



**13th Annual
READ-A-THON
Redwood Shores
Elementary 5th graders
January 15 –
February 5, 2016**



Get Ready...Get Set...FIRE UP WITH READING!

INSTRUCTIONS

January 15

Look through your Reading Power packet which contains a reading log, pledge form and instructions.

Want more info?

See back for Reading Power FAQs.

Jan. 15 – 22/Jan. 30 – Feb. 5

Log the minutes you spend reading every day. Ask a friend, neighbor or family member to sponsor you by donating money for the time you spend reading. The money you raise will help fund valuable programs at our schools.

February 6 – February 9

Tally up your reading log, collect your donations, attach your online donation list to your pledge form and return them to your teacher or school office.

TRACKING YOUR PROGRESS

Bring you reading logs to school on the days designated by your school's Reading Power Chairperson.

- For every 100 minutes, you'll earn scales to build the dragon.
- Special prizes will be awarded to members of the 1000 minute club.

PRIZES

For students/classes that turn in a Reading Power Packet with at least one donation, you will be eligible to win:

- Gift Cards
- Books
- Jumping Party
- And so much more!

Your contribution makes a big difference to our schools!

Did you know...

If every student generates \$150 in donations (that's only three \$50 pledges), we will raise over \$550,000, which will be used to help fund valuable programs in our schools.

READING POWER is a **School-Force** fundraising program. School-Force is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization committed to maintaining and improving quality education in the seven public schools of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District. For more information, contact the Reading Power Chairperson at your school.

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Reading Power FAQs

What is Reading Power?

Now in its 13th year, the Reading Power Read-A-Thon is a fun two-week event that encourages the love of reading and directly involves all students in the District in fundraising for our schools. Students log the amount of time they read and collect pledges from friends and extended family to raise money for School-Force, the Belmont-Redwood Shores Public Schools Foundation.

When is Reading Power?

13th Annual Reading Power Read-A-Thon runs from: January 15 to February 5, 2016 for Redwood Shores 5th graders. Reading log dates are modified to accommodate for Outdoor Education schedule.

How does it work?

The Read-A-Thon Packet which includes reading log, pledge form and instruction flyer will be distributed to students in a large white envelope on first day of the event, January 15. Students record the amount of time they spend reading on their Reading Power reading log each day during the campaign. (Kindergarteners and first graders can count the amount of time they are read to in their totals.) During the two week event, students are encouraged to ask friends, neighbors and extended family to make a pledge for their reading efforts. The Reading Power packets (reading logs, pledge forms and donations) are due by February 9, 2016.

How exactly does my child earn scales?

Parent/guardians should initial each line of your child's reading log. Your child brings his or her reading log to school to claim paper scales, stars and tails. For every 100 minutes read, students earn one scale to add to the display. Each school has different dates and times for distributing scales, tails and stars, so stay tuned for more instructions from the Reading Power Chair at your school.

Are there prizes for participating?

Yes. The class with the highest participation wins a party. The Top Class Reader and Top Fundraisers also win a prize. Also, 1000-Minute Club members will earn a prize at an awards ceremony at the end of the campaign. Remember to be eligible for prizes, students must turn in a completed Reading Power packet by the February 9th deadline.

What is the 1,000 Minute Club?

Students who read 1,000 minutes or more during the Reading Power Read-A-Thon and turn in the Reading Power packet on time make it into the 1000-Minute Club. 1000-Minute Club members will earn a prize at an awards ceremony at the end of the campaign.

How can our friends and family sponsor my child?

Sponsors can pledge either a flat amount or donate by number of minutes read by writing a check payable to "**School-Force**" or donating online at www.schoolforce.org/donate. Online donations are strongly encouraged, particularly using an electronic check or ACH which reduces the fees that are charged. Donors will receive a donation confirmation immediately when donating online. Families with more than one child in the district are encouraged to submit one check per household.

Is a Reading Power donation different than my annual School-Force donation?

Yes. While we welcome all donations, School-Force encourages parents and students to use Reading Power as a way to get grandparents, neighbors and extended family to make a pledge for the students' reading efforts and help our schools financially. Many friends and family find this is the perfect way to encourage your child's academic success and also show they care by supporting your child's school. Parents and guardians should still make their suggested donation of \$1500 per child (or as much as they can afford) during the **School-Force** Annual Giving Campaign.

How much does Reading Power raise for our schools?

Last year, Belmont-Redwood Shores students read over 2.8 million minutes and raised over \$285,000 for School-Force! Those funds are helping to support class size reduction, libraries, music, reading specialists and many other programs this year.

For more information, contact your school's Reading Power Chairperson or email readingpowerchair@schoolforce.org



