

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to each and every one of the fabulous kids at PSI! The Leer-A-Tón Committee challenged the entire student body to read 400,000 minutes and to raise \$20,000 for PSI's Amity Scholar Program. Not only did the kids meet their challenges, but they exceeded them! Through teamwork and dedication, our kids:

RAISED: \$20,600.98

READ: 592,619 minutes

PSI KIDS ARE SUPERSTARS!

To celebrate, an awards ceremony was held during an all-school assembly on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. To recognize excellent teamwork, trophies were presented to the Champion Fundraiser Classes and Champion Reader Classes in two categories, grades K-2 and grades 3-6. The Champion Fundraiser trophies were awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class of Sra. Puchol and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of Sra. Samaha. The Champion Reader trophies were awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class of Srta. Harem and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of Sra. Maldonado. Students in these classes will also receive a book, graciously donated by the Junior League. Congratulations!

To recognize outstanding individual efforts, trophies were awarded to the top three readers. Kudos to Anya, who read 4,140 minutes; Lukas, with 4,252 minutes; and Marit, topping the chart with 5,164 minutes! Trophies were also awarded to the top three fundraisers: Lucille, Tanner and Ruby. Congratulations!

In addition, Park Spanish Immersion water bottles were awarded to 303 students who achieved the '40/40 Challenge' – raising at least \$40 total and reading an average of 40 minutes per day. Participation prizes, consisting of donated Spanish books, donated \$5 Half Price Books gift cards and Park Spanish Immersion pencils were awarded to many.

While working hard to raise money for their own school, PSI kids also took the time to give back to their community. A book drive was held and almost 100 books were collected for STEP – the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. The books were a very welcome donation!

As we reflect on the achievements of the PSI students, we cannot forget the community of volunteers behind the scenes. So, the final announcement of the PSI Leer-A-Tón Committee is a very grateful acknowledgement of the many people who helped make Leer-A-Tón 2009 a great success: Kelly Bunte and Jan Russell for organizing the Parent Parade, all of the Parent Parade participants; Kim Polzin for drafting the press release; Jodi Wiken for soliciting donated and discounted student awards; Char Meyers, Emma Swindlehurst, Heather Fitzpatrick and Jacquie von Steinbergs for making the school so festive; Maria Reyes and Maria Caballer for Spanish translations; Mary Bloomgren for always being willing to help with anything; Sally Goddard for suggested reading lists; Julie Wells for administrative support; Mike Schacherer for graphic design; Jessen Press for discounted printing; the PSI PTO; Sra. Lukaska; PSI staff and all parents for supporting the student fundraisers and readers. THANK YOU for supporting our wonderful school and the daily enrichment of our children's Spanish through the work of the Amity Interns.