

Hawthorne Elementary Reading is Fun Week 2013 Events

February 16, 2013

The Hawthorne Reading Is Fun Week 2013 runs from March 11 to March 15, 2013.

Overview

Based on responses to the events of Reading is Fun Week 2012, this year's proposed events/happenings emphasizes books and reading. We won't be distributing goodie bags with candy/toss-away toys, and we won't have an assembly with a magician (though that was certainly fun!). We want to try to emphasize that kids can get excited about books themselves! Therefore, the events are "All about Books" this year.

Please see below for the happenings/events for Reading is Fun Week 2013.

CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS

Monday, 11th	Tuesday, 12th	Wednesday, 13th	Thursday, 14th	Friday, 15th
School-wide Read-a-Thon from 8:15 am to 9:00am	"Book Raffle" Winners Announced by Principal Broadhead during Morning Announcements	Book Raffle" Winners Announced by Principal Broadhead during Morning Announcements	Book Raffle" Winners Announced by Principal Broadhead during Morning Announcements	Library Used Book Distribution Right After School
			RIF Distribution	
"My Favorite Book" Posters in Hallways				
Used Book Drive				

DESCRIPTIONS OF HAPPENINGS:

Read-a-Thon:

- On Monday morning, at the end of morning announcements, Principal Broadhead will announce the Hawthorne Reading Is Fun Read-a-Thon. Students will read in their classrooms for 45 minutes (or be read to). At 9:00am, Principal Broadhead will announce that the Read-a-Thon is over, and that together, Hawthorne students have just read a total of 360 hours together, or two whole weeks together!
- During the Read-a-Thon, teachers will give each student a "Raffle Ticket" that will enter them into the Gift Card Raffle (see below). Their participation in the Read-a-Thon makes them eligible for this. (If the student is absent on Monday, the teacher can distribute the Raffle Ticket at their discretion.) Raffle tickets will be distributed to teachers on the Friday before RIF week.

“My Favorite Book” Posters:

- On Monday morning, in the upper hallway and the lower hallway, we will hang long pieces of butcher paper, with “My Favorite Book” written across the top. We will also hang pens from strings attached to the posters. **Students should be encouraged to write the names of their favorite books on the poster all week long.** At the end of the week, we will collect the posters, write up the favorite book titles, and distribute the lists through the next PTA handout distribution to all families. (We will also provide the lists to teachers, of course.)

Used Book Drive:

- In collaboration with the Hawthorne Green Team, we will collect books for donation all week long. There will be boxes in the lower and upper hallways. Books will be distributed to the YWCA (I think).

Gift Card “Raffle”:

- **Using the attached form, teachers will be asked to submit the names of two (2) students they believe would benefit from a gift card to Barnes and Noble Bookstore to Principal Broadhead.*** (Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes will receive \$10 gift cards. 4th grade through 6th grade will receive \$15 gift cards, including the 3rd/4th split classes.)
- On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of RIF Week, Principal Broadhead will call the students’ names during morning announcements (announcing a third of them each day). The students will go to the office to pick up their gift cards.
- *We realize it is hard to select just two students. We will ask if Barnes and Noble is willing to donate some gift cards. If so, we will be able to distribute more. Teachers should make their own decisions how to select the students.

RIF Distribution

- All students will receive a book through the RIF Distribution on Thursday.

Library Used Book Distribution

- Each teacher of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes will receive 6 “tokens” for students to exchange for a book from a collection of used fiction books that Mr. Nielsen will have culled from the library. **(Tokens will be distributed the Friday before RIF week.)**
- According to the district, **teachers should distribute these tokens to students they believe can really benefit from the books.** But, they should either be distributed randomly, or should be rewards that they “earn” during the week. Students should not be identified as “needing” a free book.
- These tokens can be distributed throughout the week. They can be redeemed at the library just after school on Friday, or anytime the following week.

READING IS FUN WEEK BUDGET AND EXPENSES

The RIF week has a \$500 budget. Expenses will include:

- Gift cards to Barnes and Noble: \$410
- Materials for “Favorite Book” Posters, “Raffle Tickets,” and “Library Book Tokens”:
\$90