

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to each and every one of the fabulous kids at PSI! LEER-A-TÓN 2011 was a HUGE SUCCESS! The Leer-A-Tón Committee challenged the entire student body to read 320,000 minutes and to raise \$16,000 for PSI's Amity Intern Program. Not only did the students meet these challenges, but they exceeded them! Through hard work, dedication, and teamwork our kids:

RAISED \$22,751 and READ 638,465 MINUTES

WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT! PSI KIDS ARE AWESOME!

To celebrate, an awards ceremony was held during an all-school assembly on Wednesday, December 7th. To recognize excellent teamwork, trophies were presented to the Champion Fundraiser Classes and Champion Reader Classes in two categories, grades K-2 and grades 3-5. The Champion Fundraiser trophies were awarded to the 1st grade class of Sra. Frederick and the 3rd grade class of Sras. Martinson and Hoffman. The Champion Reader trophies were awarded to the 2nd grade class of Sra. Puchol and the 5th grade class of Sra. Rodriguez. Way to go!

To recognize outstanding individual efforts, trophies were awarded to the top three readers. Hooray for Dalton, Amelia, and Grace! Trophies were also awarded to the top three fundraisers: Elie, Matthew, and Luci - incredible efforts by all!

For the second year in a row, Sr. Maslowski agreed to provide the students with an extra motivator. If the student body met the reading goal of 320,000 minutes and the financial goal of \$16,000, then Sr. Maslowski agreed to proudly appear in an orange and black "hair do" at the assembly. As the students anxiously awaited the numbers, the roar in the gymnasium was deafening as they cheered with enthusiasm to see Sr. Maslowski reveal his "Park Pride hair." It was a blast! Many thanks to Sr. Maslowski for being a great sport and helpful motivator!

All students who read 800 minutes or more OR raised \$40 or more were awarded a Leer-A-Tón pencil. Students that read 800 minutes or more AND raised \$40 or more received a PSI Leer-A-Tón water bottle and Leer-A-Tón pencil.

While working hard to raise money for their school, PSI kids also took the time to give back to their community. A book drive was held during the Leer-A-Tón and 338 books were donated to STEP - the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. Thanks to all who donated.

As we review the last few months and the achievements of the PSI students, we must remember the community of volunteers behind the scenes. There are many people who contribute their time, skills, and passion for the success of our kids and PSI. This final announcement of the Leer-A-Tón Committee is a very grateful acknowledgement of those who helped make Leer-A-Tón 2011 an enormous success: Chipotle on Excelsior Blvd, Ben & Jerry's Calhoun Commons, Jessen Press, Corey Maslowski, PSI Teachers for their many means of supporting LAT, Janet Pickford, Kathy Ninnemann, and the Leer-A-Tón Committee: Char Myers, Heather Fitzpatrick, Theresa Moerbitz, Julie Lindstrom, Emma Swindlehurst, Jan Russell, Julia Frederickson, and Tobi Kreifels. THANK YOU TO ALL for supporting our wonderful school and the daily enrichment of our children's Spanish through the work of the Amity Interns.