

READ-A-THON INFORMATION

What is a read-a-thon?

Our read-a-thon is similar to a walk-a-thon. Students collect pledges per page read during the read-a-thon. The more they read, the more money they raise.

How do I collect pledges?

Ask parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors that you know if they would like to support your efforts to read to earn money for your school. Have them fill out your pledge sheet. **DO NOT collect pledges from someone you or your parents do not know.** It is not safe and is in no way encouraged by this school or PTSO.

Are there any rewards or incentives for collecting pledges?

We believe the greatest reward is supporting your PTSO and the many activities they provide, but a little added incentive never hurt anyone! The student from each grade who collects the most pledges will receive a prize. Also, the class with the most pledges collected the TEACHER gets a prize.

Do I pay now?

NO. Money will be collected after the read-a-thon ends. After the Read-a-Thon ends, take your completed pledge sheet to those that made pledges. Collect the money based off how many pages you read x how much they pledged. Put the money in the envelope provided. Bring the envelope back to school and turn into your teacher no later than March 23, 2018.

What will the money be used for?

HighMark is always in need of funds for buses, playground, sports and electronic equipment, school activities, etc. All funds will be at the discretion of the PTSO.

Are the contributions made for the read-a-thon tax deductible?

Yes! As a registered non-profit, all read-a-thon pledges are tax-deductible, as are all PTSO contributions. Receipts will be made available upon request.

What other activities/incentives will there be on the day of the Read-A-Thon?

We believe reading should be fun! The morning of the read-a-thon, students can purchase various incentives and activities to do while they are reading, i.e. wear your slippers, bring a blanket, read with a friend, spend time in Camp Read S'More, etc. All activities will be \$1. Watch the schools blog for more info!