

FALCON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Bird's Word

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

Special Announcement: Read-a-Thon has begun!



Read to Feed

Winter 2023 Read-a-thon

Wednesday 2/1/23 - Monday 2/13/23

year is Read to Feed, with a portion of our fundraising dollars being donated toward paying off student lunch debt right

here at Falcon Heights Elementary. You can find more information about the importance of school nutrition on the back of this page. How do you participate? Read! There is a minute calendar included with this letter. Set a reading goal for yourself, and track the number

of minutes read per day at home. Your teacher will keep track of minutes read at school. Can you read 250

- minutes? 500? 1000!? Donate! Per-minute donations, one-time donations, \$5 to \$1000! o See attached pledge form. Collect the money to be turned in on Tuesday 2/14.
- Have fun! Take part in the optional daily challenge on the calendar.
- We have a school wide goal of 80% participation!! No donation is too small, no amount of reading is too small! Please participate!!
- Kick-off date: Tuesday 2/1 Teachers and students will make a classroom poster to hang in the front hall. Spirit days:

Important dates

- o Friday 2/3 Cozy up with a book day wear PJs or your favorite cozy clothes to school o Thursday 2/9 - Read your shirt day
- Donations/reading log turn in: Tuesday 2/14 Closing assembly: Friday 2/17 - We're excited to welcome educators and performers from the Bakken Museum to lead two separate assemblies: one for K-2 and another for 3-6. We'll also celebrate our read-a-thon accomplishments and award the top fundraising classrooms and top readers.

Top reading classroom and top fundraising classroom - Popcorn party in the classroom!

Spicy pepper challenge Beat last year's school-wide reading minutes and Mrs. Behnke and Mr. Kruger will each eat a spicy hot pepper.

Participate in the read-a-thon - Earn a prize!

Students will need to read at least 700,000 minutes - let's meet this BIG challenge! <u>Prizes</u>

- Where does the money go?
 - Check out our PTA website for a complete breakdown of our budget and where our PTA dollars are spent.

Top 3 readers in each classroom and top reader in each grade - Voucher to use at the upcoming FHE book fair

o https://sites.google.com/view/fhpta/home

- The majority of our funds go to supporting school wide grants (iPads, Chrome books, TV, art supplies, flexible seating options) & field trips (Audubon, Valleyfair, MIA) with other student-minded fun sprinkled in throughout the year!

through the time they graduate from high school or leave the district. Debt incurred does not go away even if families eventually qualify for meal benefits.

Roseville Area Schools' policy is to feed all students, no matter their school meal balance.

Read to Feed - Why paying down student lunch debt is important:

To date, Roseville Area Schools has \$89,608.38 in debt. Falcon Heights Elementary alone is \$3,035.70 of this. Your contribution to the Read to Feed read-a-thon will help to reduce this burden for many of our FHE families.

School breakfast and lunch serves an important role in the lives of all of our students. The benefits are HUGE: Improved Academic Performance

Behavioral, emotional, mental health, and academic problems are more prevalent among children and

If there is no money in a student's account, debt will begin to accrue and families are held liable for all charges incurred

Children who skip breakfast are less able to master the tasks necessary to do well in school. Children who live in families that experience hunger have lower math scores, an increased likelihood of

repeating a grade, and receive more special education services.

adolescents struggling with hunger. Improved Children's Diets

Children participating in school meals are less likely to have nutrient inadequacies and are more likely to consume fruit, vegetables, and milk at breakfast and lunch. Studies have found that school meals positively impact health and obesity rates, and reduce food insecurity for children

and families.

It's not too late to fill out your family's Application for Educational Benefits. This application not only provides access to

meals at no cost, but also crucial funding to your child's school. A new application is needed each year.

Applications can be found online at https://family.titank12.com/application/new?lang=English (in 9 languages); paper copies are available at the District Center (in English, Spanish, Somali, & Hmong).

More info about the importance of school meals: https://frac.org/programs/national-school-lunch-program/benefits-school-lunch https://frac.org/programs/school-breakfast-program/benefits-school-breakfast

Falcon Heights Elementary School Winter 2023 Read-a-Thon

February 2023

Read-a-Thon

Minutes Read

begins!

Student Grade and Teacher:

Minutes Read

Read on a pile of pillows

Reading means: reading independently, being read to, and pre-readers looking at books

Friday

Cozy up with a book

PJs or cozy clothes

Ask your teacher about their favorite book

Read by flashlight

Please use this calendar to keep track of minutes read outside of school.

Read to Feed

Teacher Name:

				Read your shirt day!	No school today	
Minutes Read	Minutes Read	Minutes Read	Minutes Read	Minutes Read	Minutes Read	Minutes Rea
when you were younger	about their favorite book	animal	a yoga pose	their favorite book	the book upside down	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Final day of the	Students turn in	Tabulations:		Closing Assemblies	
	Read-a-Thon!	reading forms and donation envelopes	Total at home mir	nutes read		
Minutes Read	Minutes Read		Total at school mir	nutes read		
* Read in 3 or more different rooms/hallways	* Read with somone you love		Overall total minutes			
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Pledge

Teacher

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Donor's Name

16 17 Cash/Check Collected Total \$ *Please make all checks payable to Falcon Heights PTA.

Contact one of our cultural liaisons.

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Falcon Heights Read-A-Thon

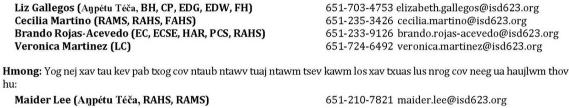
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choose 'Friends and Family.'

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Karen: နမ့ဉ်လိဉ်တၢမ႑စ႑သဉ်ဃးဇီးလံဉ်စိၤလဲ႞ၜိၤ,မ့တမ့ာ်တာ်စံးကတိၤသက်ိးတာ်ဇီးကွိၦ႑သဉ်မူဘဉ်ဇါဝံသးစူၤဆဲးကျုဘဉ်

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