

GARFIELD READ-A-THON:

HOW DOES THIS WORK?!

Thank you so much for supporting your child(ren) and Garfield School by participating in this Read-A-Thon! We hope that this month-long immersion in books will foster a lifelong love of reading in our kids and also generate some funds to support all of the activities, resources, and events that make Garfield so wonderful. Here are a few points to try to make this experience as user-friendly as possible:

- **Get sponsors!** Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they'd like to support your kids and school. Folks can make flat donations (e.g., \$20) or sponsor by the minute (e.g., \$0.05/minute). FYI: Each kid will likely read 660 minutes at school (30 minutes per weekday in March), plus any time read at home.
 - All donations are tax-deductible (Garfield School Federal Tax ID#: 96-6002186).
- **If using the 99Pledges** (<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/garfieldreads2024>) online platform to collect sponsorships:
 - At school, students have a reading log in their classroom where they (with teacher supervision) keep track of minutes read in class. On Monday, April 1st (The day after the Read-A-Thon ends), the Booster Club will collect these school logs and enter each kid's minutes into 99Pledges.
 - At home, students have a separate reading log where they (with parent involvement) keep track of minutes read at home (weekends are fair game!).
 - Use the "private management link" 99Pledges emailed to you to access your account, find the "Track" tab, and input minutes read. You can input minutes as frequently (e.g., daily) or infrequently (e.g., all on the last day 3/31) as you'd like. If you enter the minutes yourself, there is no need to turn in the home reading log to Garfield at the end of the Read-A-Thon.
 - **Unintuitively, DO NOT hit the "Accept Tracked" button until you are ready to submit your minutes on 3/31.**
 - Alternatively, if you don't want to deal with entering minutes on 99Pledges, you can turn in your home reading log after 3/31 to your kid's classroom and Booster Club will enter the minutes into 99Pledges for you.
 - At the end of the Read-A-Thon, all pledges will be automatically paid and sent to Garfield; no fuss on your end.

- **If using paper Pledge Sheets** (in folder) to collect sponsorships:
 - At school, students have a reading log in their classroom where they (with teacher supervision) will keep track of minutes read in class. On 3/31 (the last day of the Read-A-Thon), the Booster Club will collect these school logs, tally a total for each kid, and email this number to parents so that you can report to sponsors.
 - At home, students have a separate reading log where they (with parent involvement) keep track of minutes read at home (weekends are fair game!).
 - At the end of the Read-A-Thon, you'll need to report the total number of minutes read to each sponsor and collect a check to turn in to Garfield School or use Venmo (@Garfield-Booster-22).
 - If you didn't sign up but would like to use 99Pledges, you can email the Booster Club (gsdboosterclub@gmail.com) and we will set up an account for your kid; or, you can use the "Add participant" link on the lower left of the fundraiser website and add an account for your kid yourself.

We hope the above points help you easily navigate the Read-A-Thon! Let us know if you have any further questions (gsdboosterclub@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

The Booster Club