

Middle School Readers Book Club—50% of our students participate!!!

This is a fabulous program that was started by the PTA. The club started meagerly with 12 students coming one evening to discuss the books that they had read. As attendance waned, we decided to revamp the club. What we know about Middle School students is that they like being able to choose what they read. They like being with their friends, and they like to eat. We figured we could get more students to join in the fun if we allowed students to choose the books they wanted to read and sign-up to read them with their friends. Add food to the mix, and we knew we would have a winning combination. Quickly the participation grew from 25 to 70 to what we enjoy today, 150+ members for each trimester book club day and up to 30 different titles being read across the 4 grade levels. That's right! Almost half of the student body at Pleasantdale participates in the Book Club every trimester.

Who facilitates these groups? Well, our wonderful staff gives up their lunch and plan periods to talk with students about books. You could not have a more devoted staff than the one at Pleasantdale. Because the program has grown so large, the Middle School Librarian has taken over the program, but the PTA still graciously provides the meal for the book club participants. Pleasantdale Middle School is a reading machine! Thanks to all who help to make this happen: Parents, students, Teachers and even our custodian and Nurse have been known to meet with book groups.

2009-2010 Participation

Fall Semester, October 16th, 2009: 23 Titles----144 student participants

Winter Semester, February 26th, 2010: 31 Titles----154 student participants

Spring Semester, May 7th, 2010: 34 Titles----174 student participants

Titles choices due: April 5th, 2010