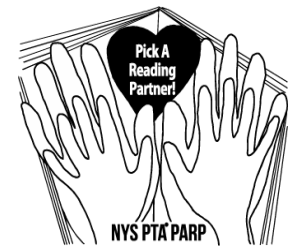




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## East Lake Elementary School PTA 2024 Pick A Reading Partner



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, "**Take a Journey Through Reading: Reading gives us Someplace to Go when we have to Stay where we are**", will kick off on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> with a visit and book signing from author, Dan Yaccarino.

This year, the students of each class will earn points for participation and help their grade earn points. Each GRADE has been assigned a mythical land from well-known books. The grade breakdown is as follows:

Hundred Acre Woods-Winnie the Pooh	Kindergarten (Mrs. Findlay's class)
Neverland- Peter Pan	First (Mrs. Gottlieb's class)
Wonderland- Alice in Wonderland	Second (Mrs. Sicignano's class)
Hogwarts- Harry Potter	Third
The Land of OZ - Wizard of OZ	Fourth
Narnia-The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe	Fifth (Including Mrs. Calvello's & Mrs. Guarini's class)

**QR Code and PARP Materials:** On the first day of PARP, students will receive a Postcard containing a QR code, and a compass with a mythical land map attached. The code is the only thing your child needs to participate in PARP! All materials will be found on the East Lake PTA website, which can be accessed through the QR code.

**How to Earn Points and Raffle Tickets During PARP:** As students participate in PARP activities, they will either earn points for their grade or receive a raffle ticket by visiting the public library.

Points can be earned by:

1. Signing & completing virtual reading contracts on the first day of PARP.
2. Completing the virtual reading logs each week.
3. Participating in one or all activities and events
  - Bring your compass and map to school.
  - Design a bookmark.
  - Fantasy MadLibs
  - Attending East Lake's book fair
  - Donating books to Book Fairies
  - Fairy Tale Puzzle
  - Fantasy Land themed dress up day
  - Super silly Valentine's joke contest.
  - Barnes & Noble secret reader event
4. Increased participation during library class with Ms. Schwen
5. Completing a short book report on books read throughout the two weeks.

The winning grades will be announced at the end of PARP (Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>) and raffles will be completed throughout the two weeks.

### PARP ACTIVITIES:

**Bring your Compass and Map to School:** Wear your Compass and/or Map to school throughout PARP. *Earn 1 Bonus Raffle Tickets from your teacher.*

**The Student/Parent Contract:** This virtual contract should be "signed" by **Monday February 5th.** *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**PARP Bookmarks:** Students received a handout to create a “**Reading Journey,**” bookmark. They should return their decorated, cut out bookmark to their teacher by **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Bookmarks will be voted on by peers and the winning design will be made into prizes. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Fantasy Land MadLibs:** Complete & Submit Fantasy Land MadLibs to their teachers by **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Book Fair:** *Separate flyer will go out with details. Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class with a book donation to Book Fairies.*

**Fairytale Puzzle:** Complete Fairytale Puzzle by **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Dress Up Day:** On **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** Dress like a character from your assigned fantasy land. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.* Earn additional points if your child wears their costume to the evening Book Fair and Book Faires collection.

**Valentine’s Day Super Silly Joke contest:** Complete & submit your super silly Valentine’s day joke to the PTA Valentine’s Day box (Located by the PTA bulletin board) by **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Barnes and Noble Secret reader night:** Stop by Barnes & Noble **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** anytime from 4PM – 7PM and listen to various East Lake secret readers. Make sure to sign in at the PTA table upon arrival. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Visit The Massapequa Public Library at Central Avenue or Bar Harbour:** Visit the library with your child and ask for an *East Lake raffle ticket* when checking out a book. Return it to your classroom teacher to be included with the PARP raffles.

**The Reading Logs:** These virtual logs should be completed at the end of each week - **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>**. *Earn up to 100 Participation Points each week if everyone in your grade returns their completed reading log.*

**Book Report (Optional):** Submit up to 5 book reports per week on 2/9 and 2/15. Book Report templates for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 have been provided.

***A quick glance of all this information can be found on the PARP 2024 Calendar, also located on the PARP page on the East Lake PTA website, [www.eastlakepta.org](http://www.eastlakepta.org)***

We are excited to see all of our students participate in our 2024 PARP Program and look forward to showing our children that reading is great!!!

Thank you,

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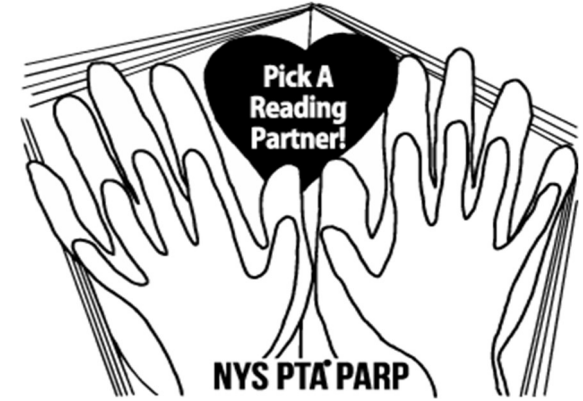
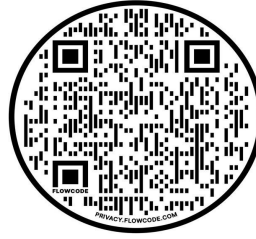
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<p><b>Monday 2/5</b></p> <p>PARP Kickoff – Author In Residence Dan Yaccarino</p> <p>PARP Contract Due</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 2/6</b></p> <p>PARP Bookmark Due</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 2/7</b></p> <p>Book Fair Day 1</p> <p>Fantasy Libs Due</p>	<p><b>Thursday 2/8</b></p> <p>Dress Up Day – Dress For Your Journey</p> <p>Book Fair Day 2</p> <p>Evening Book Fair &amp; Book Fairies Collection 5pm-7pm</p>	<p><b>Friday 2/9</b></p> <p>Fairy Tale Puzzle Due</p> <p>Week 1 Reading Log Due</p> <p>Week 1 Book Reports Due</p>
<p><b>Monday 2/12</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 2/13</b></p> <p>Barnes &amp; Noble Secret Reader Night 4pm-7pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 2/14</b></p> <p>Super Silly Valentine's Joke Contest</p>	<p><b>Thursday 2/15</b></p> <p>Week 2 Book Reports Due</p>	<p><b>Friday 2/16</b></p> <p>PARP Ends – Raffle Prizes &amp; Bookmark Winners Announced</p> <p>Week 2 Reading Log Due</p>



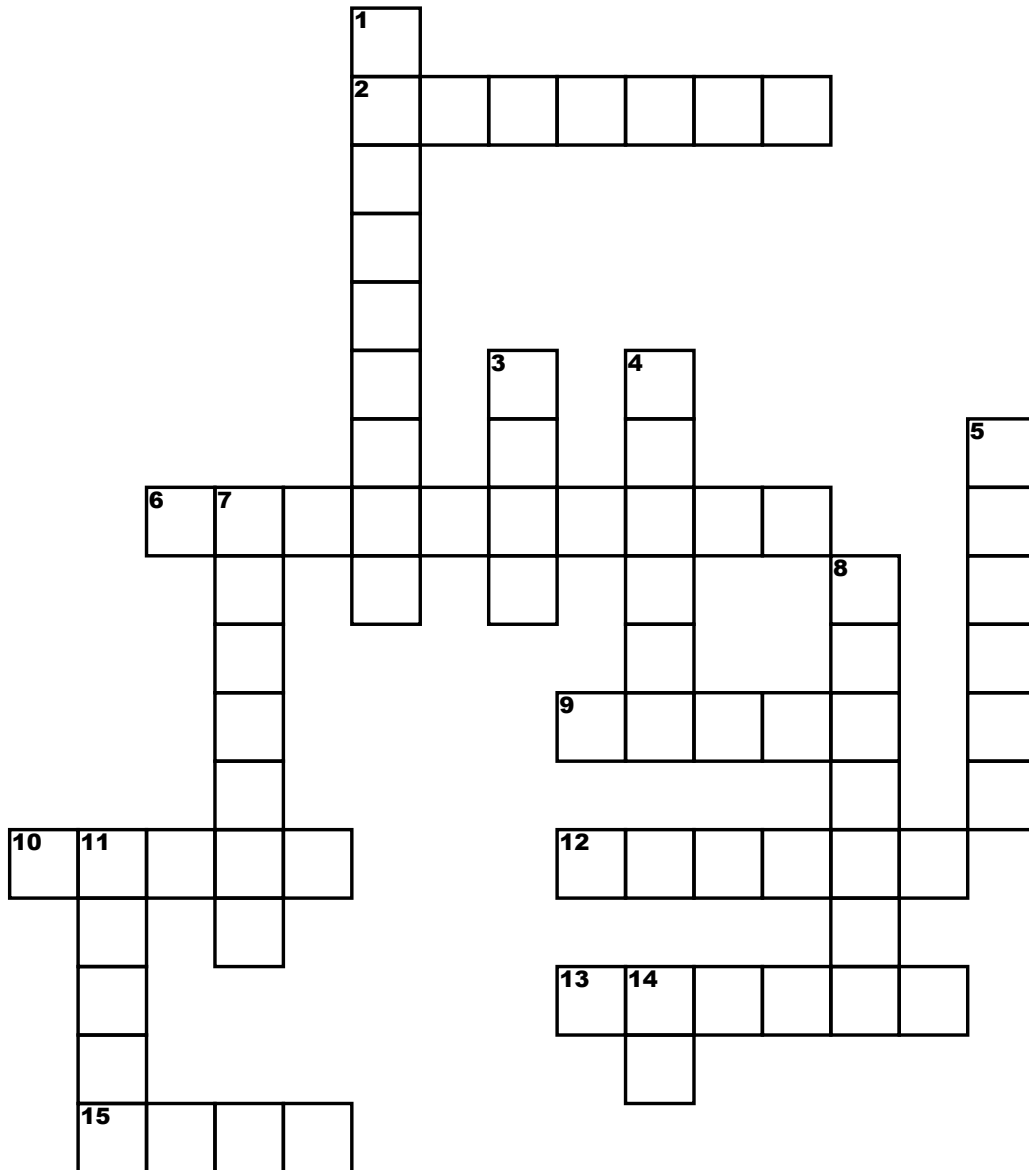
# EAST LAKE FANTASY LIBS

Once upon a time, in the magical land of East Lake, there lived a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective fantasy creature #1  
named \_\_\_\_\_ . One day, \_\_\_\_\_ decided to go on an adventure to find  
name same name  
the most \_\_\_\_\_ in all of East Lake. After walking for hours, \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective #1 animal #1 same name  
stumbled upon a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ . Inside the \_\_\_\_\_ , the  
adjective place same place  
\_\_\_\_\_ found a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ . Excitedly,  
fantasy creature #1 adjective color noun  
\_\_\_\_\_ picked up the \_\_\_\_\_ and it started to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
same name same noun verb  
Suddenly, \_\_\_\_\_ heard a loud \_\_\_\_\_ coming from behind a tree. Cautiously,  
same name type of sound  
\_\_\_\_\_ approached the tree and found a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ who  
same name adjective animal #2  
was stuck in a trap. Then, the \_\_\_\_\_ started to \_\_\_\_\_ and was able to free  
same noun verb  
the \_\_\_\_\_ . In gratitude, the \_\_\_\_\_ offered to help \_\_\_\_\_  
animal #2 animal #2 same name  
find the most \_\_\_\_\_ in East Lake. Together, they searched high and low  
adjective #1 animal #1  
until they found the \_\_\_\_\_ . And that's how the \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective #1 animal #1 fantasy creature #1  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ became the best of friends and lived happily ever after in the magical land of  
animal #2  
East Lake.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Wizard of Oz



## **Across**

- 2.** what does the cowardly lion ask for
- 6.** what did the wizard tell Dorothy and her friends to bring to him
- 9.** what does Dorothy throw on the Wicked Witch of the West
- 10.** how many times does Dorothy have to click her slippers to return home

**12.** what state did Dorothy live in

**13.** what color was the path Dorothy walked on

**15.** what's the name of Dorothy's dog

## **Down**

**1.** Who asks for a brain

**3.** Dorothy's house landed on the Wicked Witch of the \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** What is the name of the good witch

**5.** who leaves Oz in a hot air balloon

**7.** what color are Dorothy's slippers

**8.** what picked up Dorothy's house and brought it to Oz

**11.** What does the Scarecrow ask for

**14.** what's the name of Dorothy's aunt



**Happy Valentine's Day**  
**PARP 2024**  
**Super Silly Joke Contest**

**Submit Your Super Silly Joke to**  
**The PTA Valentine's Day Box**  
**(located by the PTA bulletin board)**  
**For a Chance to Win a Raffle Prize**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Super Silly Joke**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Book Report

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the main character? Give 3 traits to describe the character.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Short Summary:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What was the best part of the book?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Write a different ending for the story!

Rating

★ ★ ★

# Secret Reader at Barnes & Noble

## February 13, 2024 4pm-7pm

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Come on down to Massapequa Park Barnes & Noble tonight and listen to your teachers and some former East Lake students read their favorite books.

Visit the sign in table upon arrival for extra raffle tickets and coupons to The Paper Store on behalf of the East Lake PTA.

Enjoy dinner at Phil's 2 Pizza for 10% off your bill on dine in or take out orders from 3pm – 9pm. Just mention the East Lake PTA.