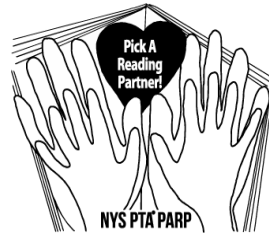




East Lake Elementary School PTA 2026 Pick A Reading Partner



Dear East Lake Families,

Once again East Lake students will be participating in **PARP, Pick a Reading Partner** program. The PARP program encourages children to pick a partner (Parent, Grandparent, Sibling, Cousin, Babysitter or Friend) to read just **20 minutes** a day. This will help them build their vocabulary, improve comprehension, and allow children to expand their imagination.

This year's theme for PARP, "**Open a Book, Open the World: East Lake reads around the world!**", will kick off on **Monday, February 2nd** with a visit and book signing from author Jen Calonita.

Each GRADE has been assigned a different continent. The grade breakdown is as follows:

Kindergarten (Including Mrs. Findlay & Mrs. Gottlieb Classes): **North America**

1st Grade: **South America**

2nd & 3rd Grade (Including Mrs. Sicignano, Mr. Driscoll, Mrs. Guarini): **Asia**

4th Grade: **Europe**

5th Grade (Including Mrs. Calvello): **Africa**

QR Code and PARP Materials: On **Thursday, January 29th** students will receive a "Travel Bag" containing a passport book, QR code, postcard, and PARP sticker. The QR 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.

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:
 - Wear your PARP "Open a Book, Open the World Sticker" on **Monday, February 2nd**
 - Complete Reading Postcard
 - Reading Puzzle
 - Design a bookmark
 - Attend East Lake's book fair
 - Donate books to Book Fairies
 - Attend East Lake Secret Reader Night
 - Dress Up Day - "*Adventure Around the World*" Dress as an explorer, adventurer, traveler, or tourist
 - Book Reports
 - Family Bingo Game Night
 - Super Silly Valentines Joke Contest
 - Visiting the public library (Central Ave and/or Bar Harbour)
 - Increased participation during library class with Ms. Schwen

Students can place their raffle tickets in the grade appropriate boxes on the Lost and Found Table. Boxes will be clearly labeled with each grade.

The winning grades will be announced at the end of PARP (**Friday, February 13th**) and raffles will be drawn throughout the two weeks.

PARP ACTIVITIES:

Wear your PARP reading sticker: Wear your PARP sticker to school on **Monday, February 2nd**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

The Student/Parent Contract: This virtual contract should be “signed” by **Monday, February 2nd**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

Reading Puzzles: Complete & Submit Reading Puzzles to their teachers by **Tuesday, February 3rd**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

PARP Bookmarks: Students received a handout to design your PARP Bookmark (*Bonus Points if you tie in your grade assigned continent). They should return their decorated, cut out bookmark to their teacher by **Wednesday, February 4th**. Bookmarks will be voted on by peers and the winning design will be made into prizes. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

Send a Postcard: Students will send a postcard to a teacher or staff member with a special message. Postcards are due by **Tuesday, February 3rd**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class.*

Evening Book Fair: *Separate flyer will go home with details. Earn 1 PARP raffle ticket for attending - Bonus raffle ticket for a donation to Book Fairies.*

East Lake Secret Reader night: Stop by the East Lake General Purpose Room on **Thursday, February 5th** anytime from 5pm-7pm and listen to various East Lake secret readers. Make sure to sign in at the PTA table upon arrival. *Earn 1 PARP raffle ticket for attending.*

Dress Up Day: **Friday, February 6th** "Adventure Around the World" - Dress as an explorer, adventurer, or tourist. *Earn 1 PARP Participation Point for your class. Earn an additional 1 raffle ticket if your child wears their costume to Family Bingo Night.*

The Reading Logs: These virtual logs should be completed at the end of each week - **Friday, February 6th and February 13th**. *Earn 1 PARP Participation point for your class.*

Book Report: Submit up to 5 book reports per week on **Friday, February 6th and Thursday, February 12th**. Book Report templates for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 have been provided. *Earn 1 PARP Participation point for your class for each book report you submit.*

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 **Tuesday, February 10th**. *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.

A quick glance of all this information can be found on the PARP 2026 Calendar, also located on the PARP page on the East Lake PTA website, www.eastlakepta.org

We are hopeful that all students and families will participate in our exciting PARP events and activities. If your family needs assistance with any of the programs, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of the PARP Co-chairs, and support will be provided.

We are excited to see all of our students participate in our 2026 PARP Program and look forward to showing our children how when you open a book, you open the world!

Thank you,

Co-Chairs East Lake PTA PARP Committee

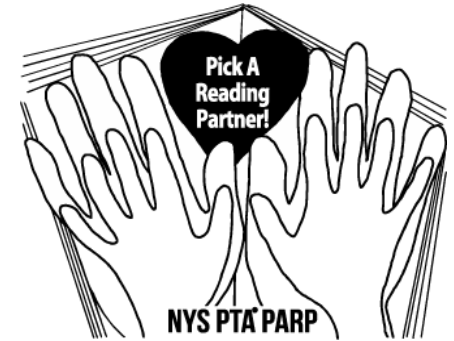
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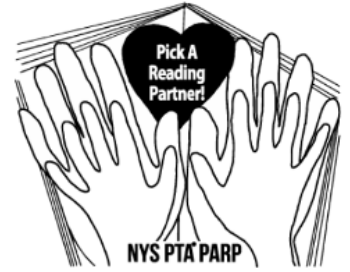


**East Lake Elementary School PTA
2026 Pick a Reading Partner
Student Activity Schedule**

Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5	Friday 2/6
PARP Kickoff – Author In Residence Jen Calonita Reading Contract Due (Digital)	Post Cards Due Reading Puzzle Due	Book Fair Day 1 PARP Bookmark Due	Book Fair Day 2 After School: Evening Book Fair Book Fairies Collection Secret Reader 5pm-7pm East Lake GP Room	Dress-Up Day - "Adventure Around the World" Dress as an explorer, adventurer, or tourist Week 1 Reading Log Due (Digital) Week 1 Book Reports Due Family Bingo Night - Berner Cafeteria
Monday 2/9	Tuesday 2/10	Wednesday 2/11	Thursday 2/12	Friday 2/13
	Super Silly Valentine's Joke Contest		Week 2 Book Reports Due Week 2 Reading Log Due (Digital)	PARP Ends – Raffle Prizes & Bookmark Winners Announced



Greetings from East Lake!



Dear Students & Families,

As part of our PARP celebration at East Lake Elementary, students will be using the postcard they received in their PARP Kickoff bag to send a special message to a teacher or staff member!

This activity connects to our PARP theme, **“Open a Book, Open the World,”** and encourages students to share how reading helps them explore new ideas, characters, and adventures.

What to Do:

- 1. Choose a teacher or staff member**
(Teacher, aide, counselor, librarian, principal, custodian, etc.)
- 2. On the postcard, write OR draw a message about:**
 - Your favorite book
 - A favorite book character
 - Why you love reading
 - A book you recommend
 - A place you would like to visit based on a book you read (fictional or real)
 - Or anything you would like to share about reading!
- 3. Be creative! You can:**
 - Write a short note
 - Draw a picture
 - Or do both!

Please return the completed postcard by **Tuesday, February 3rd** to your **classroom teacher.**

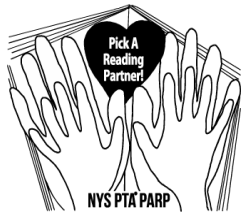
Thank you for supporting reading at home and helping us celebrate the joy of books!

East Lake Elementary PARP Committee

Name: _____ Teacher & Grade: _____



PARP WORD SEARCH



Countries Around the World

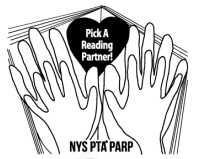
Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘



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| ANTARCTICA | FRANCE | NEW ZEALAND |
| ARGENTINA | GERMANY | PERU |
| AUSTRALIA | INDIA | SOUTH AFRICA |
| BRAZIL | ITALY | SOUTH KOREA |
| CANADA | JAPAN | SPAIN |
| CHINA | KENYA | UNITED STATES |
| EGYPT | MEXICO | |



Name: _____ Teacher & Grade _____



Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Book Rating



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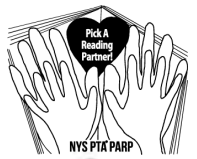
Describe the setting of the story.

What was your favorite part of the book?

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



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Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Book Rating



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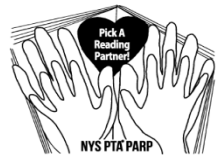
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Name: _____ Teacher & Grade: _____



Non-Fiction Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Topic
Who or what was your book about?

3 - 5 Facts I Learned...

1. _____

2. _____

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4. _____

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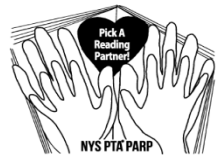
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2 - 3 New Words I Learned...

A question I still have is...



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Happy Valentine's Day
PARP 2026
Super Silly Joke Contest

Name _____

Teacher & Grade _____

Super Silly Joke
