

# Asante Africa Read-a-Thon Kit



*Every child deserves an education and the opportunity to choose their future, regardless of the longitude or latitude in which they are born. Through education, every child can make their dreams a reality, help their families struggle less and help their communities become self-sustaining.*

**Asante Africa Foundation is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of and access to nursery, primary and secondary education in East Africa by funding projects that:**

- Create a healthier places to learn by building infrastructure to improve basic conditions at school (construction of schools, kitchens, dormitories; providing water sources, daily porridge, toilets)
- Help teachers be better teachers by providing them with necessary resources (classroom supplies, musical instruments, mentoring for teachers)
- Provide scholarships for academically talented or highly motivated children in need to attend schools they might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend

## **Thank you for your interest in organizing a read-a-thon for Asante Africa!**

A read-a-thon is motivating and educational for students of all ages. It's a great way to show children that through their learning and literacy, they can impact less fortunate children half a world away who wish for the same opportunities. Read-a-thon proceeds help build classrooms, provide meals, buy textbooks or send a child to school.

### ***Planning a successful Asante Africa Foundation read-a-thon:***

Please visit our website at [www.asanteafrica.org/projects](http://www.asanteafrica.org/projects) to learn more about the types of projects we fund. We encourage unrestricted donations because they allow us to continue to grow and expand our programs, while still maintaining the high quality that we expect in our projects. Unless otherwise noted, your donation will go towards the area of highest priority.

### ***Planning an Asante Africa read-a-thon? Here's how to do it!***

Let us know if your school or group is planning a read-a-thon. It would be of great help to us if you could collect all donations from individuals and issue a single check to us for the total amount.

1. Review the read-a-thon documents and send us information on the read-a-thon your group or school is planning.
2. Request any additional information that you need from us no later than 4 weeks before the event. Please send an email with your name, address, and questions or requests to [info@asanteafrica.org](mailto:info@asanteafrica.org).
3. Begin to plan your read-a-thon by selecting the dates.
4. Introduce the read-a-thon to your students or group, letting them know how their reading efforts will help children just like them many miles away. Asante Africa will provide a flyer template that you can use to insert your own information.
5. Help students set reachable goals based on their age. (For example, how many books or pages will they read?)
6. Have children bring the last 4 pages of this kit home to their parents. Each read-a-thon participant should get a copy of these pages.
7. Children begin to read and collect pledges for each page or for the amount of time they read.
8. During the read-a-thon, read-a-thon organizers, parents and friends can help children track their performance and encourage them to meet their goals by checking in frequently.
9. Children read for the duration of the read-a-thon (time frame to be decided by the school or group).
10. At the end of the read-a-thon, tracking sheets and pledges are collected and returned to the read-a-thon Coordinator.
11. Checks should be payable to the group or school which will then issue a single check to Asante Africa Foundation. Mail tracking sheets and coordinator sheet to:

Asante Africa Foundation  
1334 Carlton Place  
Livermore, California, 94550  
Phone: 925-292-0245  
Fax: 925-447-1589



## **Asante Africa Read-a-thon Participant Kit**

***Thank you for helping Asante Africa give the gift of education to children in East Africa!***

Donations from the read-a-thon will be used to:

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**Here's what you do:**

**Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, ask friends, relatives, neighbors and other people you know to pledge an amount of money for every minute or page that you read. Add each name and each participant's pledge on the Sponsor Form. Sponsors can also indicate a maximum pledge.**

**Remember: Every pledge helps!**

1. All reading during dates of the read-a-thon counts – whether you are reading by yourself, reading to someone else, or having someone read to you.
2. Set a goal for how much money you hope to raise to help children in East Africa. Write your goal in the section at the bottom of the Pledge Form.
3. **Read as much as you can.** It will help you learn and it will give children just like you who live thousands of miles away a chance to read and learn too! Record the books and number of pages you have read on the Tracking Sheet.
4. When the end date for your read-a-thon arrives, total your pages and collect your pledges. Bring the money you raised, the Pledge Form(s), and the Tracking Sheet to the person in charge of the Asante Africa read-a-thon. They will take care of mailing the donations to Asante Africa
5. Visit [www.asanteafrica.org](http://www.asanteafrica.org) to learn more about how your pledge and other donations are helping to make a better world!





