

**Bells Mill Elementary School PTA**  
8225 Bells Mill Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854

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**Announcing the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bells Mill Read-A-Thon**

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers.

The Bells Mill PTA is excited to announce our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon, beginning Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and ending Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

This unique fundraiser is a wonderful way to make reading even more fun, while raising money for our school. Unlike typical fundraisers, where a percentage must go back to the supplier of goods sold, **100% of the funds raised in this Read-A-Thon will be used at our school, to benefit our students!**

The Read-A-Thon is our primary fundraiser of the year; our goal is to have one major successful fundraising event, at the start of the year. Then, we can devote our energies during the rest of the year providing our school's staff, teachers, students and families with enrichment programs, after school activities and affordable community events. We hope you will all participate in our very exciting, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon!

Participation in the Read-A-Thon is quite simple. Students in grade K-5 are encouraged to collect pledges from sponsors (friends and family) for reaching their reading goals over a four week period. The reading goals are specific to the student's grade level, and all reading counts -- from books that students read themselves, to books read aloud to them.

Even without any pledges or financial contribution, please know that ALL students can participate in this event and be eligible for prizes. The most important part of this event is the reading! We encourage *every student* to help Bells Mill Elementary School read even more than last year, and enjoy a special pizza party for the whole school on November 16<sup>th</sup>!

There will be lots of great prizes for participation at all levels. But, the most important prize of all is the brain power that every child will gain by reading!

If you have any questions after reviewing the enclosed material, please do not hesitate to contact your Read-a-Thon co-chairs, Haylie Iseman (301-983-0846) and Dana Loube (301-545-0552).

Enjoy and happy reading!