



MMS Read-A-Thon! March 3 at 3pm - March 12 at 8pm

2023 marks the 20th year that the Hull PTO has held fundraising Read-A-Thons in our schools! This year the Memorial Middle School Read-A-Thon has been carefully planned by a group of **Super Readers** from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Scarlett Arevalo, Ava Beaumier, Meghan Chiba, Julia Effinger, Colin English, Nelleh Huxtable, Maysea Lyons and Skylar Munzert, along with advisors, Mrs. Dillion, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Striglio and Ms. Hyde, met during several enrichment periods to create a theme for the event, plan Spirit Week activities, and come up with ideas for prizes. *Students will receive the complete rules and prize information before March 3 but here's a sneak peek:*

- One of the ideas that came out of these planning sessions: Kick off the Read-A-Thon with a **book swap!** All students were asked to bring in a book they enjoyed reading and wanted to share with a classmate. Mrs. Cappadona and Ms. Hyde hosted an after school book-wrapping party which was a great success. (See the photos on p. 2) On March 3 everyone at the MMS will get to pick a surprise book to take home to start the Read-A-Thon.
- The March Madness College Basketball Tournament inspired our theme for the week: **"Battle of the Books!"** Each grade came up with a list of 16 "Favorite Book" nominees to be voted on in knock-out rounds until just one grade level favorite is standing. Students that guess the winning book at the beginning of the tournament will be entered into a raffle to win a gift certificate for a book of their choice!
- To make the Hull PTO's 20th Anniversary Read-A-Thon even more spectacular, the Jacobs School and Memorial Middle School decided to work "Together" (the Jacobs School's *Word of the Year*) and set a fundraising goal of \$20,000.00. Pledges can be made online to any student from either school. Click [here](#) to find any student's pledge page or to get your student's pledge page started.
- Each English Class will have a class goal of reading 20 books. Classes that reach their goal will be rewarded!
- Each student will set their own personal reading and fundraising goals. Raffle tickets will be earned along the way for every 20 minutes read and/or \$20 pledged. There will be a daily reading check-in online.
- **Grand Prize for the Top Reader in the School: A Sailboat Ride!** Mr. Dan Sullivan (husband of retired 6th grade math teacher, Mrs. Sullivan) has donated a sail from Hull Yacht club to Boston Harbor on his beautiful boat.
- **First Prize for the Top Readers in each Grade: Townie Frozen Desserts Party for Four!** Ms. Robin Flint and Mr. Stephen Gore own this Hull business which specializes in homemade Vegan & Non-Dairy Ice Creams & Sorbets. (3 students will each get their own party pack)
- Various raffles for prizes including electronics, games, books, and gift certificates!

Read-A-Thon Spirit Week: March 6-10

How does one dress for a 20th Anniversary Read-A-Thon? An excellent question, my friend. Read on, for the answer!

Monday 3/6: Dress Like a Newspaper! ...black and white! (and red all over?)

Tuesday 3/7: Pajama Day! ...because a book and pj's go together!

Wednesday 3/8: Show Some Character! ...dress like a favorite literary character!

Thursday 3/9: Go Dark! ...dress like a villain or fairy tale character, or both!

Friday 3/10: Hull Spirit Day! ...dress like a pirate or wear your blue/gold!

MMS: Reminders & Important Dates

March 1 – School Council Meeting 6:30PM

March 3-12 – PTO 20th Annual Read-A-Thon

March 8 – Early Release Day dismissal 12:30

March 31 – Term 3 Ends

