

Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Read to a Child Volunteer Mentors



Follow these steps to get involved:

1. **Complete a volunteer application.** This is brief and available online at:
<http://app.readtoachild.org/boston/index.php/volunteers/add>
2. **Participate in an Orientation session:** Orientation is one-time training required for all new volunteers, and will give you an opportunity to have all of your questions answered. If there is a large enough interest base, we will schedule to have a staff member come to your office to hold the orientation. If there are only a few employees who have shown interest, they will be oriented over the phone at a date and time most convenient for them.
3. **Complete a CORI criminal background check:** More information about completing this crucial step will be discussed during the Orientation session.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

WHAT IS READ TO A CHILD'S LUNCHTIME READING PROGRAM?

Read to a Child is an innovative literacy and mentoring organization that increases children's prospects for success in school and in life. Its signature lunchtime reading program pairs elementary school children one-to-one with volunteer mentors from local corporations and businesses to read aloud once a week during lunchtime.

WHERE IS THE SCHOOL LOCATED?

Read to a Child operates lunchtime reading program at 16 schools in 8 communities in the Boston area. Please inquire to find out more about the school closest to you!

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE? WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The lunchtime reading program takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for a 30-40 minute time block between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm. Specific times and days differ at each school site and depend on the grade level of your student partner. Volunteer mentors attend reading sessions with their student once a week or every other week beginning in October until late May or early June (approx. 30 weeks).

HOW ARE THE CHILDREN SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM?

Teachers select specific students to participate in the lunchtime reading program because they are 1) behind their age group in reading proficiency; 2) would benefit from the attention of a caring adult; 3) and/or are not read to at home.

I'VE NEVER BEEN A READING MENTOR. WILL I RECEIVE ANY TRAINING?

Yes. All volunteers will attend an information and training session prior to beginning the program.

I'M REALLY BUSY AND TRAVEL FOR MY JOB. HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The lunchtime reading program is a flexible and convenient program that allows busy professionals to volunteer as mentors and miss little or no time from work. You can pair up with a colleague to be matched with one student. You and your colleague can then alternate, attending reading sessions for 40 minutes every *other* week for a total of 15 weeks.

ONCE I JOIN THE PROGRAM, WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR CAN'T MAKE IT TO MY SCHEDULED READING SESSION FOR THE WEEK?

The lunchtime reading program is well-managed by a School Coordinator staffed at each site who maintains a 24 hour voicemail line. If you have questions, or cannot make it to your reading session you can call the School Coordinator to notify them or reschedule your session for another day that week.

I'M INTERESTED, HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

To learn more, please visit our website at www.readtoachild.org

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School Listings

<p align="center">Samuel Adams School 165 Webster St East Boston, MA 02128 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30-10:15 (1st) 10:15-11:00 (2nd and 3rd) 11:00-11:45 (4th)</p>	<p align="center">Boston Renaissance Charter School 1415 Hyde Park Ave Hyde Park, MA 02136 Wed, Thurs 11:20-12:05 (4th) 11:40-12:25 (2nd) 12:40-1:25 (1st)</p>	<p align="center">Condon School 200 D Street Boston, MA 02127 Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11:50-12:30(2nd) 12:40-1:20(3rd & 4th)</p>	<p align="center">Hooks School 300 Crescent Ave Chelsea, MA 02150 Tues, Wed 11:00-11:25(1st) 11:20-11:45(4th) 11:35-12:00(3rd) 11:40-12:05(2nd)</p>
<p align="center">Neighborhood House Charter School 21 Queen St Dorchester, MA 02122 Thurs, Fri 11:15-11:45(3rd) 12:45-1:15 (2nd)</p>	<p align="center">Parker School 52 River Street Billerica, MA 01821 Thurs, Fri 10:55-11:25(1st) 11:30-12:00(2nd & 3rd) 12:05-12:35(4th)</p>	<p align="center">Tobin School 40 Smith St Roxbury Crossing, MA Wed, Thurs, Fri 11:15-11:55(1st) 12:50-1:30 (4th) 1:30-2:10 (3rd) 1:30-2:10(2nd)</p>	<p align="center">Brophy School 575 Pleasant St Framingham, MA 01701 Tues, Wed 11:45-12:15 (1st) 12:00-12:30 (2nd) 12:15-12:45 (3rd) 12:45-1:15 (4th)</p>
<p align="center">English 105 Woodville St. Everett, MA 02149 Tues, Wed 11:00-11:30(2nd) 11:30-12:00(3rd) 12:00-12:30 (4th)</p>	<p align="center">Kennedy School 5 Cherry St Somerville, MA 02144 Tues, Thurs 11:30-12:00 (1st & 2nd) 12:30-1:00(3rd & 4th)</p>	<p align="center">King Open School 850 Cambridge St Cambridge, MA 02141 Tues, Wed, Thurs 11:20-11:50(3rd & 4th) 12:15-12:45(1st & 2nd)</p>	<p align="center">Morse School 40 Granite St Cambridge, MA 02139 Tues, Wed 11:00-11:30(2nd) 11:15-11:45(1st) 11:55-12:25(3rd) 12:10-12:40(4th)</p>
<p align="center">Stanley School 250 South St Waltham, MA 02453 Wed, Fri 11:45-12:15(4th) 12:15-12:45(1st) 12:45-1:15 (2nd & 3rd)</p>	<p align="center">Vining School 121 Lexington Rd Billerica, MA 01821 Tues, Wed 11:00-11:30(1st) 11:30-12:00(2nd & 3rd) 12:00-12:30(4th)</p>	<p align="center">Whittemore School 30 Parmenter Rd Waltham, MA 02453 Tues, Thurs, Fri 11:50-12:15(1st & 4th) 12:20-12:45(2nd) 12:50-12:30 (4th)</p>	<p align="center">Woodrow Wilson Elementary School 169 Leland St Framingham, MA 01702 Tues, Wed, Fri 11:30-12:00(2nd) 12:45-1:15(4th) 1:00-1:30(3rd)</p>