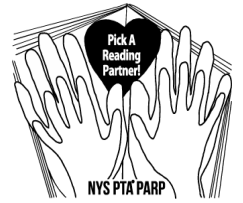




# Reading Through the Seasons

## East Lake Elementary School PTA

### 2021 Pick A Reading Partner



Dear Parents,

Once again East Lake students will be participating in **PARP, Pick a Reading Partner** program. The PARP program encourages adults to spend time reading with their children. Just **15 minutes** a day will help them build their vocabulary, improve comprehension, and allow your children to expand their imagination.

This year's theme for PARP, "**Reading Through the Seasons**," will show that reading can be enjoyable in any season, under any condition. Help us kick off the program on **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to keep an eye out for 2 very special guests greeting the students during our kick-off celebration Monday morning.

This year, the students of each class will earn points for participation and help their grade earn points to help their grade. Each GRADE has been assigned a season and seasonal activity.

Kindergarten - Winter Snow Skiers

1st Grade - Winter Ice Skaters

2nd Grade - Spring Gardeners

3rd Grade - Summer Beach Bums

4th Grade - Summer Swimmers

5th Grade - Fall Apple Pickers

\*Eagle students will be included with their respective grades

**QR Code and PARP Materials:** On the first day of PARP, students will receive a "season pass" to their respective seasonal activity. The pass will either be for the mountain, the ice rink, the garden, the beach, the pool or the apple farm depending on the grade. The "pass" will have a QR code attached. The code is the only thing your child needs to participate in PARP! All materials will be found on the East Lake PTA website, the address the QR code is linked to.

**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 in class or by visiting the public library.

Points can be earned by:

1. returning the reading contract on the first day of PARP,
2. completing the virtual reading logs each week,
3. participating in one or all four of the virtual activities,
4. submitting PARP selfies, and
5. participating in East Lake's book drive.

Raffle tickets will be given out for:

1. wearing your season pass on the first day of PARP,
2. participation in dress up days,
3. designing a bookmark,
4. visiting either the Central Avenue or Bar Harbor Massapequa Public Library (in person or curbside), and
5. increased participation during library class with Ms. Schwen

The winning grades will be announced at the end of PARP (Friday, March 19th) and raffles will be completed throughout the two weeks.

### **PARP ACTIVITIES:**

**Wear Your Pass to School:** Kick off PARP on **Monday, March 8th** by wearing your season pass to school. Clip the pass to your coat, backpack or clothes. *A raffle ticket will be earned for completing this activity.*

**The Student/Parent Contract:** This virtual contract should be “signed” by Monday March 8th. *Earn 1 Bonus PARP Participation Point for your class.*

**Dress Up Day:** Where’s your season pass to? Dress for the mountain, the ice rink, the garden, the beach, the pool or the apple farm depending on the grade. *A raffle ticket will be earned for completing this activity.*

**PARP Bookmarks:** Last week, students received a handout to create a “Reading Through the Seasons,” bookmark. They should return their decorated, cut out bookmark to their teacher by Wednesday, March 10th. Bookmarks will be voted on by peers and the winning design will be made into prizes. *A raffle ticket will be earned for completing this activity.*

**The Reading Logs:** These virtual logs should be completed at the end of each week - **Friday, March 12th and March 19th**. *Earn up to 100 Participation Points each week if everyone in your grade returns their completed reading log.*

**PARP Selfies:** Throughout PARP, submit selfies of you and your child enjoying PARP activities together to [EastLakePARP@yahoo.com](mailto:EastLakePARP@yahoo.com). Make sure you include your child’s name and grade. We will be using your photos on the PTA Website and Facebook page (unless you request we not use them when you submit them). *Your child’s grade earns 1 Bonus Participation point for every selfie activity you submit.*

**Book Fair:** Beginning March 10th and running through the duration of PARP. This year’s book fair is completely virtual. A separate flyer will be sent.

**Visit The Massapequa Public Library at Central Avenue or Bar Harbour:** Visit the

library with your child (either in person or by using curbside pickup). 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.

**Book Drive**: Donate a gently used book Friday, March 12th through Monday, March 15th. Details will be listed on a separate flyer. *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation Point.*

**Virtual Reading Activity #1 "Finish the Story"**: On Thursday, March 11th, read the first half the story and upload your child's unique ending on Flipgrid. The Flipgrid code for this activity can be found on the East Lake PARP page on the East Lake PTA Website. Also on the website are directions on how to upload a Flipgrid video. *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation point for every ending you submit.*

**Virtual Reading Activity #2 "Secret Reader Night"**: On Tuesday, March 16th, the East Lake PARP page on the East Lake PTA Website will contain a Flipgrid code to watch a list of mystery readers! PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!! You'll be asked to recall information about the readers and their readings later this week!

**Virtual Reading Activity #3 "St Patrick's Day Madlibs"**: On Wednesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), the East Lake PARP page on the East Lake PTA Website will contain a fun Madlibs activity for St Patrick's Day! Take a screenshot of your completed Madlib and submit it to [EastLakePARP@yahoo.com](mailto:EastLakePARP@yahoo.com). Include your child's name and grade in the email. *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation point for completing this activity.*

**Virtual Reading Activity #4 "Kahoot Challenge"**: On Thursday, March 18th, the East Lake PARP page on the East Lake PTA Website will contain a Kahoot Challenge. Test your memory to see how much you remember from Tuesday's "Secret Reader Night". *Your child's grade earns 1 Bonus Participation point for completing this activity.*

*A quick glance of all this information can be found on the PARP 2021 Calendar, also located on the PARP page on the East Lake PTA website, [www.eastlakepta.org](http://www.eastlakepta.org)*

We are excited to see all of our students participate in our 2021 PARP Program and look forward to showing our children that reading is great throughout ANY season!

Thank you,

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