

Thank you for your interest in volunteering to listen to an emerging reader!

The Optimist Club of Pontiac is recruiting volunteers to **Listen to Kindergarteners Read** during March is Reading Month. (March 3 through March 21, 2025 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:15A.M. to 12 noon at Alcott Elementary School. Herrington Elementary students are housed at Alcott Elementary School (460 West Kennett Road. Pontiac. MI. 48340) while renovations are being completed at the Herrington Campus.

As a listener, you will provide an opportunity for emerging readers to improve their reading fluency. Volunteers will listen to each child read for 3-5 mins from books which have already been introduced to the students by the teacher.

Volunteer listeners can sign up in 55-minute session increments for one or more days each week. Whatever time that you have available will be appreciated. The classroom teachers will provide the books that the students will read.

1. Please complete the attached Pontiac School District Volunteer Registration Form and submit it to Debora Burkett ([debra.burkette@pontiacschools.org](mailto:debra.burkette@pontiacschools.org)) or you may deliver it to her in person at the PSD Administration Building (47200 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342). Be sure to indicate on the form that you are volunteering to Listen to Kindergarteners Read at Herrington/Alcott School.
2. Notify Roselyn Northcross, coordinator, once you have submitted your Pontiac School District Volunteer Registration Form to Debora Burkett. Roselyn will then send you the link for the online SignUpGenius. Email/phone Roselyn Northcross, if you need assistance signing up or have questions/concerns. ([rjnorthc@aol.com](mailto:rjnorthc@aol.com)) or phone /text 248 396-8659
3. Prior to your first volunteer day, you will be invited to a zoom orientation which will provide an overview and tips for listening. A volunteer coordinator will be available on your first day to get you started.
4. On March 21, 2025, at the end of the program, each of the emerging readers will receive books on the student's independent reading level to take home. Donations towards the purchase of books for the emerging readers should be sent to:

Optimist Club of Pontiac,  
POB 430284  
Pontiac, Mi 48343

We are grateful for your interest and participation. Please contact the program coordinators with your concerns and questions.

Sincerely, Program Coordinators

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