



# It's time for the Gateway Griffins' Annual Read-A-Thon!



## IMPORTANT READ-A-THON DATES

**Read and Collect Pledges:** March 5-March 23 | **Kickoff:** March 5 | **Celebration & Rewards:** Week of April 2-6

## ABOUT THE READ-A-THON

Our seventh annual Read-a-Thon is a fundraiser to benefit Gateway Middle School. We do the Read-a-Thon to support our culture of reading and to raise funds for our school programs.

Each year, Gateway must raise significant dollars to reach a balanced budget. In fiscal year 2017-2018, Gateway Public Schools needs to fundraise about \$2,800 per student or \$1.3 million to fund the gap between what we receive from the state and what it costs to run our program.

**For the Sixth Annual Read-a-Thon we'd like to raise at least \$10,000.**

## READING GOALS

All GMS students are expected to read 30 min/day or 3 hours/week. The Read-a-Thon lasts for 3 weeks, so students should read *at least* 10.5 hours total.

In addition to current students, family members, teachers, staff, and other adults are invited to participate in the Read-a-Thon.

## PLEDGE OPTIONS

You may pledge a flat amount or you may pledge per hour. For example, for 10 hours read:

\$1.00/hour of reading = \$10 total

\$2.00/hour of reading = \$20 total

\$5.00/hour of reading = \$50 total

\$10.00/hour of reading = \$100 total

We want every student to gather pledges. If each GMS student gathers at least \$50 in total pledges we will raise over \$15,000 for our school!

**Please encourage your student to read and to collect pledges. Thank you for your support!**