



CAMP OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK!

Babylon K-6 PTA | Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) 2023 | Babylon Elementary School

Dear BES Parents,

March is going to be a very exciting month full of reading at BES! The 2023 New York State Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program asks a partner (parent, grandparent, babysitter, older sibling, cousin, friend, etc.) to read with a child daily, highlighting the ideas that reading can be fun and informative. The program at BES will run from 03/01/2023-03/31/2023.

- The month-long celebration of reading will kick-off with a video montage of submitted pictures showing BES community members reading.
- Minutes read throughout the month will be calculated via a weekly log sheet. Collected minutes will be reflected in the lobby display, so students can see their progress by earning class marshmallows and S'mores.
- Weekly raffles will be drawn during morning announcements with theme-based prizes. When students submit their weekly reading minutes and meet their reading goal, they will be entered into the next week's raffle drawing.
- Surprise literary characters will be visiting the school each week.
- BOOK DRIVE to benefit BOOK FAIRIES: Donate gently used books to those in need (See flyer for info).
- Ariel Zylberberg, author of children's book *Neela's Reflection*, will be visiting BES on Tuesday, March 21st. Personalized autographed versions of the book will be available for purchase via an order form or the online PTA store @ www.babylonk6pta.memberhub.com
- A virtual library will be set up on Microsoft Teams that can be accessed from the classroom and home.
- A Scholastic Book Fair will take place at BES the week of March 13th
- Family Night at BES on Tuesday, March 14-more information to come
- Spirit Days:
 - Monday, March 27th: **We're so Plaid to Read**: Wear a Flannel
 - Tuesday, March 28th: **Read a Shirt Day**: Wear a shirt with letters or words on it.
 - Wednesday, March 29th: **Wear Your Class Shirt**
 - Thursday, March 30th: **Cozy up and Read**: Wear your PJs or a cozy outfit.
 - Friday, March 31st: **Black and Orange Day**: Wear your Babylon gear or Black and Orange gear
- The first ever "Read Around Town" event will take place in our beautiful village with participation from shops and restaurants on Sunday, March 26th, 2023.
- The program will culminate on March 31st with an End of PARP Dance Party. The class from each grade level that collects the most reading minutes throughout the month will pick a song to be included in the dance party music mix!

Happy Reading!

