

Dear Longview Farm Families,

This year the LFE PTA will once again hold a reading event, “A Stampede to Read,” as our main fundraiser for Longview Farm. Although the PTA holds several fun events that may appear to be fundraisers (ex: the carnival), the PTA doesn’t actually plan to make money off of those events. That is why this reading fundraiser is so important to the school! Each year the PTA spends an average of \$42/per student just to fund the fun things they provide for your children; things like holiday parties, the back to school social, bingo night, the carnival, and the Grandparents Day breakfast (see the attached list). These events help to create that family feel for the students at Longview farm and make our school a great place to spend each day! **Our goal for this year is that each student would raise \$60 to help fund these PTA activities.**

In addition to raising the money needed just to fund the PTA, we are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a few bigger items for the school too. The students are very excited about the possible purchase of an ADA accessible GAGA ball pit! It will be built on the playground and provide a fun activity that many children can use at the same time during recess. The PTA also hopes to purchase a few larger fast-growing trees for the playground to provide some shade for the kids on the hot days in the fall and spring. Any extra funds above these needs will be used to purchase classroom TV screens and sound boards which need to be replaced with time.

So, here is how the FUN works...

Students will have two weeks to read like crazy! Have your child look at the attached calendar, choose a fun way to read if they would like (we have given some sample suggestions – including a free scone with drink purchase when you do your reading time at GUSTO coffee shop and a special discount at KD’s books in downtown LS), and start reading! Each day they complete their time reading (at least 25 minutes for older kids and 10 minutes for the K-1st graders), please initial that date on the calendar. If they miss a day and need to tackle two days at once by doubling their reading time, that’s ok too. If your student returns their calendar to school on Thursday, September 27th with parent initials on each date, they will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone from McDonalds.

On Friday, September 28th we will have a school-wide assembly to celebrate our Stampede to Read. Students who raise at least \$75 will have their name placed in a drawing to get to pour SLIME on a teacher’s head during the assembly! For those students who go above and beyond, they have the opportunity to enjoy a morning of bowling! Students will go to Lee’s Summit Bowl for some bowling and time with friends (see attached prize sheet with more details).

Well, that’s how the fun works... now here is how the FUND works...

Students will have two weeks to ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors to support their school PTA by donating money for their 14 days of reading. Donations can be made with check, cash, or PayPal. As students ask for donations, they can remind their donors that although they aren’t buying something such as a magazine subscription or cookie dough, 100% of the money they are donating goes directly to the school instead of just a fraction of the

Reading Calendar 2018

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Begin reading on Friday, September 14th. Please initial on each date that your student reads at least 25 minutes. Return this page on September 27th to receive a coupon to McDonalds for a free cone.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Begin reading →	Sept. 14 Begin asking for donations	Sept. 15
Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22
Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26 Send all donations to school tomorrow!	Sept. 27 Return all donations and calendar today!!	 Sime Time!	

Ideas to make your reading even more fun!

- Read under a blanket with a flashlight
- Read in a crazy spot! Where was it?
- Read outside
- Read to a parent or friend
- Call someone on the phone and read to them
- Read with a good snack
- TAKE YOUR CALENDAR to Gusto coffee and receive a free scone with drink purchase
- TAKE YOUR CALENDAR to KD's books and receive 15% off a single item
- Read while riding in the car
- Read to a rock
- Turn off the screen and read instead
- Read in a whisper voice to someone
- Read to a pet/stuffed animal
- Read while you eat breakfast

A Stampede to Read Pledge Form

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Name of parents/guardians: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Return this form to school with all of your donations in an envelope. Please indicate how your sponsor will be donating and so we can match the name on the check or paypal with the correct student.

Sponsor Name & Pledge Amount	Cash <small>(please include with this sheet in an envelope)</small>	Check <small>(please include with this sheet in an envelope)</small>	Paypal <small>(please remind your donor to include students name w/ donation)</small>
Example: Loula Long \$50			✓

TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED _____

- Please make check payable to LFE PTA.
- PayPal using lfepatareasurer@gmail.com. Please select friends and family to avoid additional charges.

**PTA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Make a copy of this form for your tax purposes, as that will serve as your receipt. Please check your employer, they may match donations for 501 (c)(3) organizations!

