

PROMOTE  
LITERACY  
AND  
READING!



# LAUREL READ·A·THON

PRESENTED BY

# MAGNOLIA STATE BANK

BENEFITTING  
IMAGINATION LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 16TH-MARCH 2ND

## WIN PRIZES!

All children who raise any amount: Read-A-Thon Button to celebrate their participation!

Children who raise over \$150: Read-A-Thon Superhero T-shirt

**OVERALL Reader & OVERALL Raiser:** Each gets a Kindle Kids and a gift card to Amazon to purchase kindle books, and a press conference celebrating your win!

**The Top Readers and Top Raisers AT EACH SCHOOL:** Exciting prize packages

**Teacher AND School HIGHEST AVERAGE NUMBER OF MINUTES READ:** A digital billboard celebrating your success!



# PARTICIPATING IN THE READ-A-THON

The READ-A-THON is an exciting chance for our school to support literacy! Children who participate earn money for Nurture Our Future by reading. They will have 2 weeks to read as many minutes possible and will get pledges from family, friends, neighbors or businesses by asking for support. Donors can either pledge a certain amount of money per minute of reading time (5 cents/minute), or make a flat donation in support of Imagination Library (\$15/child).

## WHAT TO DO:

Start recording your reading on **FEBRUARY 16th, 2022 until March 2nd, 2022.**

Please use the official reading log to keep track of your minutes.

Record the date when you read or were read to, the name of the book(s), and the time spent reading.

Ask your family, local businesses, friends, and neighbors to sponsor you!

Please return your completed reading log to your teacher on **MARCH 2nd, 2022.**

## RULES:

Please, no guessing or rounding off minutes. Use a timer or stopwatch to clock your time read!

**Remember that character counts: be honest with your minutes so that it is fair and fun for everyone.**

**Remember that your parents, grandparents, guardian or teacher needs to initial your reading log.**

- o Reading before and after school counts.
- o Accelerated Reader, assigned homework books or chapters counts.
- o Reading before or during class time counts if it is independent reading time.
- o Being read to by other people counts if you are in 2nd grade or below.
- o Reading before the official beginning of the Read-A-Thon does NOT count.

**EVERY \$25  
YOU RAISE**

buys books  
for a child  
for a whole year!

## HOW TO RAISE MONEY AND GET A READ-A-THON BADGE!

For our Laurel Community-Wide Read-A-Thon, we're using a web based fundraising system that makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online.

### ON PAPER:

- Record your pledges on the sheet.
- Collect checks made out to: Nurture Our Future with the memo: Your Name, School, Read-A-Thon. We prefer that you do not collect cash.
- Turn the checks into your teacher.

### ONLINE:

- Using your computer's browser type in this link OR using your phone's camera, scan this QR Code:

**<http://pledgestar.com/nurture>**



- Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event."
- Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit."
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register reader(s) and add family and friends.

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

**Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.**

## THE CAUSE: IMAGINATION LIBRARY & NURTURE OUR FUTURE

Country singer/songwriter Dolly Parton founded Imagination Library to provide new, engaging books to children every month from birth until their 5th birthday. A book is mailed directly to each child at their home, and is available FREE OF CHARGE to every child in a participating community. Since June 2021, children in Laurel and Jones County can enroll in this program. Imagination Library chooses and mails the books, and Nurture Our Future, a local nonprofit, covers the cost of the books for our community's children. Having books in a child's home is a major predictor of literacy and academic success, so your support will help us ensure that every child in our community learns to read!

**LEARN MORE AT [www.nurtureourfuture.org](http://www.nurtureourfuture.org)**



# READING LOG

CHILD'S NAME & TSHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUARDIAN CONTACT PHONE/EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE & TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE	BOOK TITLE	MINS READ	(GRAND) PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER SIGNATURE





# PLEDGE FORM

**CHILD'S NAME  
& TSHIRT SIZE**

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**SCHOOL NAME**

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**GRADE & TEACHER**

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