

It's official! The 2019 Educational Foundation of the Chesters Read–A-Thon was a huge success! There were **248** students who participated this year. We celebrate our young readers from Dickerson and Bragg who together logged **217,358** minutes, which is an increase from last year! We thank the parents, friends, principals, and teachers who supported the students and their efforts to raise over **\$14,000** in pledges! This fundraising effort will continue to provide funding for grants, purchases of technology to support innovative classroom learning programs, new school clubs, and more!

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the **highest participation rate of their grade**. They have been awarded \$100 Amazon Gift Cards.

**Kindergarten: Mrs. Taquinto**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mrs. Donlon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Spurr**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Dolan**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Polkowski**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Maico**

Congratulations to the **highest pledges winners** at Dickerson and Bragg, who win a \$20 Amazon Gift Card and get to have their favorite book donated to their school library:

**Dickerson:** Benjamin Rybiewicz

**Bragg:** Willow Fehling

Congratulations to the following **top readers in each grade**. The top 3 readers in each grade (K-5) were awarded a medal and a gift card.

**Pre-K:** Hudson Fink (Top Reader), Gianni Haight (Top Reader)

**Kindergarten:** Danny and Will Ross tied for: (1st Place), Zoe Sorchini (2nd Place), Olivia Felipeli (Honorable Mention)

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Christopher Blagoev (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Ben Collins (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Kaya McFeely (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Nikhil Salvi (Honorable Mention)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Lily Relton (1st place), No name mentioned (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Ava Dambrot (3rd Place), Berlin Pajunas (Honorable Mention)

**3rd Grade:** Samuel Parla (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Louie Tresselt (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Ishaan Rana (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Maggie Macias – (Honorable Mention)

**4th Grade:** Lucas Solazzo (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Zach Fisher (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Will Madinabeitia (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Eva Nines (Honorable Mention)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ella Garrison (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hunter Relton (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Aideen Manning (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Matthew Macias (Honorable Mention)

The 2019 **raffle winners** are: Zachary Khair (iPad), Connor Held (Liberty Science Center tickets), Cole Guerin & Ishaan Rana (Sky Zone Jump Pass), Luke Trent, Luke Schultz & Colleen Capuzzi (Centercourt Ninja Pass), Ben Collins & Michael Macias (Circle Lanes Family Pass), Jack Gyselman, Kaya McFeely & No name mentioned (Bow Tie Cinema Gift Card), Gavin Wilk, Sam Parla, Mark Cho & Cristiana Laracca (Game Vault gift card), Colin McLaughlin (Randolph Gymnastics gift card), Cole Brock, Sylvie Muniz, Catherine Fox & No name mentioned (Taylor's gift card), Ethan Schlecht, Lauren Costanza, Maddie Huelbig & Parker Davis, (Yophoric gift card), Annie Solazzo, Shreya Pandeg (J. Emanuel gift card), Drew Helmstetter (Aspen Ice Family Pass), No name mentioned & Kaya McFeely (Bow Tie Cinema gift card).

These names were picked in a drawing by Bragg and Dickerson School's librarian, Mrs. Connelly. Congratulations to all of our readers!!

The Educational Foundation of the Chesters wishes to thank the parents, teachers, and principals who support our children every day and who have made this program a huge success. The ultimate goal of the Read-A-Thon is to foster a life-long love of reading, and the children of Chester are well on their way!