### PARP Package Outline

Welcome Letter- What PARP is all about and why it's important.

Calendar of Events- What's happening for the week.

Activity Guide- Detailed explanations of events.

Write like a Rock Star- creative writing and drawing activity

Due Wednesday March17th

Carry a Poem or Song in your pocket-Monday March 15th

Read Like a Rock Star Principal's Challenge: Can Stratford Road Students Read more than 10,000 minutes to fill our Board with Music notes and receive a special PARP prize

Community Service Event- donations collected throughout the week

Fun and Games-Word search, games and puzzles.

Music themed book suggestions

Library Happenings-Special events at the Stratford Road Library and the POB Library.

Special Thanks- Acknowledging those who helped make PARP a success!

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Dear Parents,

One of the most important skills our children learn is reading. Reading creates a strong, positive influence and builds a foundation for a lifetime of significant benefits.

PARP stands for Parents As Reading Partners. PARP is a program designed to foster the love of reading in children by asking parents to set aside 15 minutes daily to read with their children. PARP events are held at schools nationwide and Stratford Road has hosted this important event for more than 10 years!

We proudly invite you to join Stratford Road's "Reading Rocks: Read like a Rock Star" Principal's Challenge. Minutes read will add musical notes to our display throughout the week. This package will serve as your guide for the week. Please look through this packet with your child and become familiar with the activities planned for the week.

PARP celebrates the importance of reading in our everyday lives. Spending just 15 minutes a day reading with your child helps "grow a reader" and raises the potential for academic and lifelong success. No one is ever too old to be read to. Take this opportunity to participate in as many of these enjoyable activities designed to get your family reading together and establish good reading habits that will last a lifetime.

The PARP Committee
Elissa Friedman, Jennifer Reamer, Aliza Greenberg and Missy Bartoletta

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### **PARP 2010**

Friday March 12	Monday March 15	Tuesday March 16	Wednes day March 17	Thursday March 18	Friday March 19
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Bring Home PARP Packet.	Carry a Poem or Song in your Pocket	Pajama Day	Read a T shirt Day	Dress like a Rock Star Drop Everything and Read	Guest Reader Day Library raffle
Are you ready to Read like a Rock Star?	Family Recommen- dation Night	Read a book or magazine and listen to music	Return creative writing and drawing project	Family Game Night	Principal's Challenge

Visit the Children's Center at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library and get a raffle ticket to bring to school.

Bring in a colored guitar for every 15 minutes or more that you read.

Donate a new or gently used book.

Play Red Rover during gym and answer brain teasers about music, rock and roll and general information.

### Activity Guide

### Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **PARP KICKOFF**

Kick off PARP with your copy of the PARP package. Spend the weekend reading your favorite books as a family.

### Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Carry a Poem or Song in your Pocket

Bring a poem or song to school and share it with a friend.

**Family Recommendation Night** 

Ask a family member to recommend a book.

### Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Pajama Day

Wear your Pajamas to school to show off some PARP week spirit.

Read a Book or Magazine and Listen to Music.

Spend some time reading Newsday's Kid's section and listen to your favorite music.

### Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

### Read a T-Shirt Day

Students and staff are invited to wear a t-shirt with words on them (like a t-shirt from you favorite concert).

### **Hip Pickles**

A high energy assembly for the entire Stratford Road school featuring their hit song 'Reading Rocks'

#### Write like a Rock Star

Return your creative writing and drawing activity that asks you to write a song or draw a picture about how reading makes you feel.

### Thursday, March 18th

### Dress like a Rock Star

Show off your PARP spirit and dress like a Rock Star.

### **DEAR- Drop Everything and Read**

Be Ready! At a special time during the day drop everything and read.

### **Family Game Night**

Turn off the TV and turn up the music. Dance, sing and play games.

### Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Guest Reader Day**

Special Guests join us today for a visit and to share their favorite book.

### Principal's Challenge and Library Raffle

Prizes awarded if we meet the Challenge. Library Raffles will be drawn.

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### Write Like a Rock Star!

Write a song and/or draw a picture that express how you feel about reading.	
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Draw the picture here or feel free to use a blank sheet of paper:

### Carry a Poem or Song in your Pocket

You can cut out the poem or song that we have provided for you below or you can copy or write one of your own! Carry the Poem or Song in Your Pocket Day is Monday, March  $15^{th}$ .

### The Monsters' Musical Contest

When the musical contest for monsters convened, the Wolfman was howling and played like a fiend. Then Dracula jammed, but flew into a rage when Frankenstein's torch singing lit up the stage.

The Mummy, he rapped with the aid of a band, but stopped when The Blob ate his microphone stand. The Blob, by the way, also swallowed The Fly. (I don't know why he swallowed The Fly.)

The Creature that came from that famous lagoon was booed by the ghosts when he sang out of tune. Dr. Jekyll had stage fright and ran off to hide, while Igor sang love songs to Frankenstein's Bride.

The Thing did impressions. The Boogey-Man danced. The Zombie just stood there, completely entranced. The Invisible Man played his air guitar well, but no one could see him so no one could tell.

They played through the night having oodles of fun, but couldn't determine which monster had won. And so they decided they'd have to convene and do it again on the next Halloween.

--Kenn Nesbitt

### **PARP Around The Clock**

1-2-3 o'clock 4 o'clock PARP 5-6-7 o'clock 8 o'clock PARP 9-10-11 o'clock 12 o'clock PARP. Either day or night, the time is right!

#### Verse 1

So grab a parent, grab a book. Cuddle up and find a nook.

### <u>Refrain</u>

We're gonna PARP around the clock tonight.
We're gonna PARP until our heart's delight.
We're gonna PARP PARP around the clock tonight.

#### Verse 2

Books take you places you've never been.

Open a book and jump right in.

#### Refrain

#### Verse 3

Any kind of book is fun. Picture books, fiction or non-fiction.

### Refrain

#### Verse 4

Learn a skill, solve a mystery. Read a series, a biography or history.

#### Refrain

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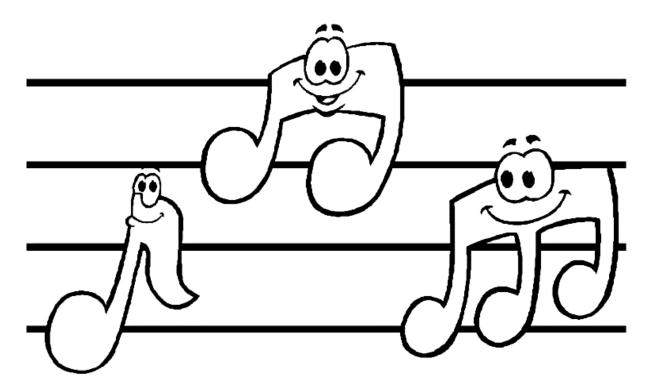
### Read Like a Rock Star!

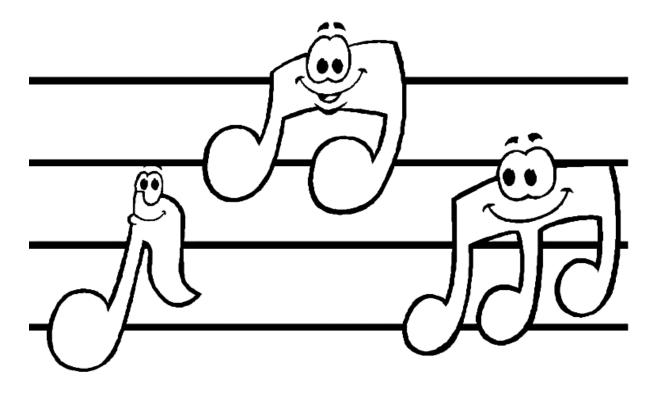
Our Musical Notes will decorate the bulletin board in the main lobby based on the minutes you read every night during PARP week. Send in the picture that we have included in this packet.

Mrs. Clark and Mr. Scesney challenge all the students to read for 10,000 minutes this week. If Stratford Road students meet the challenge each child will receive a special PARP prize.

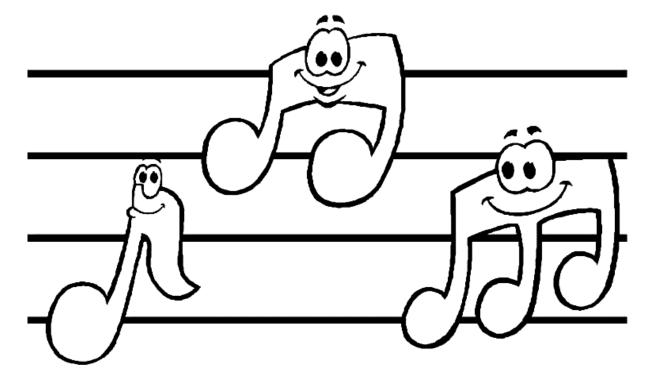
Please cut on the dotted line and color in the music notes! Then on the back indicate your name, the title and author of the book or books you read, and how many minutes you read for. Each set of three notes stands for 15 minutes read. We will tally the minutes each day and let you know how we are doing.

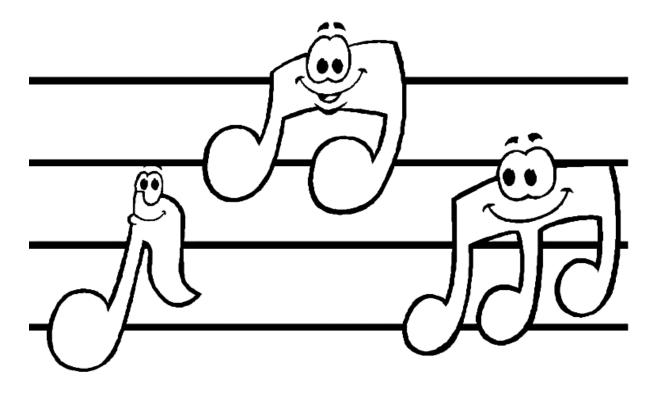
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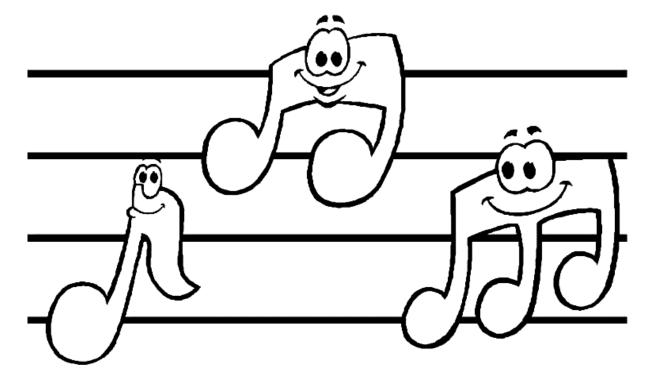


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### **Book Donation**

As part of PARP 2010, we will be donating new and gently used books. We are seeking donations of books that are appropriate for ages 2-17, to be donated to a children's organization.

Please participate in this act of kindness by sending in a new or gently used book by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drop-off bin located in the lobby.

Feel free to add a sticker or inscription inside the book's cover for an added personal touch.

This community service program will help to make reading available to those who cannot afford to purchase books. Help us make this book donation a big success!

Thanks in advance for your assistance!

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CHALLENGE PARP PIANO POETRY PARENTS READING ROCKBAND ROCKSTAR WRITING STRATFORD CHILDREN FAMILY FUN GUITAR DRUMS LEARN LIBRARY MUSIC

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### Special Thanks

Many wonderful people work together to create a successful PARP week. We would like to recognize their involvement and show our appreciation for making this event a pleasure to undertake.

Staff participation is important to the success of any PTA program. We thank the entire Stratford Road School staff for their support and spirit all week long. A special thanks to our teacher committee for their valuable input and administration's encouragement of this event:

Mrs. Clark	Ms. Bowers	Mrs. Briguglio	Ms. Laviola
Mr. Scensy	Ms. Montana	Mr. Paskal	Mrs. Horowitz
Mrs. Levy	Ms. Newman	Ms. Stezler	Mr. Szwejkowski
Ms Symons			

Guest Readers from our schools and community deserve special appreciation for taking time out of their busy schedules to read to our children.

The Staff at the Children's Center, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library welcomed our students and made our raffle a success.

A special thanks to the Gronich family for working under the gun to assist us with the PARP website.

An especially big thanks to all the parents and children who participated all week – your enthusiasm celebrates the importance of reading.

We are proud of all our students who Read like a Rock Star this week, keep up the good work!