



Marion Local Elementary PTO READ-A-THON

The PTO would like to introduce a fresh, new fundraiser this year! This fundraiser is in lieu of past annual PTO fundraisers where the kids were selling door-to-door. This fundraiser is educational AND requires **NO** door-to-door selling or distribution of items! The READ-A-THON will be held in conjunction with Right to Read Week – December 17 thru 21.

All students are encouraged to obtain pledges from sponsors, such as parents, grandparents, etc., in support of the student’s reading during Right to Read Week. Basically, they are raising money just by reading, and unlike other fundraisers, **100%** of the proceeds collected will be used for PTO projects.

The largest PTO project in scope at this time is to upgrade the playground; project timeline is TBD. The goal is to add new equipment, for students of all abilities, and install a poured rubber surface for safety. Additional projects the PTO supports include the award of book scholarships to graduating seniors, hosting the annual hoedown in November for 4th and 5th graders, and supporting the teachers by purchasing games and activities for rainy days when the students are inside for recess.

READ-A-THON Incentives: Each student who achieves or exceeds their reading goal will receive an extra recess on a day/time approved by Mr. Wilker. The goal for each student is to raise \$25. For every \$25 the student raises, their name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win 1 of 4 \$25 Walmart gift cards. Any student who raises \$100 or more will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing for a chance of winning 4 tickets to Kings Island. Additionally, the class who raises the most money, will receive a pizza party!

The following are the reading goals, in minutes, for each grade level during Right to Read Week. For the K-2 students, these minutes may include time spent listening to a book being read to them. Sponsorship and pledge form are on the reverse of this page. The reading log to record minutes will be sent home closer to the start of Right to Read Week.

- K-2nd 75 minutes (15 min./day)
- 3rd-5th 100 minutes (20 min./day)
- 6th-8th 150 minutes (30 min./day)

***At this time, we would also like to hear from the parents & guardians with whom this committee represents. We welcome your suggestions for future PTO projects. Please take a moment in the space provided to offer your ideas:

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

I, _____, pledge to read _____ minutes during Right to Read Week December 17 thru 21, 2018.

Sponsor Name	Pledge Amount
TOTAL	\$

Please collect all pledged money upfront. Checks can be made payable to Marion Local PTO. Sponsorship form and money are due to your teacher by Tuesday – November 27. Thank you for supporting the Marion Local PTO!!!

