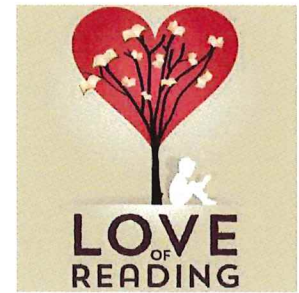


Fireside School -- 2022 READ-A-THON



Dear Fireside School Families,

Fireside School is thrilled to announce that our winter fundraiser will be a READ-A-THON. This event is being supported by the Friends of Fireside School Society. The best things about a Read-A-THON are that it will encourage children to read and it builds a love of reading. Additionally, 100% of the money collected goes directly towards the children of the school in supporting further funding of our Outdoor Learning Space!

IMPORTANT DATES

Our Read-A-THON will run from **Thursday, January 27th (Family Literacy Day) to Sunday, February 27th, 2022**. You can start signing up pledges right now!

Pledge sheets should be returned the week of **February 28th to March 4th**, and prize draws will occur on **Tuesday, March 8th**. ***IMPORTANT NOTE: Only pledge forms returned to the school by Friday, March 4th will be counted/included for the prize draws!! So, please get those forms in on time!!***

RETURNING PLEDGE SHEETS

To be eligible for prize draws, please return pledge sheets with totalled minutes and amounts to the school no later than **Friday, March 4th**. **PLEASE NOTE:** Pledge sheets, with totalled minutes and amounts, may be returned to the school at any time. Some little ones or families may not wish to participate for the full month: please know that this is fine!

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

There are some fantastic prizes to be won for the student(s) who read the most minutes and the class who raises the most money. These prizes include:

- 9 prizes of a \$15 Scholastic Gift Card, for April Book Fair, for the student in each grade who reads the most minutes (*kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside*)
- 7 draws for a \$15 Scholastic Gift Card, for April Book Fair, for students reading over 500 minutes (*kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside*)
- 2 draws for a \$30 Scholastic Gift Card, for April Book Fair, for students reading over 1000 minutes (*kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside*)
- The top individual reader (most minutes read total) will receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.
- The class with the most minutes read collectively will have a **PJ & MOVIE PARTY in the Gym!**
- The top fundraising class will have a **PJ & MOVIE PARTY in the Gym!**
- School Staff will be announcing fun things that they will be doing if students reach certain reading goals as well!

Other Fun Information: We are challenging Herons Crossing K-8 School in Airdrie to see which school can read the most minutes and raise the most money. Classes of the same grade at each school might connect with each other, becoming virtual reading buddies and/or creating their own fun challenges. Additionally, in the spirit of friendly competition:

- The Administration Team of whichever school reads the second most amount of minutes will wear the other school's spirit wear for a day and sing the other school's School Song to be shared with the other school.
- The Rocky View Trustee (Ms. Gilbert in Cochrane or Mr. Burley in Airdrie) of whichever school raises the second most amount of money will complete a yet-to-be-determined activity.

SUBMITTING PLEDGED FUNDS

Students will be collecting pledges from their neighbours, families, and friends. It is the responsibility of each family to ensure that the pledged funds are collected and then submitted to Fireside School. Please note that Fireside School does not accept cash.

For those wishing to honour their pledge via credit card payment or eCheck: go into your School Cash Online account, then choose the "Make A Donation" bar. Enter your donation amount and choose Fireside School from the Fund Destination drop-down. In the message box, enter 'Read-A-Thon: [Student's Name]'.

Based on the pledge form that is turned in to the school, the total amount pledged (less what has already been received via credit card payment) will be added to each student's School Cash Online account for parents/guardians to make payment.

Charitable donation receipts will be automatically generated for donations made via credit card and e-Check. Charitable donation receipts are also available upon request for cash donations collected by the student of \$20 or more once payment has been received. Please email receipt requests to fireside@rockyview.ab.ca. If there are any questions about this process, please contact the school.

READING GOALS

At Fireside School, students engage in a Literacy Block in each school day's schedule: the Literacy Block time from January 27 until February 18 (the last school day before break) will be counted into Read-a-Thon minutes. Minutes read in class will be communicated to families, via agendas in the younger grades for entry onto the paper tracking sheets and/or digitally entered into the Google Classroom tracking sheets of the upper grades. Our goal is for every child to read for at least 600 minutes over the Read-A-Thon period (at least 20 minutes per day): what an amazing accomplishment!

We encourage students to set their own reading goals for each day of this event: **minutes that students read alone; minutes that students read aloud to others; and/or minutes they are read to by a parent, older sibling, family member, caregiver, or audiobook all count toward reaching their individual goals!**

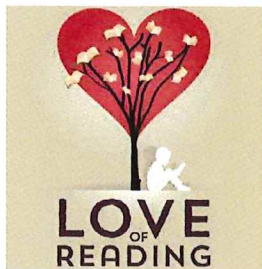
At Fireside School, we will be keeping track of minutes read each week as the Read-a-Thon goes along, in order to share them within our learning community. Therefore, if students and families could please calculate a Weekly Total for time read at school and at home each Thursday evening (as indicated on the Minutes Log tracking sheet) and communicate that number to Homeroom Teachers in the agenda or on the Google Classroom tracking sheets for each student, that would be greatly appreciated.

All students are urged to participate in order to make this a fun event for our school, where we come together to build our love of reading. The fundraised amounts will go toward our school's new Outdoor Learning Space, where we'll be able to sit and read in the future. This amount will be in addition to the funds raised from the Casino Nights (March 20-21) through Friends of Fireside, who also donate money to the school to be used directly for things such as technology, classroom books, school activities, playground equipment, and much more! If you would like to learn more about how this money is to be spent, please join us for our Friends of Fireside meetings, typically held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (via GoogleMeet video link – see our weekly *Fireside Focus* newsletters for more information): All are welcome to attend!

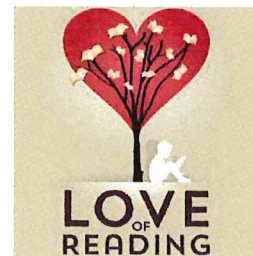
This Read-a-Thon is an important (and fun) FUNdraiser for our school community, and we thank you in advance for your participation! *Bring on the Book Love!*

Sincerely,
Fireside School





Fireside School Read-A-Thon Sponsor Log



STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

My goal is to READ _____ MINUTES during the Read-A-Thon event.

Read-A-Thon Description: Our Read-A-Thon raises money for Fireside School, while encouraging and rewarding students for both reading and fundraising. Students will read (or be read to) as many minutes as possible during the Read-A-Thon. Thank you in advance for your generous support of students at Fireside School!

Sponsors may donate 1 of 2 ways:

1. Donation per minute spent reading (e.g. \$0.05 x 600 minutes = \$30; \$0.05 X 1500 minutes = \$75)
2. One-time fixed donation (e.g. \$10, \$20)

All pledges must be paid via School Cash Online (SCO). Note: Fireside School does not accept cash. We will upload your total amount due to SCO the week of February 28th - March 4th, once the pledge form is returned. (We recommend that families collect promised pledges from friends, neighbours, and family members and then submit total payment via SCO.)

		SPONSOR DONATION (donation per minute spent reading)			SPONSOR DONATION (one-time fixed donation)
#	Sponsor name	\$ Donation per Minute Read	# of minutes read	Total Donation	
	EXAMPLE – Aunt Betty (per minute)	\$0.05c	600	\$30	
	EXAMPLE – Dad (one-time fixed donation)				\$15
1					
2					
3					
4					
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11					
12					
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14					
MINUTES READ _____ TOTAL \$ RAISED 11					



I acknowledge the total amount pledged will be uploaded as a payment due through School Cash Online.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Fireside School Read-A-Thon Minutes Log

STUDENT NAME _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME & GRADE _____

- 1.) List the total minutes spent reading, or being read to, each day, both at home and at school. (Round up to the nearest 5 minutes.)
- 2.) Have a parent/guardian indicate that the Reading Time has been verified for each week by signing the Adult Initials column below.
- 3.) Complete the Weekly Total row each Thursday (February 3, February 10, and February 17) and a Weekly Total as of Sunday, February 27, to be communicated to your Homeroom Teacher (agenda or digital tracking sheet) please.

Date	Minutes Read at School	Minutes Read at Home	Adult Initials
EXAMPLE – January 27	20	30	
January 27			
January 28			
January 29			
January 30			
January 31			
February 1			
February 2			
February 3			
Weekly Total #1			
February 4			
February 5			
February 6			
February 7			
February 8			
February 9			
February 10			
Weekly Total #2			
February 11			
February 12			
February 13			
February 14			
February 15			
February 16			
February 17			
Weekly Total #3			
February 18			
February 19			
February 20			
February 21			
February 22			
February 23			
February 24			
February 25			
February 26			
February 27			
Weekly Total #4			
OVERALL TOTAL OF MINUTES READ			

GRAND TOTAL of minutes read both at home and at school: _____

