



Hello!

We will be holding the 14th annual Shepardson STEM Read-a-Thon on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023. We invite all of our students and their families to participate. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please read this entire packet as there is a lot of information in it.

What is Read-A-Thon?

- It's a chance for students, teachers, and staff to also submit what books they are reading or have read to them. The book titles will be added to "What We/I Are/Am Reading?" lists. (Remember to tell your family and friends what books you are reading). **Submit books online at <https://bit.ly/48A4xAE> or on the enclosed tracking sheet.** This year we are asking Kindergarten-2nd graders to submit 10 books and 3rd-5th graders to read 20 books. There will be a prize drawing for students that read the requested number of books for your grade level during the month of October! And a prize for the class with the most student participants!
- It's a chance for students and teachers to ask friends, neighbors, and family members for a monetary donation during the whole month of October.
- This year our BIG finale will be guest readers and an outdoor parade on Tuesday Oct 31st. We encourage students and teachers to dress as their favorite literary character and bring a book or a sign to let everyone know who that character is. (No scary masks or weapons allowed).

When does the fundraiser happen?

- Students read, record 10 or 20 books that they read, and ask for money donations for the **WHOLE month of October**
- All money/envelopes will be due on Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00AM to your teacher!

Why and how are we doing this?

- **This is our ONLY fundraiser for the FALL**
- Our goal is to raise **\$15,000** with all of the money going to Shepardson. **If every student and teacher gathers \$35.00 in pledges, we will easily reach our goal!**
- Any additional money raised will go towards any additional items the school needs help with this 2023 -2024 school year.
- Your sponsors can give you Cash or Check. Checks need to be made out to Shepardson PTO
- For a Credit Card Donation, PayPal or VENMO? Go to <http://shepardsonpto.weebly.com>
- Need a paper receipt? Forms can be found on the Read-A-Thon section of the Shepardson PTO Website

This is a wonderful event that raises funds to benefit every student and teacher in Shepardson. We truly appreciate all of the support that the Shepardson community provides for students and staff.

Thank you for your contribution!



Questions? Please contact Heidi Habbinga, Read-A-Thon Chair, at shepardsonpto@gmail.com