willing to choose reading this week instead of watching TV or playing video games? If so, how many more minutes would that add?
- What other activities could they combine with solo reading (riding in the car, reading to a sibling) that could help them add minutes to their total?
- To help with fundraising for our school, could they commit to reading for an extra 15 minutes a day?
- This year's funds will go toward enriching programs and materials for Oakhurst Elementary.

Remember: The reading goal helps sponsors know how much money they will owe for their pledge.

My Read-A-Thon reading goal is _____ minutes.
_____

The Read-A-Thon Pledge

As a Read-A-Thon participant, I promise:

1. To try to sign up at least one sponsor.
2. To keep a log of the books and minutes I have read and to be totally honest.
3. To have my parent or guardian check my minutes each night to verify that I have read the minutes I've recorded.
4. To bring my reading log to school on Monday, December 6 and Friday, December 10 for my minutes to be tallied and to have all my reading completed and minutes logged by 8:30am on Friday, December 10 for the final tally.
5. To have all my donations submitted by Friday, December 17, 2021.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Oakhurst Read-A-Thon Sponsor Sheet

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

My Goal is to read _____ minutes during the Read-A-Thon.

PLEDGE BY THE MINUTE

Sponsor's Name	Per Minute Pledge Amount (circle one)					Complete at end of the read-a-thon.	
						Minutes Read	**Total Due**
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		
	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$_____		

PLEDGE A FLAT AMOUNT

Sponsor's Name	Flat Pledge Amount	Submitted?
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	

Please have donations submitted by Friday, December 17 , 2021. Donations can be made directly through your student's read-a-thon page at https://oakhurstelementarypta.org/peer-to-peer/ or by checks made payable to "Oakhurst PTA" and mailed to the school at 175 Mead Rd, Decatur, GA 30030.

Oakhurst Read-A-Thon Reading Log

Student's Name (First & Last): _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Keep this log in your backpack to ensure it comes to school on Monday 12/6 and Friday 12/10.

Date	Minutes read	Parent/Guardian initials
12/3/2021		
12/4		
12/5		
Total 12/3 – 12/5		
12/6		
12/7		
12/8		
12/9		
12/10*		
Total 12/6 – 12/10		
*Logs due at school by 8:30 AM		
GRAND TOTAL		