

Coyote Corner

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What's Happening at G.T. Norman Elementary

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Once again it is time for an update of events, activities and thanks from GT Norman Elementary School. As always, there are a lot of things going on at Norman. I would like to highlight one in particular.

March is National Reading Month and at Norman we are reading. Our goal is to read 20,000 books for K-5. At the halfway point, we are at 8,235 books read. This is a little low but usually we come on in the second half of the month. Our reading month theme is *Read to Survive in Michigan* and centers around the *Survivor* TV show. Each class wins survival items to place in their backpacks as they read the week's goal of books. The backpacks are on all the doors so that you can see how much has been read.

We are also involved with West Michigan Whitecaps baseball team in that if students read so many minutes, they can receive two free tickets to any home game between April and June. We have prizes for individuals, classes and grades as well. Our culminating activity will be survivor games between Mrs. Griffin's team and Mr. Vander Goot's team. It is even planned for an "eat off" between the two captains of survivor type food. It should be fun and enjoyable for all but the captains.

Finally I would like to thank our hard working PTO and all the parents and staff who work tirelessly to help the children at GT Norman. Through their fund raisers, our students can go on field trips as the money raised pays for busing. The PTO also provides special activities like the IMAX Dome theater coming to school in May. They have the *Me and My Guy* Dance and *Mom and Me* event. All of these events and activities are the direct result of the hard working individuals of our PTO. THANK YOU ALL.