

# Catherine M. McGee Middle School



Dear Student/Guardian,

Many families struggle. Some may not be able to afford food or clothing. Some may have trouble paying bills or buying birthday gifts. This includes families right here in Berlin! You can do something to help.

For the past 18 years, the McGee March Madness Program has helped countless families in their time of need. This program is essential in being able to assist Berlin families and members of the community when they need it.

The week of February 15 - February 19, March Madness is sponsoring the sixth annual McGee March Madness Read-a-thon to help raise money for needy families and local charities. During one week of school, students will read for 20 minutes. Additionally, students must aim to read 20 minutes at home. This will be a minimum of 200 minutes read for the week.

## *How does it work?*



**1** week of reading -- February 15 - February 19, 2016



**2** hundred minutes of total time read--Students must read 200 minutes during the week. Aim to read 40 minutes a day... 40 at home, 20 at school and 20 at home, 40 at school, etc.



**3** or more sponsors pledge support --Each student must find a minimum of 3 sponsors to support the program.

### ***How do I collect pledges?***

Ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors etc. that you know if they would like to support your efforts to read and earn money for McGee March Madness. DO NOT collect pledges from someone you or your parents do not know. It is not safe and is in no way encouraged.

### ***Can I get more than 3 sponsors?***

Yes, there is no limit on how many sponsors you can have.

### ***Are checks allowed?***

Yes, please make checks payable to McGee.

### ***When are the pledge amounts due?***

All pledges are due Monday, February 22, 2016. Turn all pledge money into Mr. Plona.

### **Important Dates**

<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly</b>
<b>Feb. 4 – Feb. 22</b>	<b>Pledges can be collected.</b>
<b>Feb. 15 – Feb. 19</b>	<b>Read 40 minutes a day.</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>All pledge money is due.</b>

## **Prizes**

<b><u>Level</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Raised</u></b>	<b><u>Reward</u></b>
Level 1	\$6 - \$19 in pledges	1 Free Cookie at Lunch 1 Free Pass to a March Madness Game
Level 2	\$20 - \$29 in pledges	2 New Britain BEES Tickets 1 Free Cookie at Lunch 1 Free Pass to a March Madness Game
Level 3	\$30 - \$39 in pledges	1 March Madness T-Shirt 2 New Britain BEES Tickets 1 Free Cookie at Lunch 1 Free Pass to a March Madness Game
Level 4	\$40 - \$49 in pledges	1 March Madness T-Shirt 2 New Britain BEES Tickets 1 Free Cookie at Lunch 1 Free Pass to a March Madness Game 1 Entry to be a Mascot during the finals
Level 5	\$50 or more in pledges	1 Drawing for an I Pad Mini 1 March Madness T-Shirt 2 New Britain BEES Tickets 1 Free Cookie at Lunch 1 Free Pass to a March Madness Game 2 Entries to be a Mascot during the finals

**Top boy and girl from each grade level will win a \$25 gift card of their choice.**