



It's time for the second annual St. Michael Read-A-Thon! In the spirit of Walk-A-Thon, this fundraiser is a way to not only raise money for our PTO but to foster a love of reading in our students. Here's how it works:

The event will run from Friday, March 1 through Sunday March 17, 2024. During that time students will record the minutes they read (or are read to) on their reading log. All reading counts, whether reading out loud, to yourself, or being read to by another person. Each reading session will be initialed by a parent or guardian. During this time students are encouraged to solicit pledges from friends and family either as a flat amount or a "per minute read" amount. Donating is easy. You can log in to your A to Z Connect account at https://stmichaelsharonville.membershiptoolkit.com/my_account or scan the QR code. This is the same account, login, and password as you used for Walk-A-Thon. Or if you prefer to pledge by minutes read, you can fill out the attached pledge sheet and either turn in cash or check at the end of the event or use it to help you calculate a total that you can donate via credit card at A to Z Connect. A portion of this year's proceeds will go toward new books for our school library!

Here are some additional details:

- 1) Our theme this year is: Read Across America
- 2) To kick off our event Monday, March 4 will be a Dress as your favorite book character day at school
- 3) Every day students will have 15 minutes of DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time during the school day for several days during the Read A Thon week (that's a total of at least 60 minutes to get started)
- 4) Be sure to include minutes read in school
- 5) Completed reading logs and pledge forms with donations should be turned in no later than Monday, March 25.
- 6) We have set two goals for our school: We hope to read 100,000 minutes and raise \$10,000. That's an average of 20 minutes per day and \$30 per student

Prizes categories:

- 1) Most money raised in each grade category (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8)
- 2) Most minutes read in each grade category (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8)
- 3) Every student who turns in a reading log and pledge form by Monday March 25 will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate
- 4) Every student who turns in a winning Reading BINGO card will receive an out of uniform pass
- 5) The class that reads the most minutes will receive a Sweet Treats Party

And Finally---- A school wide prize If the school reaches both the "Minutes Read" and "Money Raised" goal

If you have any questions you can email readstmichael@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and happy reading!