

Knowledge-A-Thon Directions

Today we began the 11th annual **KNOWLEDGE-A-THON (KAT)**, our major fundraiser for Classical School. **KAT is a pledge type fundraiser** designed to help meet some of our school's needs that aren't covered by the school's budget. **KAT** also enhances and reinforces our **Core Knowledge** curriculum in a fun and positive way for students, parents, and staff. It is designed to be a low cost/high profit fundraiser with all proceeds going toward our school, and no overpriced pizza or candy to sell.

Last year we raised over 21,000!

Our goal for the money this year is:

- Support for Additional Classroom Materials for Teachers
- LCD projectors and mounts for classroom demonstrations
- Elmo projectors
- Interwrite boards
- Printers and other technology needs
- School Enrichment activities and programs

That is a lofty goal but one that is achievable.

This **KAT Booklet** (what you are reading) was handed out to each student. It contains **100 questions with answers**, a **Pledge sheet** and a "**Volunteers Needed**" form.

Questions have been compiled by teachers from each grade level and include all areas of Core Knowledge. Most of the material has already been covered in class, but some will be new. **Your child's score will be incorporated into their grade.**

Pledges are based on how many correct answers the students achieve on testing day. The students have several weeks to gather pledges from family and friends. Students can ask for a "per question" pledge amount or a straight donation.

KAT DAY

On **Knowledge-A-Thon Day, April 23rd**, each child **must** bring their Pledge Sheet AND Questions to school. **Even if they didn't get any Pledges they still need to bring them in.**

(You can download the Pledge Sheet and Questions from www.classicalcharter.com)

Please DO NOT include money at this time!

Each student will be verbally and individually tested. Results will be tabulated, pledges calculated, and then the students may begin collecting their pledges and returning the money to school the following week.

ACTIVITIES

We have games and activities planned during the weeks leading up to KAT Day:

Week of March 22nd (M-TH) Lottery Lollapalooza

Students are asked a different KAT question each day and we will pick 2 students per K-5th grade. Students in 6th through 8th grade one person per class will be able to pick 1 prize. Prizes have been updated and improved.

The winners will be announced at the end of the day. You will be instructed to go upstairs outside the office and pick your prize.

Week of April 6th (T-F) Aces for K.A.T

Random stickers will be placed under some trays and if the student has a sticker they will get to pick a prize. Stickers will also be placed on cold lunch bags as well. 7th and 8th grades will be included also.

Week of April 12th (M-TH) Bonanza

Volunteers will be asked to ask each student a question. For every correct answer you will be able to pick candy, pens, pencils, or small toys.

Week of April 19th (M-TH) K.A.T Master Challenge

Each room will be divided into 2 teams. The winning teams from each class will get a “snack” on Thursday afternoon. Scores will be compiled from M-W. So it is important to have your scores placed in my mailbox marked Jenny Ho in the Conference Room next to the Office.

NEW THIS YEAR

- **The class from each grade that has an average KAT score of 99% will have their homeroom teachers name engraved on a trophy and put in the trophy case.**
- **The classes that has an average KAT score of 99% wins a pizza party!**
- **The class that raises the most money wins a pizza party!**

* The same class cannot win both pizza parties

Get ready, get excited, because It's Here

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