



2018 Practice-A-Thon: INFORMATION SHEET

Your Practice Earns Money for the Graham Performing Arts Association!

Find Sponsors or Pledges

Start by contacting your friends and family: your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors and anyone else you can think of. Ask them to pledge a certain amount for every minute practiced (ex: \$.10/minute) or pledge a flat donation (ex: \$50).

Keep Track of Practice Time - Paperless Weekly Practice Logs

From February 2 - 16, keep track of your minutes practiced. Log your minutes practiced by Friday each week via the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mxprviZsU053Jmld2>

Students that log their practice minutes by Friday each week will earn a prize in their class. Remember to log your weekly practice minutes by **2/9 & 2/16**. (Students will be given the opportunity to log their practice minutes in class if needed). Each week the top practice minutes in each performing arts group will earn their name in the drawing for the BIG PRIZE.

Collect Money

By March 2nd, you will need to collect & turn in your donations. ***We will be using WALKSTARTER again this year. Students can collect funds by creating their own fundraising page and collect payment online.***

<https://graham.walkstarter.org>

Here is the link to help you create your page:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17HN_UQ6kQEYgaZdcMCbm-CYG7qASqmvHFd4PrkvT8qk/edit#slide=id.g11bfe02e77_0_416

Turn in your total money collected by **FRIDAY March 2nd**. Students can also collect checks and cash - please have checks made out to Graham PTA - remember to include the student's name on the check as well as Performing Arts in the memo line.

WIN PRIZES

- Students that log their practice minutes each Friday will earn a small prize in their class.
- Raise \$50, you get a coupon to sit wherever you want in music class for a day.
- Raise \$75 you get the coupon plus a front-of-the-line pass (good for snack or lunch).
- Raise \$100 you get all that plus a ticket to a special after-school pizza party where you get to eat pizza, hang out with your friends & watch a movie.
- Raise \$125 you get entered into the drawing for the BIG PRIZE. Every \$25 you raise beyond that gets your name in the drawing again.
- The student with the top minutes practiced in Band, Strings, Choir and Dance are entered into the drawing for the BIG PRIZE each week.

How To Collect Pledges - A Sample Script Of What To Say

HELLO!

My name is _____ and I am a student at Graham Middle School and a member of the Graham Performing Arts. Graham Performing Arts is holding a Practice-A-Thon as a fundraiser from February 2 - 16. Each participant will obtain sponsors who are willing to pledge a certain amount of money per minutes the student practices for the month. For example, if I practice 60 minutes daily for 30 days, that's 1,800 minutes for the month, so a pledge of \$0.01 per minute would be \$18; a pledge of \$0.02 per minute would be \$36, etc. Fixed pledge amounts independent of minutes practiced are also welcome.

Please consider sponsoring me in the Practice-A-Thon. You may pledge any amount you wish. I will keep track of the time I practice for the entire month. After I complete all of my practice minutes, I will let you know how many minutes I practiced and the total amount due for your pledge.

You can make your contribution by cash, check (payable to Graham PTA - include the student's name and Performing Arts in the memo line) OR visit my **PracticeStarter** webpage where you can make a donation online.

My webpage address: _____

I really appreciate your support!

Timeline:

- **February 2 - 16: PRACTICE & log practice minutes**
 - **Log practice minutes on the following dates: 2/9 & 2/16.**
- **March 2nd: All pledges are due**