Dear Parents and Families:

Rensselaer Park PTA is excited to announce the kickoff of the 2020 Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) Program! PARP is a PTA sponsored program created to encourage families to read together at home.

This year’s theme, “A Litera-Sea of Reading,” will take your child on an ocean adventure. They’ll meet pirates and explorers as they learn about life in the Litera-Sea. With every minute that you read together you are helping your child's classroom travel the seven seas in hopes of gaining that elusive golden treasure chest.

Here's how PARP works:
- Sign the PARP commitment with your child. Email a picture of it to RPSparp@rashigh.org OR have your child return it to school by Friday, February 28th.
- Each day during PARP, read with your child for at least 15 minutes and fill in the reading log.
- Reading logs are due these days: March 6th, 13th, 19th, and April 3rd. Reading logs can be returned to school or emailed to RPSparp@rashigh.org (please be sure to include your child's name and teacher in the email).
- Encourage your child to show his/her PARP spirit by dressing according to the PARP calendar. Please send pictures of your child reading or on spirit days to RPSparp@rashigh.org.
- Each week, the class that travels the farthest in each grade level will receive the RPS Golden Treasure Chest to be displayed in their classroom.

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR A NIGHT IN THE LITERA-SEA ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19th FROM 6:00 - 7:30. THERE WILL BE GAMES, A PHOTO BOOTH, CRAFTS, A BOOK FAIR AND FOOD FOR A SMALL FEE.

PARP would not be complete without our traditional Ice Cream Social! All students who turn in completed reading logs each of the four weeks will be invited to celebrate reading together on Thursday, April 9th from 3:00 - 3:45. An invitation will be sent home prior to the party.

We hope you and your children will enjoy some family time while reading each night during PARP and beyond!

Sincerely,
Rensselaer Park PARP Committee

(See enclosed packet: pledge commitment, calendar, spirit days, reading logs)

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Parent letter that was sent home at the beginning of PARP

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There is also a PARP weekly travel log sheet included in the letter for students to track their own reading progress.
Yo Ho Ho, All Hands on Deck!

We promise to read together at least 15 minutes a day for 5, 6 or 7 days a week from March 2nd to April 3rd.

Lad or Lassie's Signature

Reading Partner’s Signature

Please return to your classroom teacher, email a picture to RPESparp@lansingb by Friday, February 28th!

Parent contract committing to read during PARP
Save the Dates went home every other week leading up to A Knight in the Litera-Sea (Literacy Night)

A Knight in the Litera-Sea

When: Thursday, March 19, 2020
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Where: RPES Cafeteria and Gymnasium

Come participate in pirate themed activities! Lots of games and crafts! Fun for the entire family!

Please fill out and return the bottom half with CASH only to your child's teacher for PRE SALE tickets. Tickets will be given to you at the door.

**Pre sale ends: TUESDAY, March 17, 2020**

Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event.

*We have a limited number of goody bags available and will be offered while supplies last - so be sure to RSVP right away!*

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Admission price includes 1 slice of pizza and a water per ticket.

Please indicate the number of tickets requested on each line and return cash to school before 3/17

Student Name: ____________________________ Teacher: ____________________________

# of Children ($1) ____________________________

# of Adults ($1) ____________________________ Extra Pizza ($1 each) ____________________________

Total amount enclosed: ________________________

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Save the Date!

PARP Night at the Lansingburgh Library

March 11th
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Save the Date!

A Knight in the Litera-Sea

March 19th

Pizza & Water $1
Games & Cake Walk
Crafts
Book Fair

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PARP 2020
Spirit Days

February 27th - PARP Kickoff - Ocean Day: Wear GREEN and BLUE

February 28th - Crazy Hair Day (because pirates have crazy hair)

March 2nd - Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character

March 6th - Buried Treasure Day (Wear sparkly gold, silver or jewel tones)

March 11th - Travel Tee Day (Wear a shirt with writing or from a vacation)

March 13th - Mismatch Day (because pirates never match)

March 19th - Tropical Island Day (Dress like you're at the beach - NO bathing suits)

March 27th - Starfish Day (Dress with as many stars as you can)

April 3rd - Dress Like a Pirate or Mermaid

Throughout the month of March we had pirate and ocean themed spirit days to bring more fun and excitement to PARP.

Bookmarks each student would have received for attending A Knight in the Litera-Sea
A Litera-Sea of Reading Kickoff

Lyrics by Zi'Aon

It's called P.A.R.P
So make sure your class goes and reads
Pick A Reading Partner
If you participate you will be smarter
It's all about literacy
Do it and have fun you see
It's about pirates and oceans
Do it and happiness will be your emotion
Read so your class wins the golden treasure chest
You can read with a friend or a special guest
Don't you want to have all the gold?
This is pretty cool you should listen to what your being told.
You better read if you want the best island.
And if you don't win hey at least you're trying
Now come on go sail the seven seas and all you have to do is read!

Lyrics to the rap written by a 5th grade student to kick off PARP
Book Fest

A Litera-Sea of Reading

PARP
Kick-Off

Check Out Our New Library Books!

Choose a Book List - Write the titles of at least 5 books to read
Read two books and earn a chance to win Snowman Ice Cream!
Author Visit
John Marciano
Hallway Decorating

CHOMP into a good book
Hallway Decorating
Tracking Systems and Rewards

Shiver Me Timbers, Look at All the Minutes We've Read!

Goal: Read 162,752 Minutes
25,557 Minutes Read
Treasure A Good Book

Student Engagement and Writing Component