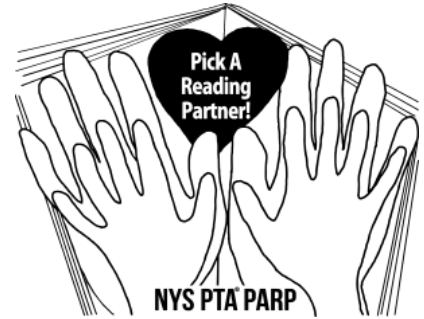




Cooperstown Elementary School  
**PICK A READING PARTNER 2021**  
*"Connecting Through Stories"*  
**March 18 – 25, 2021**

PARP is a school and community celebration meant to promote the love of reading and to give families the opportunity to share the joys of reading together. During the week, we encourage children to enjoy reading at home every day with their favorite reading buddies including parents, grandparents, babysitters, older siblings, cousins, friends, pets, stuffed animals, etc. Reading opportunities are everywhere: in print and ebooks, magazines, newspapers, recipes, cereal boxes, labels on cans, websites and more. This year, we've set a goal for each child to read ***at least 20 minutes a day*** with a partner outside of school during PARP!



**LET'S CONNECT THROUGH STORIES BY ENJOYING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES TOGETHER AT HOME OR IN SCHOOL:**

**PARP Spirit Days**

Thursday, 3/18 – Show your COOP pride: Wear Orange & Black  
Friday, 3/19 – Reading Marathon – Read All Day!  
Monday, 3/22 – Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day!  
Tuesday, 3/23 – Wear Tie Dye Day  
Wednesday, 3/24 – Pajama Day – Super Comfy Learning all day!  
Thursday, 3/25 – Dress to Impress – Author Visit Day

**BOB Daily Literacy Activity**

Each day at 2:05 pm, students will enjoy a fun literacy activity created for them by students in the Jr./Sr. High School Battle of the Books Library Club. Thank you BOB!



## **Time to Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)**

Throughout PARP, students should carry a book with them EVERYWHERE! You never know when the D.E.A.R. bell will ring.



## **Reading Marathon**

On Friday, March 19, we will have a Reading Marathon. This just means we want children to be actively reading for fun ALL DAY!

## **Tracey Baptiste Author Visit, Thursday, March 25**

We are pleased to announce that all students, in person and remote, will have the opportunity to enjoy a virtual visit with Ms. Tracey Baptiste. Ms. Baptiste is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Minecraft: The Crash*, as well as the middle grade series *The Jumbies*, *Rise of the Jumbies*, and *The Jumbie God's Revenge*. She also writes nonfiction like *The Totally Gross History of Ancient Egypt*. Her picture book, *Looking for a Jumbie*, will be published this September. To learn more about Tracey Baptiste, visit her website [traceybaptiste.com](http://traceybaptiste.com) or follow her on Instagram [@traceybaptistewrites](https://www.instagram.com/traceybaptistewrites).



**DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!** Purchase autographed books at [bit.ly/baptistebookorder](https://bit.ly/baptistebookorder) by **Friday, March 12**. The day's schedule and Zoom links will be posted in your child's Library Google Classroom.

## **Connecting Through Stories with Ms. Durkee**

Five students from grades K-6 will be randomly selected to work with Ms. Durkee on a top-secret PARP mission to promote reading in the school.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who makes PARP possible: Cooperstown PTA, Ms. Durkee, Ms. Spross, Cooperstown Faculty & Staff, Village Library of Cooperstown, Kinney Memorial Library, Mrs. Hitchcock and the Cooperstown Jr.Sr. High School Battle of the Books Library Club, and Stewart's of Cooperstown.

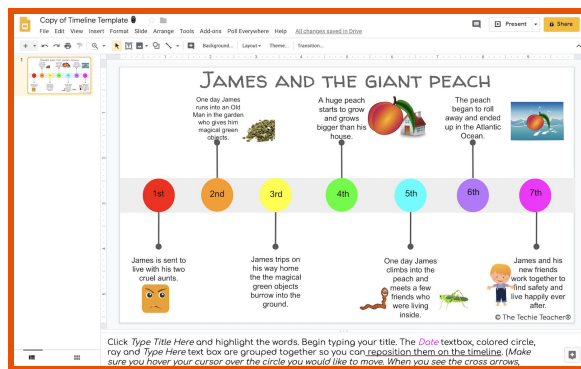
Calling all engineers, builders, creators, thinkers, and artists!

# PTA Family Reading Project

Families are asked to work together at home to plan, create, and make a project that promotes reading. Make your love of reading come to life using recycled objects from your home (cereal boxes, cardboard, straws, sticks, paper towel rolls, magazines, etc.) Use whatever you can find or **let us know if you need supplies**. Build, create, color, or design **any** object you can imagine - a diorama, shadow box, movie, poster, book, play, computer animation, etc. **We can't wait to see your imagination take flight.**

**Stuck? Visit Pinterest or try one of these ideas:**








- \* Board game based on a book
- \* Prop from a story
- \* Book character made out of recycled materials or something from nature
- \* Model of a book's setting
- \* Movie of you acting out a scene from a story
- \* Digital collage or slideshow of your family's favorite books
- \* Science experiment using books



**To add your masterpiece to the virtual display send a good quality, high resolution image or mp4 video to [egibson@cooperstowncs.org](mailto:egibson@cooperstowncs.org).**



# PARP 2021 - CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>PARP Spirit days are here! This calendar will help you keep track of all the FUN activities we have planned for you.</b></p> <p>Don't forget to have a book with you wherever you go. You never know when the D.E.A.R. bell will ring.</p>			<p>3/18</p> <p>Show your Coop spirit: wear <b>ORANGE &amp; BLACK</b></p>  <p>2:10 Kick-Off Zoom Assembly</p>	<p>3/19</p> <p>Reading Marathon</p>  <p>Read ALL Day</p>
<p>3/22</p>  <p><b>ROCK YOUR SOCKS</b></p> <p>Rock your mismatched or crazy socks for World Down Syndrome Day</p> <p>2:05 Puzzles &amp; Bookmark Design Activity</p>	<p>3/23</p> <p>Show your colors, it's Tie Dye day!</p>  <p>2:05 MADLIBS</p>	<p>3/24</p> <p>Pajama Day - get ready for some comfy learning.</p>  <p>2:05 Write your own story</p>	<p>3/25</p> <p>Dress to impress, it's Author Visit day!</p>  <p>Tracy Baptiste will be here all day</p> <p>2:05 A SURPRISE video created by B.O.B. students</p>	 <p>Don't forget to send pictures of your Family Reading Project to Mrs. Gibson</p> <p>egibson@cooperstowncs.org</p>

*"There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling."* – Jimmy Neil Smith