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Dear English Bluff Families,

This year, EB PAC is trying a new fundraiser that has been proven to be successful at many schools. It will allow students to raise money for school activities and literacy over the spring break (Mar 15 to Mar 30, 2025).

English Bluff PAC has made this READ-A-THON easy and fun (with prizes) and we are hoping that everyone will participate to make it a huge success for our school and children.

Here's how it works – in this packet, your child has been given The Rules for the READ-A-THON, a pledge form, and reading record sheet. The challenge is based on 'number of minutes read' verses books to make it fair across all levels of readers. The first week before of the READ-A-THON (**beginning Friday, March 7, 2025**) is when your child will start to ask people to sponsor them by pledging to pay an amount per minute (i.e. 5 cents per minute, etc.). Remind your child that relatives, neighbours, friends, etc make great sponsors!

After obtaining pledges the first week, your child will set a goal of total minutes read and will begin reading. From March 15 to March 30th, your child will read and record the number of minutes read daily using the Reading Record Sheet. Please have a parent or caregiver initial your child's record each day. When the reading period ends (March 30th) your child will tally up the number of minutes read, and start to collect their pledge money from the sponsors. Please return your child's Sponsorship Form/Reading Record Sheet along with their pledge money so that your child may participate in the contest. **The deadline to submit all forms along with pledges is April 4th.** Many great prizes will be won!

Sincerely,

The English Bluff PAC

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Collect Sponsors March 7**
- **Start Reading Mar 15,**
- **Collect Pledges Mar 31**
- **Return Forms & Pledges April 4**
- **Prizes Awarded Week of April 14**

READ-A-THON RULES

Start reading and recording the number of minutes read starting March 15th.

Use your **Reading Record Sheet** to keep track of how many minutes you read each day. This is important to collect pledges but also to be eligible for prizes.

Use your **Sponsorship Form** to keep track of your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.

1. Reading before the official beginning of the READ-A-THON does not count
2. Being read to by other people does not count.
3. Reading aloud to the dog, the cat, and the goldfish (or any other pet) counts.
4. Reading aloud to other people counts.
5. Reading under the bed covers, with a flashlight, late at night counts (but only if it is okay with your parents).
6. Reading while on vacation counts.
7. Reading anything, in any language, counts.
8. Not reading perfectly, but reading on your own counts.
9. Reading a challenging book more than once counts (hey – we understand, that practicing is a good thing).
10. Most importantly having fun while reading definitely counts!!

Please remember to record minutes each day and have your parent or caregiver initial.

The last day to read for the READ-A-THON is March 30th

Students that submit their completed Reading Record Sheet and Sponsorship Form with collected pledges will be eligible for the following prizes:

- **Primary Students (K – Grade 3) Highest Number of Minutes Read**
- **Intermediate Students (Gr 4 – Gr 7) Highest Number of Minutes Read**
- **Top Pledge Amount – individual student prize**