

“Travel the World in a Book”

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



Dear Babylon Grade School Parents,

March is going to be a very exciting month of reading fun at BMGS! The 2023 NYS PTA Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program puts the spotlight on “Travel the World in a Book.” The program will run throughout March and incorporates both at-school and at-home elements. **CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR (attached)!**

Parents: Here’s Your Part...

- 1. Read together at home. Reading Tally Contest:** Every 20 minutes of reading with a partner = one raffle entry. We are asking students to please log minutes into the following google drive link:
<https://forms.gle/Vty4HRHgdezv2Vqz7>
You can enter the minutes as often as you like but please submit by **Friday 6pm each week** to enter the Monday weekly drawing. All raffle entries will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. Even if you forget to enter every week, you can still submit for the **Final Submission** of **ALL** minutes by **Thursday, March 30th 6pm** for the **Final Grand Drawing** on **Friday, March 31st**.
- 2. BOOK DRIVE to benefit BOOK FAIRIES:** Donate gently used books to those in need (See flyer for info).
- 3. Visit the Babylon Public Library.** Check out books from around the WORLD. Submit a photo to babylonptaparp@gmail.com with one of our favorite librarians with your book(s) for a bonus Grand Drawing raffle entry. (All photos submitted may be used on Babylon K-6 PTA social media)
- 4. Shop Scholastic Book Fair:** More details to follow.
- 5. Family Night at BES:** Tuesday, March 14th – More details to follow.

For the Month of March 2023, Spirit Days are planned as follows (Please see attached calendar):

- **A Place in the World: Fri, March 3rd** – Wear a shirt or hat with a place in the world written on it.
- **Share where you want to travel: Wed, March 8th** – Wear the continent’s color. – **AFRICA: red, ANTARCTICA: orange, ASIA: yellow, AUSTRALIA: green, EUROPE: blue, NORTH AMERICA: purple, SOUTH AMERICA: white**
- **Lucky Leprechaun Day: Fri, March 17th** – Wear **GREEN** or your lucky color.
- **Read a Shirt Day in honor of Mrs. Ratto: Wed, March 22nd** – Wear a shirt with words on it.
- **We Are So Plaid to Read: Mon, March 27th** – Wear plaid.
- **Vacation Day: Tues, March 28th** – Dress up like tourists.
- **Wacky Wednesday: Wed, March 29th** – Wear clothes backward, inside out, or mismatched!
- **Reading Under the Stars: Thurs, March 30th** – Wear your PJs!
- **There’s No Place Like Home: Fri, March 31st** – Wear Babylon gear or **black & orange!**

Happy Reading! PARP Committee Members: Karen Davila, Anne Lotito-Schuh & Angela Campagna