

2023 PARP Logo



March 3rd - April 6th

Dear Parents and Families:

Rensselaer Park PTA is excited to announce the kickoff of the 2023 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, "RPES Reads Around the Burgh," will take your child on a reading tour of Lansingburgh. This year's PARP program is designed to enhance your child's knowledge of Lansingburgh while at the same time making reading at home a fun priority. With every minute you read together you are helping your child's classroom move around our school wide Burgh-opoly board and helping your child earn Burgh-opoly money and exciting prizes!

**OUR PARP WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE AGAIN THIS YEAR. VISIT OUR SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAM.** [bit.ly/RPESreads23](http://bit.ly/RPESreads23) (case sensitive)

Here's how PARP works:

- Sign the Burgh-opoly Player Application with your child. Complete the form on our website: [bit.ly/RPESreads23](http://bit.ly/RPESreads23), email a picture of it to [RPESparp@lansingburgh.org](mailto:RPESparp@lansingburgh.org) OR have your child return it to school by **Friday, March 3rd**.
- Each day during PARP, read with your child for at least 20 minutes and fill in the reading log.
- Reading logs are due the following days: **March 10th, 16th, 24th, March 31st and April 6th**. Reading logs can be completed on our website, emailed to [RPESparp@lansingburgh.org](mailto:RPESparp@lansingburgh.org) (please be sure to include your child's name and teacher in the email) or returned to school.
- Encourage your child to show his/her PARP spirit by dressing according to the PARP calendar. Please send pictures of your child reading and/or on spirit days to [RPESparp@lansingburgh.org](mailto:RPESparp@lansingburgh.org) OR share them on our Facebook Page: Rensselaer Park Elementary PTA
- Each week, the class that reads the most minutes in each grade level will receive the RPES Golden Carousel to be displayed in their classroom.

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR A KNIGHT IN THE BURGH (LITERACY NIGHT) ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd FROM 6:00-7:30. THERE WILL BE GAMES, CRAFTS, A PHOTOBOOTH, 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 five weeks will be invited to celebrate by grade level.

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, website information, save the dates for our PARP events!)

Parent letter that was sent home at the beginning of PARP

 A screenshot of a digital Google Form titled "2023 PARP Reading Log - 5th Grade". The form includes fields for "Last Name", "First Name", "Grade" (with a radio button for "5"), "Teacher" (with a dropdown menu), "Date" (with a date picker), and "Minutes Read". There is a "Submit" button at the bottom left and a "Clear form" link at the bottom right.

Example of a weekly reading logs - Participants had the option to track their minutes on either a hard copy or digitally

 A screenshot of a hard copy "PARP Weekly Burghopoly Log" form. It features the RPES Reads Around the Burgh logo on the left and a graphic of hands holding a heart on the right. The form includes instructions to cut along a line and return to school, a reminder to total minutes, and a table for tracking minutes from Friday, March 31 to Wednesday, April 5. Below the table is a line for "Total Minutes Read".
 

Day/Date:	Fri, March 31	Sat, April 1	Sun, April 2	Mon, April 3	Tue, April 4	Wed, April 5
Partner:						
Minutes Read:						
Partner's Initials:						



# PARP 2023 Activity Calendar

Read together for 20 minutes every day!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 26	27 PARP Contracts Go Home	28	March 1	2	3 PARP Contracts Due RPES Spirit Wear Day It's the first day of PARP! Find a good book & start reading!	4
5	6	7 Double Minutes Day!	8 A Knight in the Park 6:00-7:00	9	10 Week 1 Logs Due Uncle Sam Day	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward and Read on Extra 20 minutes today	13	14 Take a selfie of you & your PARPner - email it	15	16 Week 2 Logs Due Money Day - Wear Green	17 No School	18
19	20	21 Double Minutes Day!	22 Scholastic Book Fair	23 Scholastic Book Fair A Knight in the Burgh 6:00-7:30	24 Week 3 Logs Due Book Character Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Week 4 Logs Due Burgh Youth Sports Day	April 1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4 Double Minutes Day!	5	6 Week 5 Logs Due Burghopoly Game Piece Day	7 No School	8

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RPESparp@lansingburgh.org

Calendar of events sent home at the beginning of PARP



## Burgh-opoly Player Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

We promise to read together at least 20 minutes a day for 5, 6 or 7 days a week from March 3rd to April 6th.

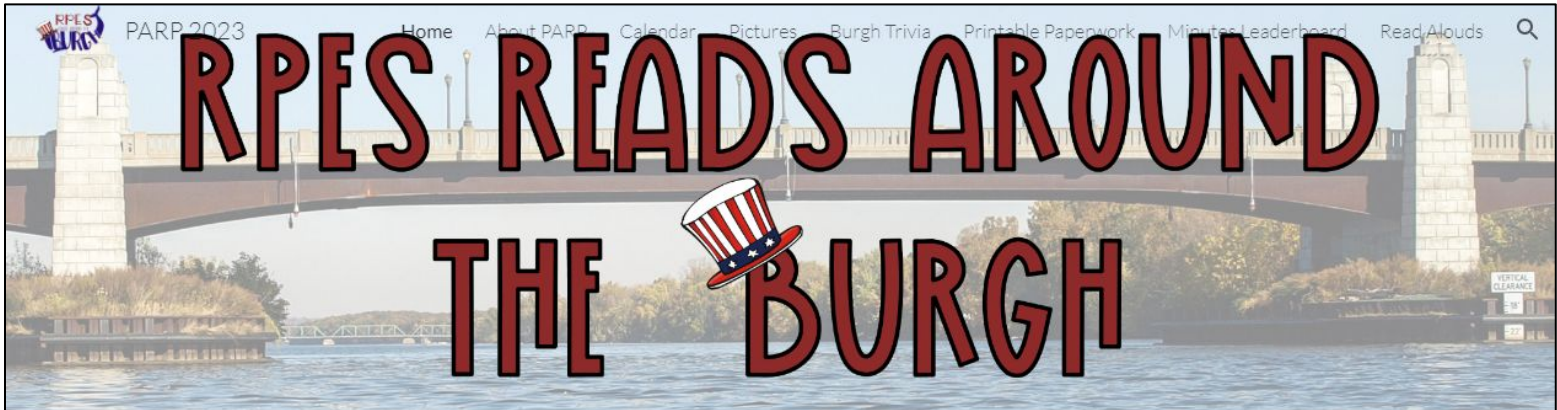
Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Partner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your classroom teacher, complete on our website OR email a picture to [RPESparp@lansingburgh.org](mailto:RPESparp@lansingburgh.org) by Friday, March 3rd!

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Burghopoly Player Application (reading contract) was offered as a paper copy and digitally on our website

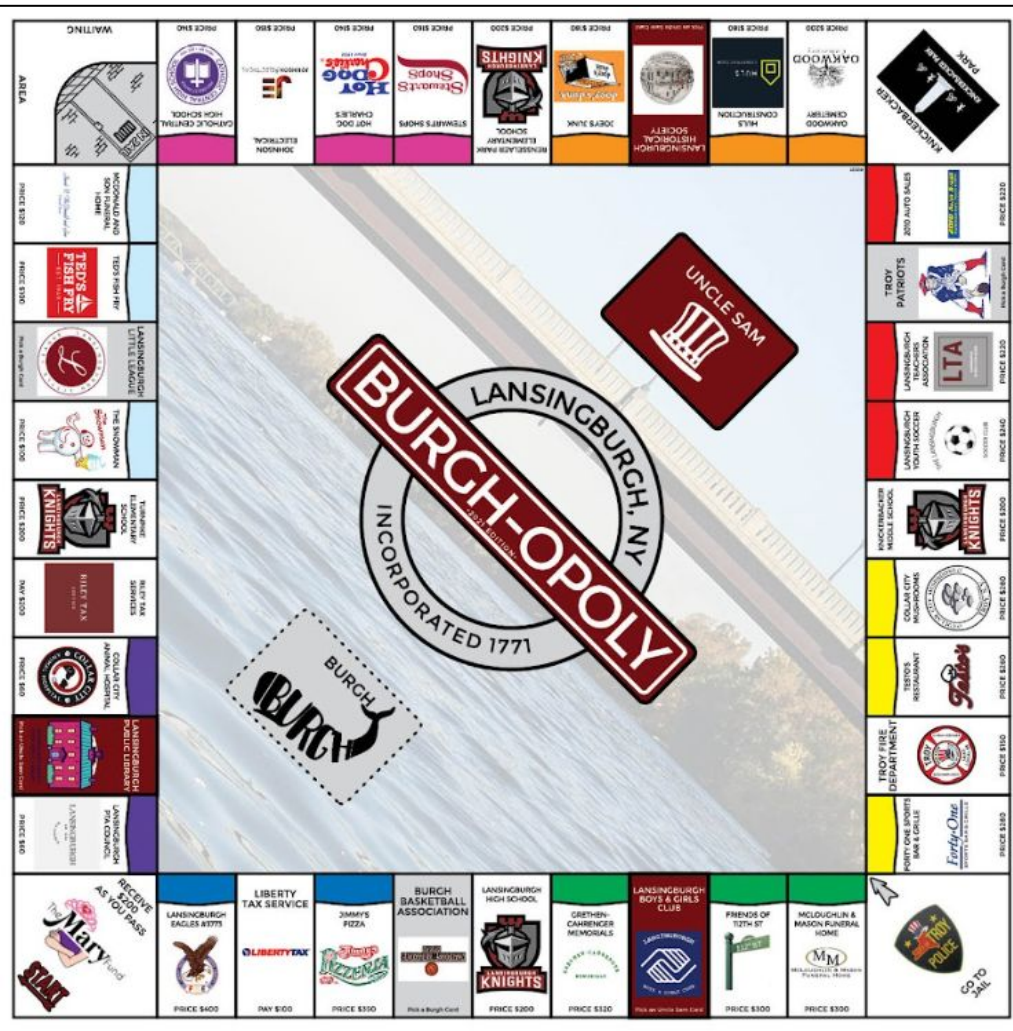


Welcome to our PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) 2023 website!

PARP is a PTA sponsored program created to encourage families to read together at home. This site contains all the necessary paperwork to participate in this year's program, a PARP calendar to keep track of all of our events, recorded read alouds from teachers and community members, Lansingburgh trivia and pictures from our program. If you have any

questions or concerns, please email

[RPESparp@lansingburgh.org](mailto:RPESparp@lansingburgh.org)



Pictures of Rensselaer Park before it was a school

Burghopoly game board and box cover. Local businesses bought the spaces on the board and the entire game represents our community





# A Knight in the Park

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: RPES Cafeteria

Did you know... Rensselaer Park used to be a private park. In 1907 it became an amusement park and even had a roller coaster!

Come participate in a night at the original Rensselaer Park. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy reading with teachers and other families.

## This is a FREE event!

Please fill out and return the bottom half with the number of people attending, so we are able to plan accordingly.

Please Return By: Monday, March 6th

Refreshments are not guaranteed for those that do not RSVP, but you are still welcomed to join us!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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Each student earned Burghopoly money for the minutes they read. For each minute they read, they earned one dollar to spend on prizes.



# A Knight in the Burgh

When: Thursday, March 23, 2023

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Where: RPES Cafeteria and Gymnasium

Come participate in 'Burgh themed activities! Games, crafts, book fair and more! 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: MONDAY, March 20, 2023\*

Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event. \*We have a limited number of goodie bags available and will be offered while supplies last - so be sure to RSVP right away!\*

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 3/20

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (\$1) \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Pizza (\$1 each) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults (\$1) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bookmarks given out at a Knight in the Park

## PARP 2023 Rap - by Braeden, Ryker and Amare

Pick a reading partner, come right this way  
It's PARP season now, read 20 minutes a day  
You can read with anyone so what do you say  
It's the Burghology board, an easy game to play

Burghology is the name and reading books is the game  
It's how local author Herman Melville found his fame  
Who's got the best pizza? Jimmy's we all proclaim  
On the board next to Lansingburgh Eagles, their colors the same

Where RPES stands there was once stood a theme park  
There's no trace of it now, not even one tiny mark  
Remember if you don't read, your future will be dark  
Next year be sure to come on down and trick or treat at Knick Park

Excel in your reading to earn the golden carousel  
The Brenton's from the Mary Fund are the best we all yell  
Keep reading til your time's up and you hear that bell  
The more you read, the more you know, then in life you'll excel

Come on down to the Burgh you can see for yourself  
We have famous Testo's and Snowman's near 112th  
You can read Moby Dick and other books off the shelf  
Our PARP program is the best, our awards they speak for themself

RPES reads



## PARP 2023 Spirit Days



March 3rd - RPES Spirit Wear Day

March 10th - Uncle Sam Day: Wear red, white and blue

March 16th - Burghopoly Money Day: Wear Green

March 24th - Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day

March 31st - Burgh Youth Sports Day: Represent your favorite Burgh team

April 6th - Dress Like a Burghopoly Game Piece or the Monopoly Man

## 2023 PARP Spirit Days


## 2023 PARP Rap Lyrics



2023 Kickoff Assembly




Click here to listen to this year's PARP rap



### Week 5 Update

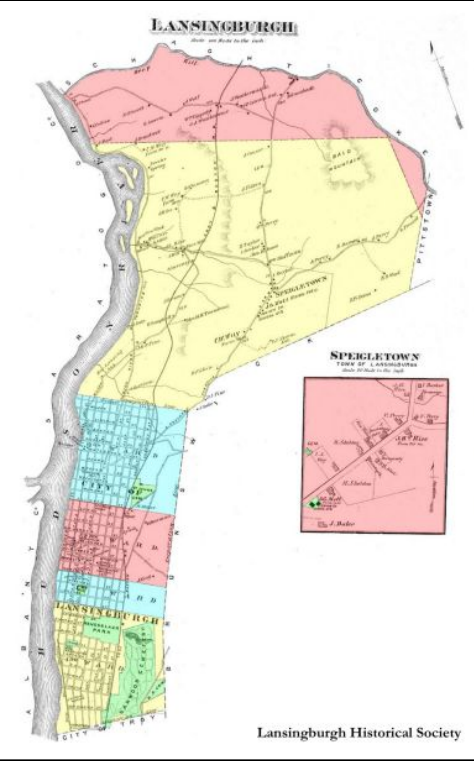
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3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Mr. Hamilton - 18,557	Ms. Ravena - 16,092	Mr. White - 15,581
Ms. Closson - 14,158	Mr. Allen - 12,596	Mr. Gregoire - 14,193
Ms. Williams - 12,749	Mr. Lilkas - 10,605	Mr. Roman - 9,873
Ms. D'Adamo - 10,481	Mrs. Hopkins - 5,385	Ms. Komazenski - 9,419

Weekly updates were shown on our morning show to let the building know which classes were in the lead and how many minutes we'd read as a building.

Watch this year's PARP Video [here](#)



# A KNIGHT IN THE BURGH

Literacy Night: A PARP Event



Popcorn was given out as a special treat during A Knight in the Park

**Ted's Fish Fry**  
Ted's Fish Fry has been in business for more than 60 years. The business was started by Ted Deeb in 1949. The first Ted's opened at 447 3rd Ave in Watervliet. That store is still open today!

**The Snowman**  
A Lansingburgh tradition. The Snowman has produced all of its hard ice cream, yogurts and sherbets since the 1950s.

**Johnson Electrical**  
An electrical contractor that is service based. Johnson Electrical serves commercial, industrial and residential markets.

**Huls Construction**  
A construction company based in Lansingburgh. Huls Construction serves both residential and commercial markets.

**Jimmy's Pizza**  
For more than 40 years, Jimmy's Pizza has been a staple in the Lansingburgh community. Jimmy's has impeccable customer service and always supports our local Lansingburgh community through various sponsorships and donations.

**Collar City Animal Hospital**  
Collar City Animal Hospital is located right on 2nd Avenue in Lansingburgh. It is owned by Dr. Kimberly Linendoll who is a native of Troy.

**Oakwood Cemetery**  
Oakwood Cemetery is a rural cemetery in Troy, NY. It was established in 1848 and went into service in 1850. It features four man-made lakes, two residential structures, a chapel, a crematorium, 24 mausolea, about 60,000 graves and about 29 miles of roads. It is known for its dense woods and rolling lawns. In 1984 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Lansingburgh Library**  
The current Lansingburgh Library was originally known as The Lansingburgh Academy. It was a seminary or a private school that was above the high school level. It was in existence from the late 18th century to 1900. In 1911, the building was sold to the Lansingburgh School District. It was initially used as a high school. In 1976, The Lansingburgh Academy was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Uncle Sam Bikeway**  
The Uncle Sam Bikeway runs along the former railbed of the Troy & Boston Railroad. The Troy & Boston Railroad was constructed from 1850-1852. In 1887, it became the Fitchburg Railroad and then in 1900 the Maine Railroad. The tracks were dismantled in 1972.

**Youth Sports**  
Sports have always played a huge part in our community. From Troy Patriots Football to Lansingburgh Little League, there's always been a rich history in these organizations. In 1988, Lansingburgh Little League won the District 14 Championship. Youth sports continue to be a huge part of our community today.

#RPESreads



Circus decor from A Knight in the Park

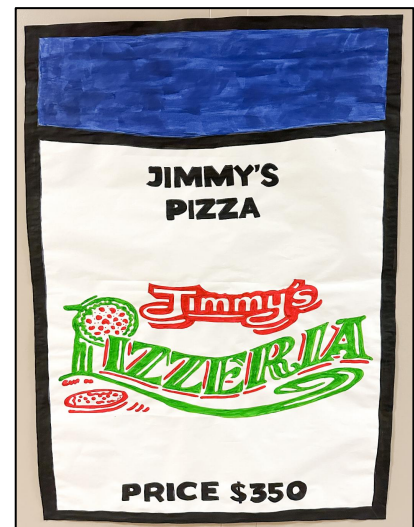
A Knight in the Burgh program guide. It included a copy of the literacy at each station



# Hallway Decorating

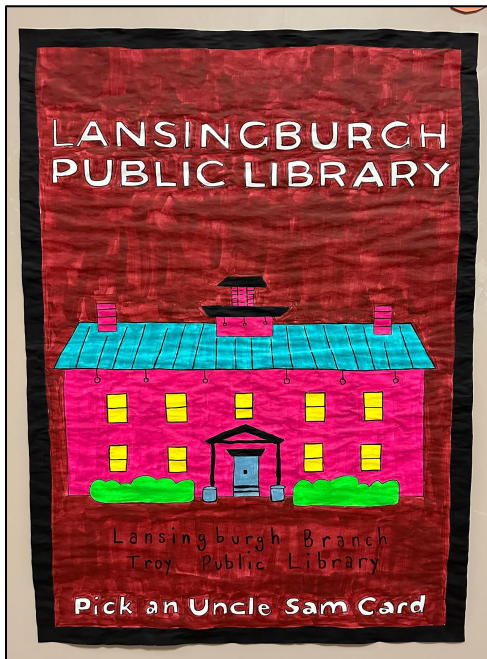


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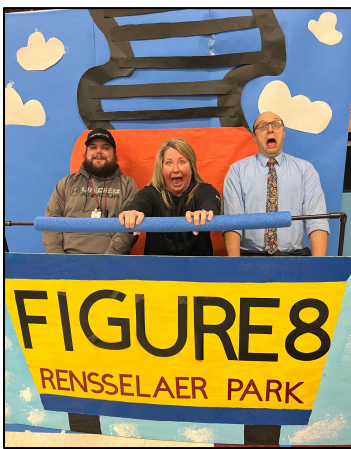




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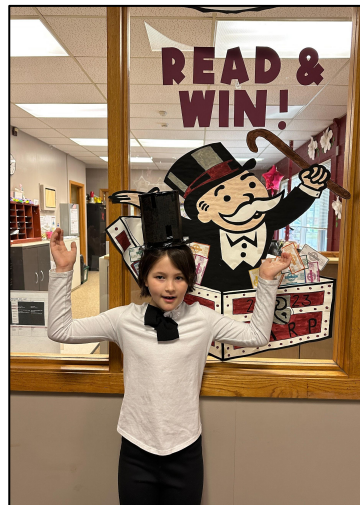
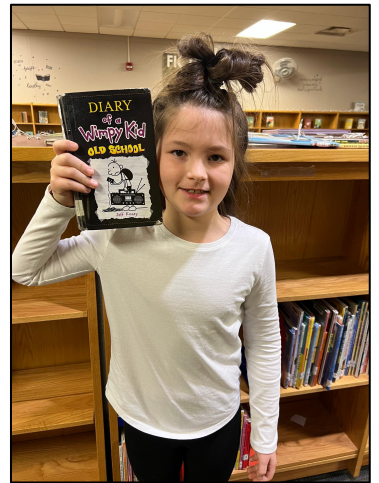
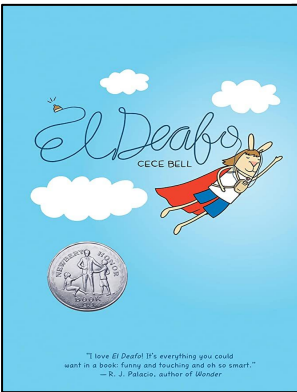


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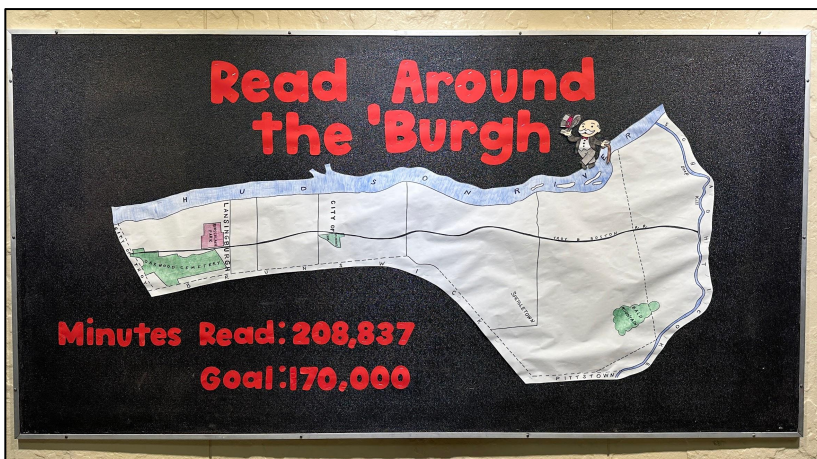
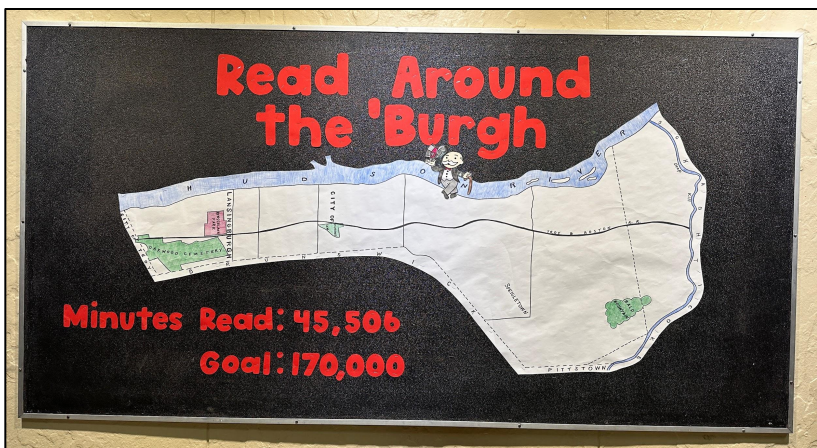




# Spirit Days



# Tracking Systems and Rewards



# Student Engagement

Name \_\_\_\_\_

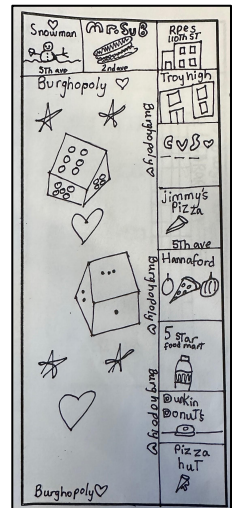
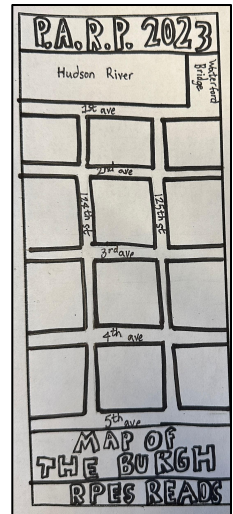
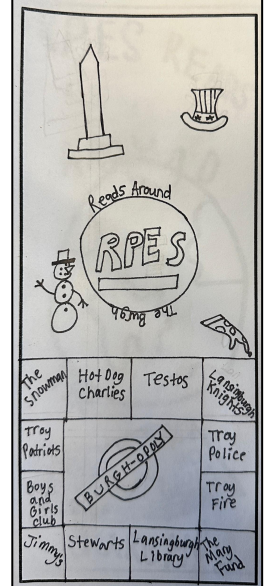
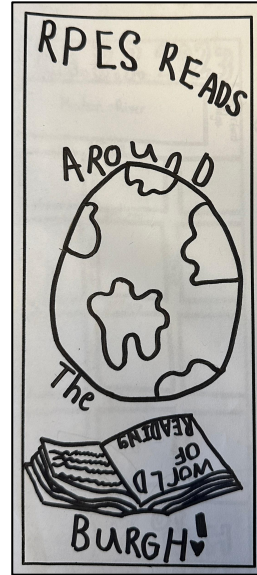
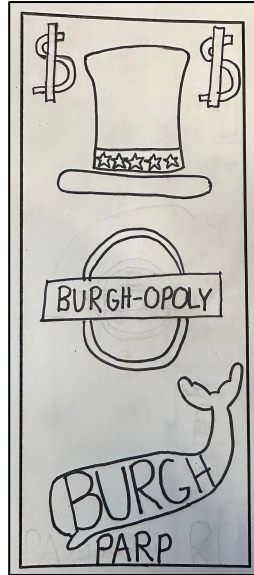
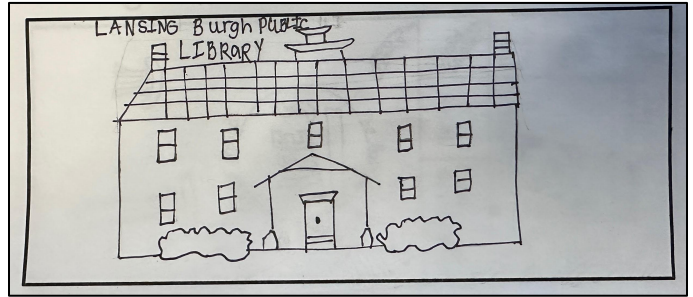
## PARP Bookmark Contest

We need a bookmark that represents the 2023 PARP theme.

### Contest Rules:

1. DO create an original design.
2. DON'T copy anything from the internet and claim it as your own.
3. DO keep your creation within the box to the left.
4. Include the PARP Theme- **RPES Reads Around the Burgh** - somewhere on your submission.
5. DO create your bookmark in PENCIL only. **NO COLOR** and **DO NOT SHADE ANYTHING IN.**
6. **YOU MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEST.**
7. DO submit your creation to your teacher by **MARCH 16, 2023**

One winner per grade. The winning bookmarks will be available to color during A Knight in the Burgh.



Prize	Cost
Stickers (2)	\$100
Playdoh	\$100
Tattoos	\$100
Mini Pop-It	\$500
Bubbles	\$500
Mochi	\$500
Erasers	\$500
Sunglasses	\$500
Fidgets	\$1000
Multi-colored Pens	\$1000

# Ice Cream Social

