# PANTHER TALES

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## Read-A-Thon

Pantego Christian Academy has decided to hold another Read-A-Thon this year!

Read-A-Thons actually gets your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-A-Thon starts Thursday October 22, 2026. It will last for 10 days.

About one week before our Read-A-Thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/323338373730/1?utm=email and following the simple instructions.

We've chosen Read-A-Thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

There will be an opportunity for you to donate money or to send out emails and texts asking family and friends to support financially, but you do NOT need to donate money in order for your student to participate in our Read-A-Thon! We want the students to read as much as possible, so we are counting the minutes and not the money.

If you want to donate, we are very appreciative as this will help build literacy in the elementary library and the classrooms. We were able to install a new floor in the library and purchase new books from past donations from the Read-A-Thon!

We are super excited about the Read-A-Thon and hope EVERYONE participates.

Thank you,
Pantego Christian Academy






**Elementary Picture Day will be October 20th + 21st**

Look for specific day and time coming from your teacher soon!

**October 12**

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

**Fair Day / No School**

**October 13**

**Student Holiday: No School**

CLOSED

**October 23**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences: Student Holiday**

# Storybook Character Parade & Read-A-Thon Kickoff!

**October 22 | Parade: 1:00–3:00 PM**

Dear PCA Families,

We are excited to celebrate the joy of reading with our **Storybook Character Parade on October 22!** This special afternoon will give our students an opportunity to bring some of their favorite books to life while celebrating the creativity, imagination, and learning that can come through great literature.

Reading opens the door for children to explore new ideas, strengthen their vocabulary and comprehension, develop imagination, and grow into lifelong learners. As a Christian school, we also recognize that stories provide wonderful opportunities to help children think biblically about character, choices, truth, courage, kindness, and the world God has created. We are excited to enjoy this fun celebration of books together!

## Storybook Character Guidelines

Students are invited to come dressed as a character from a book of their choice. **Each student must bring the book featuring their character to carry during the parade.**

As you help your child choose a character, we ask families to select one appropriate for a Christian school setting and consistent with PCA's Statement of Faith and biblical worldview. We recognize that literature often includes imaginative and fantastical elements, and families may choose different books based on what they are comfortable reading or enjoying at home. For this school-wide event, however, we ask that character selections reflect choices that would be generally appropriate and comfortable within our broader PCA community.

For that reason, students should not dress directly as witches or choose characters/costumes that prominently celebrate witchcraft, the occult, evil, horror, or other themes that would not align with our Statement of Faith. Costumes should also be school-appropriate, modest, non-frightening, and free from weapons or graphic elements.

Our goal is not to take away from the creativity and fun of the day, but rather to provide a joyful celebration where we can enjoy literature together while remaining faithful to who we are as a Christian school community.

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable... think about such things."
Philippians 4:8

## Let the Reading Begin!

Our **Storybook Character Parade** will also officially launch our **Read-A-Thon Campaign!** Students will be challenged to read as many minutes as they can. We hope this encourages students to pick up new books, discover favorite authors and characters, and build strong reading habits—all while having a little fun along the way!

Leading up to the parade, the day will be filled with lots of reading and **reading activities.** Your classroom teacher will share more details about this component.

We can't wait to see our students and their books come to life on **October 22 from 1:00–3:00 PM** and kick off 13 exciting days of reading together!

Thank you for helping us make this a fun, Christ-centered celebration of reading and learning!

**Happy Reading!**