

January 4, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We are beginning preparations for PARP 2010 and are seeking volunteers to help make it a success. Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) is a collaborative effort among parents and school staff to build a reading partnership between the home and classroom. PARP encourages parents to read with their children at least 15 minutes per day.

PARP will run from **February 22 through March 19**. This year's theme is an undersea adventure - "Dive Into Reading". Below is a description of what the volunteers are needed for and attached is the sign up sheet. Please consider signing up for more than one area as many hands make for lighter work. Kindly return your sign-up sheet to school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [tinamirwin@yahoo.com](mailto:tinamirwin@yahoo.com) or [mrsgrip@aol.com](mailto:mrsgrip@aol.com) . Thank you for your help!

The PARP Committee  
Tina Irwin & Lucille Grippo

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**DECORATING:** this will take place on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Volunteers are needed to transform our school into an "Undersea Adventure!" The more volunteers we have for this task the easier and faster it is completed. We work in teams to complete assigned areas in the building. If you are able to donate a snack for this evening please make a note of it on the attached sheet. **Babysitting will be provided in the gymnasium.**

**TALLYING:** this takes place each Tuesday morning from 9:00am-11:00am during PARP. Volunteers go to their designated classrooms and collect the envelopes hanging outside the classroom. The slips inside the envelopes will then be added up and recorded. The volunteers will place the appropriate number of incentives (prizes) for the children that returned their PARP slips in the envelopes and put the envelopes back outside the classrooms.

**READING:** there are some children who are unable to have someone read with them at home, therefore, adult volunteers are needed to sit with each child and read with them for 15 minutes. The reading would need to happen every day, but if we have several volunteers, the reading schedule would be spaced out.

**BOOK DISTRIBUTION:** each child in every classroom will receive a book at the end of PARP. Volunteers are needed to distribute the books to the teachers.



# PARP SIGN UP SHEET

## DECORATING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SNACK: \_\_\_\_\_

## TALLYING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## READING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOK DISTRIBUTION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: all phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be used strictly for PARP/PTA contact use only.