



# Reading Enrichment & Iditarod 2008



## **What is the Reading Enrichment Program?**

It's a PTA sponsored program. The main goal is to motivate students to read!

## **What is the Iditarod Trail and Challenge?**

Iditarod is a famous husky race across Alaska. At Hillside, we use this husky theme to track a student's reading achievements. We divided the Iditarod into two parts: Trail and Challenge. Each has its own checkpoints, set of goals, and awards.

## **What is the Iditarod wall?**

It is a wooden sculpture of an Alaskan terrain. When students achieve their first reading goal, they get a husky magnet on the wall. As students accomplish their goals they earn AR points and their "husky magnet" moves along the terrain.

## **What are the reading goals?**

Each Language Arts level (2-6) has their own set of goals. These goals are posted in class. In order to reach each checkpoint, a student must earn a specified number of AR points.

## **What are AR points?**

AR Points = (Quiz points + Book Report Points). Students may take a comprehension quiz in the AR system for books they have read. The book's reading level and the quiz score determines the number of points earned. If there is no quiz, the student may turn in a written book report to earn points. The forms are available in the Media Center.

## **How does a student participate?**

Simple: the student reads books! For each book read, they are encouraged to update their Reading Logs (located in their Communication Log) and to take the corresponding quiz or write a book report.

## **Can a student participate in Iditarod without taking quizzes?**

Yes! This year the students will have two opportunities to advance on the wall: Reading Log and 6-Hour Log. In the first semester, if a student reads a specified number of books by December 19<sup>th</sup> and updates their Reading Log, they will advance one checkpoint on the Iditarod Trail. In the second semester, if a student completes the 6-Hour Reading Log in February, they will advance one checkpoint on the Iditarod Trail and earn a Six Flags voucher. *\*Please note that students do not earn AR points for these two specific reading-only opportunities.*

## **Who may I contact for more information?**

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