

RE: Bikes for Books 2019

A child's successful education is the cornerstone of a fulfilling life. For that to happen, an ability to read is vital. To help in this effort, Dearborn Lodge #172 in partnership with the Michigan Mason Charitable Foundation is providing the "Bikes for Books" program to first through fifth graders at all Dearborn Public Elementary students.

"Bikes for Books" is a reading incentive program in which students will have an opportunity to be awarded a bike based on their reading achievement. This program is showing great results and is the fastest growing program that the Michigan Masons provide to their communities.

Bikes for Books will start on Friday, March 1, 2018 and run until the end of the month. First through fifth grade students will be entered into a raffle to win a bike once they read three (3) books. For every book they read beyond the original three (3) they will receive additional entries into the raffle for their hard work.

The school representative should determine the most effective method to track the number of books each student reads and enter the students' names in a drawing for either the girls' bike or the boys' bike that will be on display at their school.

Below are the basic rules for the Bikes for Books program. Please feel free to modify this program as needed to best fit your school and its processes. Our only goal for this program is to ramp up reading efforts during March is reading month.

#### **Bikes for Books-**

- First through fifth grade student can participate.
- Students can read any book of their choosing that is equivalent to their level of reading as determined by their teacher.
- Minimum of three (3) books must be read per participating student.
- We want every school to make this program their own. The below are just ideas on how the program has worked in the past.

#### **Raffle-**

- Schools are encouraged to make the raffle their own.  
(1 boy raffle and one girl raffle)
- Each book read beyond the initial 3 should give student an additional raffle entry.
- Best practice has been to set up the actual raffle by having two separate buckets/boxes that you supply. (One for boys and one for girls) The student's name

should be written on a piece of paper and entered in the appropriate bucket after they read 3 books and then again after they read each additional book.

- The teachers/admin can monitor the reading and raffle activities as they see fit.
- Within the first week of the program, please schedule a time at the end of the March/beginning of April for a representative of Dearborn Lodge to come to each school and assist in drawing the names and disburse the bikes to the winning students by calling or emailing the contact info below.

**ONE DEARBORN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL BE DRAWN AT RANDOM TO RECEIVE A CONGRATULATORY ASSEMBLY!**

We will contact the winning school to arrange their assembly. The assembly will feature a MAGIC SHOW and possible appearance by a local celebrity.

**A little bit about the contest organizers:** The Masons are the oldest fraternity in the world. We dedicate ourselves to growing as individuals and making a difference the best way we can. We take up the challenge to leave the world a better place for our children, our communities and the future. We are pleased to be working alongside the greatest educators in the world to help make a difference in the lives of children!!!

I am always here to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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