

## Middle School Readers Book Club

### More than 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! More than half of the student body at Pleasantdale participates in the Book Club every trimester.

Who facilitates these groups? Well, our wonder 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, students will need to provide their own lunch (they may get a hot lunch or bring a sack lunch to the Library), but the PTA graciously provides ice cream sundaes for the book club participants. The Librarian provides the books that are purchased by the school district. Pleasantdale Middle School is a reading machine! Thanks to all who help to make this happen: parents, students, teachers, administrators and even our custodian and nurse who have been known to meet with a book group.

#### 2010.2011 Book Club Schedule

<b>Book Choices Due-Sing up</b>	<b>Book Club Date</b>	<b>Total # or Participants</b>
September 24, 2010	October 22, 2010	188
December 17, 2010	January 28, 2011	187
March 11, 2011	April 8, 2011	156