

Dear Chinook Families,

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the Iditaroad! Chinook PTA's READ-A-THON has become our primary fundraiser, replacing the need for gift-wrap and candy sales and allowing our students to raise money for their PTA without selling anything. Instead, we promote our school's goal of a love for reading. 100% of the funds collected in the READ-A-THON will be used at our school for our students. We are hoping that everyone will participate to make it a huge success!

Here's how it works: In this packet, you will find the rules for the READ-A-THON, a Reading Log Sheet, a Pledge Sheet, and information about prizes. We are counting minutes read instead of pages to keep it fair for all levels of readers. Minutes will be converted to miles, and prize levels will be represented by Iditaroad "checkpoints."

Beginning February 27th, we hope your students will ask people to sponsor them by pledging to pay for each minute that they read or are read to OR to make a flat rate pledge for your student's participation. Remind your student that relatives, neighbors, friends, and even often-frequented businesses make GREAT sponsors! Prizes will be awarded for our top fundraisers.

From February 27th to March 19th, your child will read and record their minutes daily using the Reading Log Sheet. Please initial your child's recorded time each day. After the reading period ends on March 19th, your child will tally up their minutes and return their READING LOG, PLEDGE SHEET, and FUNDRAISING MONEY back to school by Wednesday, MARCH 26th.

Our teachers and the PTA will help students remember the relevant READ-A-THON dates with announcements and reminders throughout the READ-A-THON. LET'S HAVE FUN AND READ!

Students who wish to receive online donations can use the PTA website event page to make a participant profile so donors can send their pledges directly to your student. Go to <https://app.memberhub.gives/idtharead2025> You can also use the QR code below to sign up. Donors can use this same QR code to make pledges.



Like CHINOOK PTA on FACEBOOK for READ-A-THON reminders, recognition of our 2025 prize sponsors, and access to this QR code!



### **Important Dates**

#### **February 27th**

Begin reading!  
Keep track of minutes read on the Reading Log.

#### **Feb 27th –Mar 19th**

Read daily & keep track of your minutes. Ask for \$\$\$ pledges from family, friends & businesses. Pledges can be collected online!

#### **March 20th – 25th**

Collect money from your supporters.

#### **\*\*\*March 26th\*\*\***

**Return your Reading Log, Pledge Sheet and money to school in the envelope provided.**

#### **April**

Prizes will be delivered to students.

#### **April**

Top Award Winners announced!  
All Class, Staff, Finisher and Drawing prizes awarded.

# READ-A-THON RULES

Use your pledge sheet to keep track of your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.

Start reading and recording your minutes on February 27th. Use your Reading Log Sheet to keep track of how many minutes you read each day:

- Reading before and after school counts.
- Reading before the official beginning or after the official end of the READ-A-THON does not count.
- Reading during class time does count with teacher's approval, max 30 min per day.
- Reading up to 30 minutes in Library class with Ms. Rettkowski does count once.
- Being read to by other people does count for ALL grades.
- Reading aloud to other people does count. Bonus: if you read to someone who is also participating in the READ-A-THON, it counts for both of you.
- Reading assigned homework (including book-report reading) does count.
- Reading on a Kindle or tablet does count.
- Audio books can count for a max of 30 minutes per day.
- Dimond Tutors may participate in the Read-A-Thon!

No guessing or rounding off minutes. Please look at the clock or use a time/stopwatch to log your minutes. Please remember that CHARACTER COUNTS! Be honest with your minutes so that it will be fair and fun for everyone. Remember your parents or teacher will need to initial your minutes on the Reading Log & tear-off slips. Bring tear-off slips to school if you reach a checkpoint so you can move your dog down the hallway trail!

The last day to read for the READ-A-THON is March 19<sup>th</sup>, no minutes will be counted after this date.

Students will receive individual prizes for reaching the various prize checkpoints as a bundle in April. Special prizes will be awarded to the top readers and fundraisers. There are class prizes to be awarded as well. Please see prize information below:

## CHINOOK IDITAREAD READ-A-THON PRIZES!!!

Individual checkpoint prizes: Start ~ Everyone receives a bookmark!

Checkpoint	Miles/Minutes	Prize
4 Yentna	53	Free Papa Murphy's Mini Murph Pizza
8 Rohn	188	Taco Bell Kids Meal Coupon
11 Takotna	329	\$5.00 Sweet Caribou Gift Card
16 Nulato	582	Raising Cane's Kids Meal
18 Unalakleet	714	Kid's Meal at Texas Roadhouse
21 Elim	852	Kid's Meal at Red Robin
24 Nome	975	Finisher Medal

**All students who submit reading logs will receive a Coupon for a Tastee Freez Ice Cream Cone!**

Top Reading Prizes (MOST MINUTES READ):

- The Top student reader from the ENTIRE school will receive a special prize: To Be Announced at Kick-Off
- The Top reader from each grade will receive a plushy husky toy.

Top Fundraising Prizes (MOST MONEY RAISED):

- The student who raises the most money will win a special prize: To Be Announced at Kick-Off
- All students who raise at least \$10 will receive 10 free play points from CHUCK E. CHEESE!
- All students who raise at least \$50 will receive a free donut card from DINO'S DONUTS.
- All students who raise at least \$100 will receive a free Pretzel Coupon from AUNTIE ANNE's or a small toy from an anonymous local donor
- All students who raise at least \$250 will receive one of the following: A gift card/Admission to YOGURT LOUNGE, the ANCHORAGE MUSEUM, WILD SCOOPS, BEARTOOTH MOVIE THEATRE, ALASKA ZOO and more

Class & Staff Prizes:

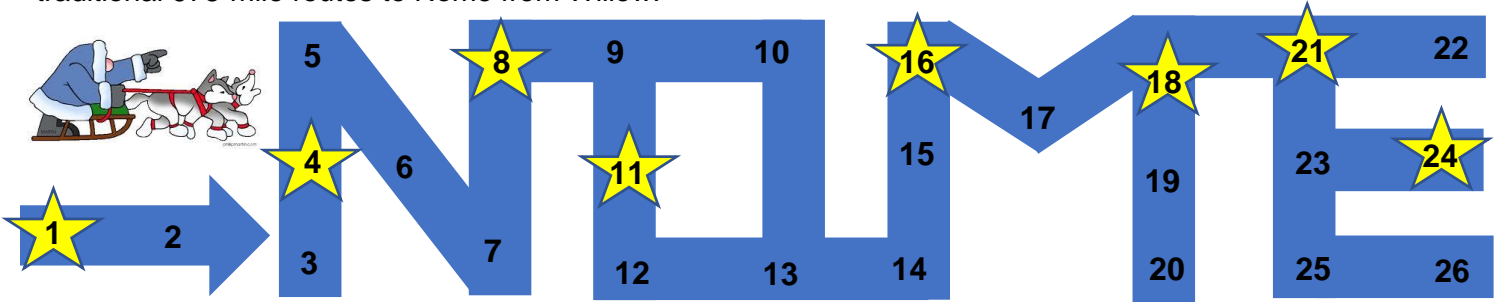
- The class with the most total minutes will win an ice-cream party (teacher minutes count!)
- The class with the most money raised will win a pizza party.
- The staff member who reads the most minutes will win a \$25 SKINNY RAVEN GIFT CARD
- All staff participants will receive a FREE DRINK card from various sponsors.

\*\* All prizes subject to substitution based on availability

# 2025 CHINOOK ELEMENTARY IDITAREAD READ-A-THON ~ Reading Log

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2025 Iditarod Sled Dog Race will feature a ceremonial start in Anchorage and then transfer to Fairbanks where mushers will follow a unique trail to Nome this year. For Iditaread, student will follow one of the traditional 975-mile routes to Nome from Willow!



Checkpoint	Miles/Min.
1 Anchorage	Start ★
2 Campbell Airstrip	11
3 Willow	Transfer
4 Yentna	53 ★
5 Skwentna	83
6 Finger Lake	123
7 Rainy Pass	153
8 Rohn	188 ★
9 Nikolai	263
10 McGrath	311
11 Takotna	329 ★
12 Ophir	352
13 Cripple	425 ★
14 Ruby	495
15 Galena	545
16 Nulato	582 ★
17 Kaltag	629
18 Unalakleet	714 ★
19 Shaktoolik	754
20 Koyuk	804
21 Elim	852 ★
22 White Mountain	898
23 Safety	953
24 Nome (FINISH)	975 ★

Prize Checkpoints indicated w/star

Date	Minutes Read	Adult Initials
<b>EXAMPLE</b>		
2/27/25	20	Mom

Date	Minutes Read	Adult Initials

READ-A-THON minutes count Feb 27th – Mar 19th  
 Return this Reading Log to Chinook by March 26<sup>th</sup>  
 with Pledge money collected in envelope provided.

Add up all your minutes from February 27th-  
 March 19th and put the total below  
**TOTAL MINUTES READ:**

# 2025 CHINOOK ELEMENTARY IDITAREAD READ-A-THON ~ Pledge Sheet

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Make a pledge to encourage reading and raise funds for Chinook Elementary School. Our READ-A-THON will be based on minutes read per student between Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar 19<sup>th</sup> following the miles mushers travel on the famous Iditarod sled dog race trail.

There are two ways to make a **pledge**:

1. You can sponsor a flat amount. For example, if you **pledge a flat donation** of \$20, no matter how much the student reads you will owe \$20.
2. You can **pledge** an amount **per minute** read. For example, a student reads 500 minutes during the read-a thon. If you sponsored this student for 5 cents per minute, you would owe  $.05 \times 500 = \$25$

\*YOU MAY PUT A LIMIT ON ANY DONATION. Just indicate that on the **pledge form**.

Students will read between February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> and money will be collected after the READ-A-THON ends and will need to be returned to school no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>.



Please make cash or check payable to **Chinook PTA**.

Credit Card payments can be made at this link: <https://app.memberhub.gives/iditaread2025>  
(\$5.00 minimum purchase + small processing fee may be added)

Name	Phone Number	I will make a flat donation of:	I will sponsor this amount per minute read:	Do not exceed:	Payment Collected	Cash	Check	Credit card on Member Hub
SAMPLE #1	(907)123-4567	\$25			X	\$25		
SAMPLE #2	(907)123-9876		5 cents	\$25	X		\$20	
Payments Totals:						Cash Total	Check Total	CC Total

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Return this Pledge Sheet to Chinook by March 26<sup>th</sup>  
with Pledge money collected in envelope provided

**Total \$ Collected:**  
(be sure to include amounts from all your pledge sheets)

EVERYONE STARTS IN ANCHORAGE AT CHECKPOINT 1 ~ Return these *TEAR-OFF SLIPS* to school each time you reach a reading checkpoint to move your dog on the hallway trail! Start at the bottom of the page.

STUDENT  
NAME

PARENT  
INITIALS

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 975 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 24

**~NOME~ YOU FINISHED THE IDITAREAD!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 953 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 23

**~Safety~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 898 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 22

**~White Mountain~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 852 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 21

**~Elim~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 804 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 20

**~Koyuk~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 754 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 19

**~Shaktoolik~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 714 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 18

**~Unalakleet~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 629 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 17

**~Kaltag~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 582 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 16

**~Nulato~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 545 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 15

**~Galena~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 495 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 14

**~Ruby~**

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU READ 425 MINUTES TO CHECKPOINT 13

**~Cripple~**

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