



Oh! The Characters We Meet!

Babylon K-6 PTA | Pick a Reading Partner 2017 | Elementary School

Dear K-2 Parents,

March is going to be a very exciting month of reading fun at BES! The 2017 Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program puts the spotlight on reading and the characters we meet along the way. The program will run 03/03-03/24 and incorporates both at school and at home elements:

- **Reading Tally Contest:** Every 1,000 minutes read per grade will make their Truffula tree grow!
 - **Daily Clues** leading to weekly famous character visits
 - **Author visit from Darren Sandelli of iPoet.org**
 - **Get Caught Reading:** Captures students/families/staff reading and will be shared in principal's newsletter
 - **Scholastic Book Fair (3/13-3/17)**
 - **Recess Activities:** DIY bookmark, Word of the Day word search, I Love Reading poster contest
 - **Word Art:** Students will be making Word Art inspiration bracelets in Art with Mrs. Famiglietti
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Parents: Here's Your Part...

1. **Read together at home.** Every 15 minutes of reading with a partner = one raffle entry. No limit & five minutes at a time counts! Hand in by Fridays. Print additional tickets @ www.BabylonPTA.org
2. **Encourage participation** in the in-school activities. Kids earn special raffle entries for completing the Word Search or creating a Reading-themed poster at recess.
3. **Snap a pic** of you and your child reading together & text/email it to babylonpta@gmail.com
4. **Donate gently used books.** PTA sorts them, teachers choose first to add to classroom libraries at both schools & remaining books will be used to create a no-checkout library.
5. **Shop Book Fair** from 03/13-03/17 and pick up a fresh read
6. **Visit Babylon Public Library** anytime in March and get a bonus raffle entry

Heads up: Spirit Days are planned as follows:

- Wednesday, March 8 - Bring in your favorite stuffed animal
- Every Friday, March 10, 17 and 24 - Wear Class t-shirts
- Wednesday, March 15 - Dress Wacky
- Wednesday, March 22 - Dress Like a Character

Other Ways to Celebrate Readers and Stories

Share a favorite childhood story | List all the things you read in a day...newspaper, bills, Facebook posts & count your own minutes | Visit the public library together to select a family read | Listen to an audio book | Check out the BMGS Library page | Write a letter to a favorite author together | Start a parent/child one neighborhood, one book event | Play "reading paints pictures in my mind" after reading a passage or two...compare drawings | Download Overdrive to your mobile devices for 24/7 access to the Public Library



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PARP Elementary School Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 	6 Fill out those raffle tickets for every 15 minutes read!	7 Send in those raffle tickets every day!	8 Snuggle Buddies Bring a stuffed animal to school!	9 Send in those "Caught You Reading" photos every day!	10 Wear Class Shirt	11 
12 	13 Raffle Drawing Book Fair	14 Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies at BPL (4:00) Book Fair	15 Book Fair Dress Wacky! Dress wacky, mismatched, or just plain silly!	16 Book Fair	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green! Get Your Green On Party at BPL (3:30)	18 
19 	20 Raffle Drawing	21 Read as much as you can at school or at home!	22 Dress like a Character! Bring in the book to share if you have it!	23 Send in books to donate!	24 Wear Class Shirt Poet Visit	25 
26 	27 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing	28 	29 	30 	31 	