

# Newport Heights Elementary

## Readathon 2018



Dear NHE Families and Students,

This year's fall fundraiser is a Readathon. We're excited to try something new and know you will support our efforts in our first ever Readathon.

The purpose of the Readathon is to raise money for Newport Heights PTA, which provides enhanced educational opportunities for the students of Newport Heights Elementary. What's more is it complements the literacy initiative of Bellevue School District. Not to mention, it's a fun way to encourage NHE students to read more!

Participation is really easy. During the two-week Readathon, every time you read or listen to someone read, you record the number of minutes on your Readathon Log.

**NHE students can raise funds in two ways:** A "per-minute" sponsorship or a "set-amount" sponsorship.

Per-Minute Sponsorship - Anyone can sponsor an NHE student by agreeing to donate for every minute the student reads. If a student reads, as an example, for six hours and receives a pledge of five cents per minute, they will raise \$18.00.

Set-Amount Sponsorship - Anyone can sponsor an NHE student's Readathon efforts by giving a set-amount donation. This is typically a larger amount and is the easiest, most streamlined way of sponsorship.

Sponsors can be parents, grandparents, guardians, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends—just about anyone. You can have as many sponsors as you want. You can even sponsor yourself!

When you find a sponsor, just fill out the Sponsor Pledge Sheet. Then when you finish the Readathon, contact your sponsors who pledged "per-minute" and tell them how much you read, and ask for their donations. If you have any "set-amount" sponsors that you haven't collected money from, please ask them for their donations.

Payment Options: Go to [www.nhe-pta.org](http://www.nhe-pta.org) and make the donation payment online. Or, write a check to **Newport Heights PTA**

The goal is to raise \$25,000 for the Newport Heights PTA. That's an average of just under \$50 per student. We know every family has a different budget, and we hope you will make your donation according to your family's ability to give. Every dollar given makes an impact.

Turn in all money and your log sheets to the NHE office by 12:30 pm Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Readathon Rules for Readers

The Readathon begins: **October 8, 2018**

You may use the pledge form to keep track of your sponsors and how much they will donate. Use your Reading Chart to keep track of how many minutes you read.

1. Reading from before the official beginning of the Readathon does not count.
2. You can only read a book once for the contest. When you finish that book, read another! Other people reading aloud to you also counts.
3. Reading aloud to other people counts. If you read to your friend or your brother or sister, it counts for both of you!
4. Reading aloud to the dog, the cat, and the goldfish counts.
5. Reading in a tree, on the bus, in the car, on an airplane, in a hotel, and under the bed covers with a flashlight counts.
6. Reading instead of doing your homework does not count.
7. Reading instead of watching TV does count.
8. No guessing or rounding off minutes. Please look at the clock or use a timer or stopwatch.
9. Please be honest so that it will be fair and fun for everyone! Your parents or teacher need to initial your form each day.
10. The last day to read for the school Readathon is October 19, 2018.
11. Make sure you bring your reading chart to school by October 24, 2018
12. No minutes will be counted after October 19, 2018

# Readathon Reading Chart

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Minutes Read	Rolling Total Minutes Read	Adult's Initials (Parent, Grandparent, Teacher)
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
	<b>Grand Total Minutes Read</b>		

# Readathon Request for Pledges

Dear friends,

We're so proud of \_\_\_\_\_!

Newport Heights Elementary school is doing a Readathon as a fundraiser.

\_\_\_\_\_ is going to read books for two weeks to help support the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which provides enhanced educational opportunities to the school.

The Readathon starts October 8<sup>th</sup> and ends October 19<sup>th</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_ told his/her teacher the number of minutes he/she hopes to read over the whole duration and is reaching out to family and friends to pledge a certain amount per-minute, or a set-amount for the entire time.

\_\_\_\_\_ hopes to read \_\_\_\_\_ minutes throughout the Readathon.

The goal is \$25,000 for the entire fundraiser and that's an average of \$50 per student. As an example, at six hours, or 360 minutes, a \$0.05 pledge would be a donation of \$18 to the Readathon, and a \$0.10 pledge would be a \$36 donation, etc. You can pledge any per-minute amount you want. You're also welcome to make a set-amount of \$50 or more.

The Readathon ends October 19, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_ is ready to read!

Thank you so much for your pledge. After the Readathon, we will contact you to let you know how many minutes were read.

# Readathon Sponsor Pledge Form

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade-Classroom \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of minutes read \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name	Phone/Email	Donation Per-Minute or Set-Amount	Total Due
e.g. John Smith	312-555-5555 or <a href="mailto:johnsmith@yahoo.com">johnsmith@yahoo.com</a>	(suggested \$0.05 - \$0.10 per minute, or \$50 or more for set-amount)	Per minute donation x total of all minutes read by deadline

## PTA Website URL

Cut and give to sponsors for their reference to pay their donation online

Thank you for supporting my school's Readathon	To make your donations payment online, go to <a href="http://www.nhe-pta.org">www.nhe-pta.org</a>
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## Additional Information

At school the Readathon will be supported in the following ways

1. On Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the students will be treated to a special assembly focused on reading.
2. Each morning the school will provide time for the students to read. After morning announcements, a “Drop Everything and Read” time will happen for about 5 minutes.
3. “Roaming Readers” will be going throughout the school for the duration of the readathon.
4. During lunches there will be a reader in the lunchroom.
5. A “guess how many books are in the library” contest will be going on during the readathon.

Prizes will be awarded to classes with the most amount of reading time logged **AS A CLASS**, during the duration of the readathon.

The tracking / logging for this will be done by the teachers and **IS SEPARATE** from the personal reading log the students will keep at home.

Thank you for your support!

# Read – Read Readathon