

# PARP is HERE!

October 9th- October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Read, Lead, Succeeded  
Vote for Books!**

**Elect to READ!**

## What is PARP?

Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) is a collaborative effort among parents, teachers, and community to build a reading partnership between the home and the school. PARP programs encourage parents to read with their children for at least 15 minutes per day. Learning to read is the single most important activity in a child's education. Studies show that children who read at home are better prepared to succeed in formal education.

For more information about the history and purpose of PARP please visit the New York State PTA at <http://www.nyspta.org/programsAwards/parentsPartners.php>

## What is in my PARP Packet?

- Week by week schedule... In addition to your weekly reading, enjoy some of the suggested activities to enhance the PARP experience at home!
- PARP campaign button to decorate and bring to school on Tuesday, October 9th. Be CREATIVE!
- President Trading Card to fill out and bring in on 10/16.
- List of books to enjoy with your child.

Please note the special in-school celebration days and help your child prepare for them!



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## PARP 2012 Calendar of Events

### Week of October 8 - "Campaign for Books"

Date	Event	Be sure to . . .	Suggested Activities for You and Your Child to Do Together
10/9	PARP KICK-OFF "Story Pirates" visit Forest Park	encourage your child to tell you all about the performance.	Read a favorite book to kick-off PARP in your house.
10/10	READING OATH DAY Work with your teacher and classmates to create an oath to read.	ask your child to recite the oath to you.	Create a family oath.  Check out this website to read the oaths of office that different elected officials must take. <a href="http://www.rightsofthepeople.com/education/government%20for%20kids/3-5/symbols/oaths.php">http://www.rightsofthepeople.com/education/government for kids/3-5/symbols/oaths.php</a>
10/11	RUNNING MATE READING DAY Read with a buddy!	remind your child to bring a special book to share.	Check out these websites to learn about Vice Presidents. <a href="http://www.funtrivia.com/en/World/US-Vice-Presidents-13688.html">http://www.funtrivia.com/en/World/US-Vice-Presidents-13688.html</a>  <a href="http://vicepresidents.com/">http://vicepresidents.com/</a>
10/12	EARLY MORNING READING CONVENTION Bring a favorite book and a towel to sit on.	join us in the Forest Park Café at 8:35 for a Parent-Child read-in.	Learn about the convention process at these websites. <a href="http://www.congressforkids.net/Elections_nationalcon.htm">http://www.congressforkids.net/Elections_nationalcon.htm</a>  <a href="http://kids.librarypoint.org/presidential%20election%20how%20it%20works">http://kids.librarypoint.org/presidential election how it works</a>

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### Week of October 15 - "Meet the Candidates"

Date	Event	Be sure to . . .	Suggested Activities for You and Your Child to Do Together
10/15	<b>MEET THE CANDIDATES</b> Be an educated voter!	ask your child to tell you about the personality traits of each character candidate.	Create a "Pros and Cons" list for each character candidate.  Learn about the candidates for President at this website. <a href="http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/election-2012">http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/election-2012</a>
10/16	<b>PRESIDENT IN YOUR POCKET DAY</b> Find two facts and a quote for one US President.	help your child complete the President trading card and remind him/her to bring it to school.	Check out these websites to learn about Presidents. <a href="http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/uspresidents.htm">http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/uspresidents.htm</a>  <a href="http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/peopleplaces/georgewashingtonicecream/">http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/peopleplaces/georgewashingtonicecream/</a> <a href="http://www.mistergworld.com/12-002.htm">http://www.mistergworld.com/12-002.htm</a>
10/17	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> You are free to read any book you like.	remind your child to bring a book of his/her choice.	Have a family reading night where everyone reads independently.
10/18	<b>CHOICE IS MONUMENTAL</b>	Locate a monument on a map.	Talk to your child about what the monument stands for. What state is it located in. Why? What does it represent?  Check out this website: <a href="http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/photos/us-monuments/">http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/photos/us-monuments/</a>
10/19	<b>READING REUNION DAY</b> Get together with your friends and teacher from last year.	share some special memories about last year's class.	Work with your child to create a photo album or scrapbook that contains memories of last year. Encourage your child to write captions for some of the special moments.

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Week of October 22 - "Get Ready to Vote"			
Date	Event	Be sure to . . .	Suggested Activities for You and Your Child to Do Together
10/22	DEBATE DAY	set some time aside this evening to enjoy debating a topic with your child.	<p>Try having a debate at home! Pick a topic and form an opinion. Support your opinion with facts. Possible topics . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books are better than television.</li> <li>• School should start two hours later than it does now.</li> <li>• Kids should be able to spend their allowance any way they want to.</li> <li>• Chores should be done every day after finishing homework.</li> </ul>
10/23	VOTING COUNTS DAY	Talk to your child about how math plays a role in the election process.	<p>Election Math Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates raise money to support their campaign.</li> <li>• Votes are counted to determine a winner.</li> <li>• Percentages are calculated to determine public opinion.</li> <li>• Graphs and charts are made to illustrate results.</li> </ul> <p>Where else is math found in elections?</p>
10/24	CHARACTER ELECTION DAY	Bring your campaign poster for the big Election Day Entrance!	Help your child create a campaign poster for the Book Character that they are going to vote for in school today!
10/25	"Fit" for a President Day	Send your child to school with a super healthy snack today.	<p>Explore this website to learn about First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative. <a href="http://www.letsmove.gov/">http://www.letsmove.gov/</a></p> <p>Give your child the responsibility of planning a healthy dinner for the family using information from that website.</p>
10/26	<p>INAUGURATION DAY</p> <p>Will your candidate win the election? DRESS LIKE A PRESIDENT OR FIRST LADY</p>	<p>help your child choose a president or first lady that he/she would like to portray. Work together to create "the Presidential look". We will parade around Forest Park!</p>	<p>Follow the Presidential Election with your child. Share appropriate newspaper articles; have <i>your child accompany you when you vote</i>; analyze the Electoral Map after the winner is announced.</p>



If you were running for  
**PRESIDENT...**



What would your  
campaign button  
look like?

1. Paste a photo of yourself in the circle.
2. Add a slogan about what makes you great!
3. Decorate, cut it out and return to your teacher by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Some examples...






# Make Your Own PRESIDENT TRADING CARD

Find out facts about any US President that interests you and create a fun fact card about them! Fill it in, cut it out, and bring it to school on 10/11/12 and trade facts with your friends as you pass in the halls!

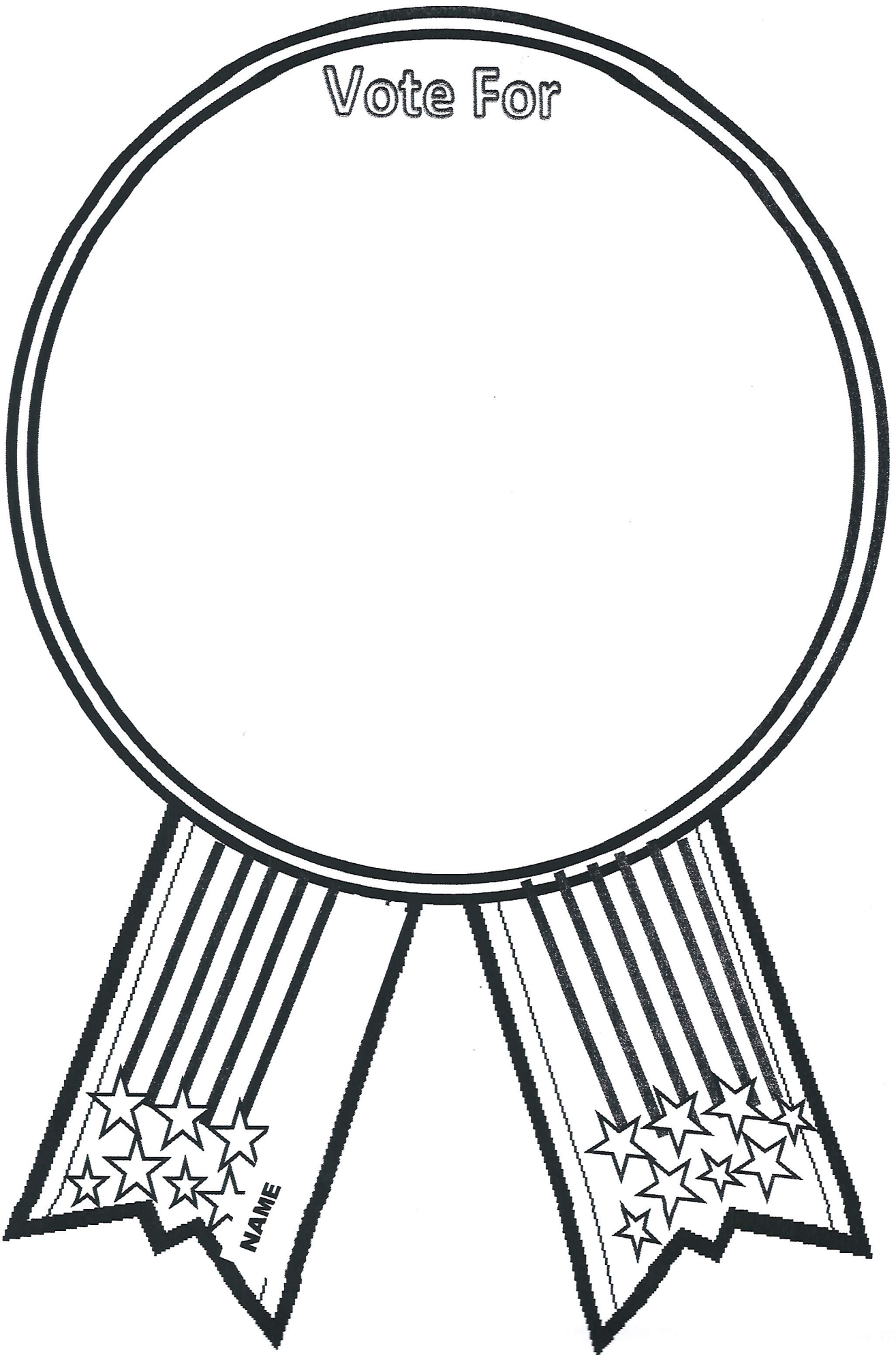


President's Name:	
Presidential Years:	_____ - _____
Date Born:	
Date Died:	
Fun Presidential Fact:	
Presidential Quote:	

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President's Name:
Attach a picture of your President here


Vote For



NAME