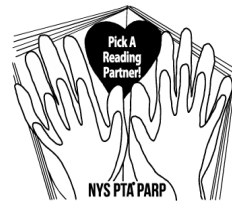




# Travel the World Through Books

## East Lake Elementary School PTA 2019 Pick A Reading Partner



Dear Parents,

Once again East Lake students will be participating in **PARP, Pick a Reading Partner** program. The PARP program encourages adults to spend time reading with their children. Just **15 minutes** a day will help them build their vocabulary, improve comprehension, and allow your children to expand their imagination.

This year's theme for PARP, "**Travel the World Through Books,**" is a journey through reading. The program will take flight on **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to keep an eye out for 2 very special guests welcoming the students aboard our kick-off celebration that morning.

This year, the students of each class will earn miles for participation and help their grade earn miles for the map on our display board.

Each class will vote on their grand prize. The most votes from the grade wins. It may be a homework pass, an extra recess, or the ability to choose their physical education activity. The goal for the grade is to get 100% participation. If everyone in the class fulfills their pledge to read at least 15 minutes for a minimum of 5 days and returns their log each week, the class will earn 100 participation miles. Earn extra participation miles by completing any or all of the Bonus PARP Activities. The progress of each grade will be recorded on the Tally Board with each grade represented by their respective continents. The PARP program will run for 3 weeks. A prize will be awarded the first and second weeks for the grades in the lead with the most "miles," and will culminate on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, with the announcement of the Grand Prize winning grade the Monday following winter recess (February 25<sup>th</sup>).

### **PARP ACTIVITIES:**

**PARP Kick-off Event:** On **Friday, January 25th** students and their reading partners are invited to come to East Lake between **6:00 and 8:00 pm** to participate in the first-ever PARP evening kick-off. Attendees will receive a train ticket and visit different stops to do activities with one another to earn stickers on their ticket. The book swap will also take place as part of this evening event, so students are encouraged to bring a book and donate it upon signing in. Before leaving, students can pick out a new book from the book swap area. *Earn 10 PARP Participation Miles for everyone in your grade who participates in the kick-off.*

**The Student/Parent Contract:** This should be signed and returned to school either at the kick-off event on January 25th or given to your child's classroom teacher by Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. *Earn 1 Bonus PARP Participation Mile for your class.*

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**The Reading Logs:** Located in your passport this year, reading logs should be filled out, signed and returned to school each Friday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Students should bring their passport to school each Friday so they can show the completed reading log page to their teacher and receive a sticker in the passport, indicating they've received reading credit for PARP that week. *Earn 10 PARP Participation Miles each week for your grade when your child brings in their completed reading passport.*

**Visit The Massapequa Public Library at Central Avenue or Bar Harbour:** Visit the library with your child and ask for a raffle ticket from the children's librarian when checking out a book. Fill out the raffle ticket and bring it to your teacher by February 15<sup>th</sup> and your child's grade earns *1 Bonus Participation Mile PLUS your child will be entered to win a PARP raffle basket.*

**Barnes and Noble Night:** Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Sunrise Highway in Massapequa is hosting a book sale. Purchase any books online or in the store on **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** using the code found on the enclosed "Airline Ticket," and our school could earn up to 25% of your purchase. Between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm there will be mystery readers, raffles and activities. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Visit, sign in and your child's grade earns *1 Bonus Participation Mile.*

**PARP Selfies:** Throughout PARP, submit selfies of you and your child enjoying PARP activities together to [EastLakePARP@yahoo.com](mailto:EastLakePARP@yahoo.com). Make sure you include your child's name and grade. We will be using your photos on the PTA Website and Facebook page (unless you request we not use them when you submit them). *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation Mile for every selfie activity you submit.*

**PARP Bookmarks:** Earlier this month, students received a handout to create a "Travel the World Through Books," bookmark. They should have returned it to their teacher by January 16<sup>th</sup>. Four bookmarks will be selected to be made into prizes for each of the students in the grades that lead PARP at the end of weeks 1 and 2. (1 from grades K-2 and 1 from grades 3-5 each week). *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation Mile for every bookmark submitted.*

***\*See the attached "East Lake PARP Itinerary" for a quick reference of everything stated above.***

We are excited to see all of our students participate in our PARP Program 2019. Please encourage your family to read together.

Thank you,

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