

# **Knowledge-a-Thon 2025**

**What is Knowledge-a-Thon?** “KAT” is Alma Schrader PTO’s largest fundraiser of the year. We raised over \$15,000 in 2022, over \$19,000 in 2023, and \$18,000 in 2024! PTO uses 100% of the money for Alma Schrader: see *the back of the Pledge Sheet for more details!*

**What does my student do?**      **\*\*See KAT Calendar of Events Page\*\***

**STEP 1:** Students record pledges from family and friends (recorded on the attached Pledge Sheet) based upon their number of correct answers given on KAT Test Day. Students should turn in their Pledge Sheet by Thursday, January 23. They will be returned for you to collect donations.

**STEP 2:** In this packet are 100 grade-appropriate questions and answers to begin studying and practicing.

**STEP 3:** Students will take the KAT test at home and turn in their score sheets (digital or paper) the week of February 5th.

**STEP 4:** Students will collect and turn in their pledges by February 12th. Venmo is great!

**How does my student take the test?** **KAT testing will take place at home.**

A guardian will simply go through the questions with their student marking correct and incorrect answers on the Recording Sheet. If a student wants to test, but is unable to at home, they will complete their KAT test at school on February 5.

**Do I have to sell anything?** Nope!

**How do I send in donations?** Options: **(1)** Use Venmo to @Alma-SchraderPTO (or scan the QR code → ) and note the **student’s name, grade, teacher, and “KAT”** in the comments field. Or **(2)** send cash or check (payable to Alma Schrader PTO) to school in an envelope with the **student’s name/grade/teacher and “KAT” written on the envelope.**



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**Please use the Venmo app if you’re able!** Venmo is a PayPal company; it’s free, & your donation won’t get lost! ***Avoid using payment protection if sending the money through Venmo because it costs us a percentage of the donation.***

**Where can I get another set of the questions?**

[sites.google.com/view/sweethomeaspto](https://sites.google.com/view/sweethomeaspto) or Rooms

**Are there prizes?** Yes!! See the back of the Pledge Sheet.

**What’s our fundraising goal?** Our goal is to raise \$50 per student. A small amount from a few people will get you there quickly. Remember that 100% of the pledges go directly to our school’s PTO. Our **2025 KAT Fundraising Building Goal is \$15,000!!!**

***Thank you for your support!***

# Knowledge-A-Thon (KAT) Calendar of Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	<b><u>January 6</u></b> Teacher work day	<u>7</u> Kids back to school	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <b>KAT Kickoff</b> *Packets sent home	<u>14</u> <b>Study Week →</b> *Study and	<u>15</u> <i>practice answering</i>	<u>16</u> <i>your grade level</i>	<u>17</u> <b>No School - PD Day</b> <i>questions!!</i>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <b>No School - MLK DAY</b>  <b>Study Week →</b>	<u>21</u>  *Study and	<u>22</u> <i>practice answering</i>	<u>23</u> <b>All filled in Pledge Sheets DUE to teachers!</b> <i>your grade level</i>	<u>24</u> <b>Score Sheet sent home to record.</b> <i>questions!!</i>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <b>Take your KAT</b>	<u>28</u> <b>Test at home</b>	<u>29</u> <b>and record</b>	<u>30</u> <b>your score.</b>	<u>31</u> Return your signed Score Sheet.	<u>1</u>
<u>2</u>	<b><u>February 3</u></b> Return your signed Score Sheet.	<u>4</u> Return your signed Score Sheet.	<u>5</u> Testing at School for students who didn't test at home. <b>Score Sheet Due</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <b>Use your Pledge Sheet to collect donations and pledges.</b>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> <b>Use your Pledge donations</b>	<u>11</u> <b>Sheet to collect and pledges.</b>	<u>12</u> <b>All money is Due!</b>	<u>13</u> <b>No School - P/T Conf.</b>	<u>14</u> <b>No School - PD Day</b>	<u>15</u>

# **Knowledge-a-Thon Questions**

## **-- First grade --**

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| 1. What is your phone number?   | _____   |
| 2. What is/are your parent(s)/guardian(s) names?                            | _____   |
| 3. Do ten pennies equal a dime?   | <b>Yes</b>                                      |
| 4. How does a plant get water and food?                                     | <b>Through its roots</b>                        |
| 5-6. In what city and state do we live?                                     | <b>Cape Girardeau, Missouri</b>                 |
| 7. Count by 2s up to 20.  | <b>2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20</b>       |
| 8. Count by 5s to 50.   | <b>5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50</b>    |
| 9. What is the name of Missouri's state capital?                            | <b>Jefferson City</b>                           |
| 10. Who was your school named after?  | <b>Alma Schrader</b>                            |
| 11. What do the letters U.S.A. mean?  | <b>United States of America</b>                 |
| 12. How many stars are on the American flag?                                | <b>50</b>                                       |
| 13. What does each star on the flag represent?                              | <b>A state</b>                                  |
| 14. How many minutes are in one hour?                                       | <b>60 minutes</b>                               |
| 15. What kind of pattern using letters would red blue red blue red blue be? | <b>An A/B pattern</b>                           |
| 16-20. What are the five senses?  | <b>Hearing, sight, smell, taste &amp; touch</b> |
| 21. What number do you dial to report an emergency?                         | <b>911</b>                                      |
| 22. Which begins with a capital letter: cat or Saturday?                    | <b>Saturday</b>                                 |
| 23. What are the places you go in a story called?                           | <b>Setting</b>                                  |
| 24. In what month is Thanksgiving?  | <b>November</b>                                 |
| 25. Which is longer, one foot or one inch?                                  | <b>One foot</b>                                 |
| 26. Who is the President of the United States?                              | <b>Joe Biden</b>                                |
| 27. On what planet do we live?  | <b>Earth</b>                                    |
| 28. Who was the first President of the United States?                       | <b>George Washington</b>                        |

29. How much is a nickel worth?	<b><i>Five cents or five pennies</i></b>
30-33. Name the four seasons.	<b><i>Spring, summer, fall and winter</i></b>
34. Which day of the week comes after Tuesday?	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>
35. How many months are in one year?	<b><i>12</i></b>
36. What is the name of the boat on which the Pilgrims sailed to America?	<b><i>The Mayflower</i></b>
37. How many days are in one week?	<b><i>7</i></b>
38. Give an example of a verb.	<b><i>Any action word (run, jump, etc.)</i></b>
39. Which shape has three sides and three corners?	<b><i>A triangle</i></b>
40. What do we call frozen water?	<b><i>Ice</i></b>
41. In music, what do you call a beat with no sound?	<b><i>A rest</i></b>
42. How many eggs are in one dozen?	<b><i>12</i></b>
43. Are fiction books true or pretend made-up stories?	<b><i>Pretend or made-up stories</i></b>
44. What is a person who writes the story called?	<b><i>An author</i></b>
45. Who draws the pictures for a book?	<b><i>An illustrator</i></b>
46. Name a National Symbol.	<b><i>American Flag, Statue of Liberty, White House, Liberty Bell, Eagle</i></b>
47. What is a noun?	<b><i>A person, place or thing</i></b>
48. What does a sentence that asks a question end with?	<b><i>? / a question mark</i></b>
49. Do you add or subtract to find out how many are left over?	<b><i>Subtract</i></b>
50. Do you add or subtract to find out how many in all?	<b><i>Add</i></b>
51. Name a healthy snack for school.	<b><i>Apples, carrots, yogurt, raisins, etc.</i></b>
52. Sticky foods like candy/fruit roll-ups are bad for what?	<b><i>Teeth</i></b>
53. True/False: Objects can be balanced in many ways.	<b><i>True</i></b>
54. What is needed to start a motion?	<b><i>A force (a pull or a push)</i></b>



55. What is a slope?	<b><i>A surface that is higher on one end</i></b>
56. True or False: Round things roll.	<b><i>True</i></b>
57. How do you make a marble roll <u>down</u> a runway?	<b><i>Start at the high end</i></b>
58-62. What five things do plants need to grow?	<b><i>Water, air, light, space and nutrients</i></b>
63. Bees and insects move what from plant to plant?	<b><i>Pollen</i></b>
64. Why is it important to clean your teeth?	<b><i>To avoid cavities</i></b>
65. Who had a dream that all people would be treated equally?	<b><i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></b>
66-68. What three colors are on the American flag?	<b><i>Red, white, blue</i></b>
69. What does a sentence begin with?	<b><i>A capital letter</i></b>
70. What are the people or animals in a story called?	<b><i>Characters</i></b>
71. What can you do to stop germs from spreading?	<b><i>Wash your hands with soap</i></b>
72. Where does our body get its fuel?	<b><i>From the food we eat</i></b>
73. Is your heart really heart-shaped?	<b><i>No, it is shaped like your fist</i></b>
74. What fluid is the most important to drink every day?	<b><i>Water</i></b>
75. What is the most important meal of the day?	<b><i>Breakfast</i></b>
76. Which food group has oranges and bananas?	<b><i>Fruit group</i></b>
77. Which food group has carrots and broccoli?	<b><i>Vegetable group</i></b>
78. What should you wear on your head when biking?	<b><i>Helmet</i></b>
79. How can you protect your skin from sun damage?	<b><i>Sunscreen or clothing</i></b>
80. Is it OK to use your friend's cough medicine?	<b><i>No</i></b>
81. Name the coin that is worth 25 cents.	<b><i>Quarter</i></b>
82. What is one thing you can do to be a good friend?	<b><i>Share, ask someone to play, etc.</i></b>
83. What is something you say to show good manners?	<b><i>Please, thank you, excuse me</i></b>
84-86. What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?	<b><i>Stop, drop and roll</i></b>
87. What should you do if your nose is running?	<b><i>Use a tissue</i></b>
88. How does your body cool itself during exercise?	<b><i>Sweating</i></b>

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| 89. What does exercise do for bones and muscles?                                     | <b><i>Makes them strong</i></b>                      |
| 90. What habits help prevent tooth decay?  | <b><i>Brushing and flossing</i></b>                  |
| 91. What must you do in order to improve your skills?                                | <b><i>Practice</i></b>                               |
| 92. What should you do after playing a game with another person or team?             | <b><i>Shake hands and say something positive</i></b> |
| 93-97. Name the five vowel letters?  | <b><i>A E I O U</i></b>                              |
| 98. What should you always do when you accidentally hurt someone during an activity? | <b><i>Apologize and make sure they are okay</i></b>  |
| 99. We get low and protect what during a tornado drill?                              | <b><i>Our heads</i></b>                              |
| 100. We sit quietly and do what during an intruder drill?                            | <b><i>Listen</i></b>                                 |
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***Are you ready to test???***

**Practice 1 Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Practice 2 Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Practice 3 Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

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# **KAT Rewards**

## **Individual Rewards**

- Bring in your Pledge Sheet by 1/23 = Free McDonald's Happy Meal Coupon
- Bring in your Score Sheet by 2/5 = KAT Pencil
- Score 100% on KAT test = Ice Cream Cone Coupon
- Bring in \$50 = Cookie from Kacie's Cookies
- Bring in \$250 = Spray an A.S. teacher with Silly String

## **Class Rewards**

- All classes who turn in 100% Pledge Sheets by 1/23 = Ice Cream Treat
- First class with 100% testing participation before 2/5 = Chick-fil-A Party
- Any class with 100% testing participation = PJ Party
- Class with greatest amount of money brought in = Yard Party with Ice Cream Treats

## **School Rewards**

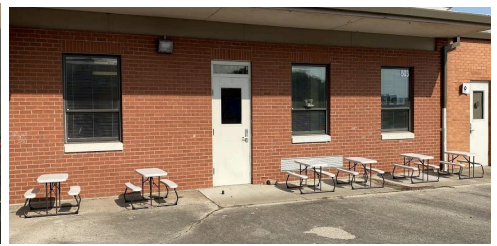
- \$15,000 Raised = Glow Dance Party
- \$15,000+ Raised = Dance Party with a DJ
- \$16,000+ Raised = Dance Party with Cool Down Treat
- \$17,000+ Raised = Dance Party with Face Painting

# What have KAT funds been used to purchase in recent years?

**\*Gaga Ball Pit\***



**\* STEAM supplies \* Chromebooks for classroom use \* Treats for our teachers and staff**



**\* Climbing wall \* Picnic tables for outside \* Pumpkin Patch \***



**\* 3 pieces of playground equipment \* A/V equipment for the stage & guided reading books \***

## **What's Venmo and why should I use it?**

Venmo is a PayPal-owned company. You download an app to your smartphone and transfer money to other app users. It's FREE to transfer money when you link it to your debit card or bank account. And it won't get lost in a backpack! PTO's name on Venmo is **@alma-schraderPTO** (don't use the school's phone number). PTO has been using Venmo for several years now with no hassle! **Avoid using payment protection if sending the money through Venmo because it costs us a percentage of the donation.**

### **PLEASE include:**

- 1) Your student's name
- 2) Grade
- 3) Teacher
- 4) KAT



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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# Knowledge-A-Thon Pledge Sheet

Please Return by Thursday, January 23!

KAT Fundraising Goal: \$50 per student

[Please don't write in these last four columns.]

Name	Straight Donation	Pledge per Question	# Correct Answers	Total Donation	Amount Received	Donation Due
TOTAL:						

Use another sheet of paper if you need more space!

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**How to Donate:** use Venmo (see other side of this page!) and note student name(s)/teacher(s)/amount(s), or send cash or check to school in a clearly marked envelope with student's name and teacher's name. Avoid using payment protection if sending the money through Venmo because it costs us a percentage of the donation.

For KAT Week Use  
(please don't write in this box)

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due by February 12: \_\_\_\_\_

