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SCUSD to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with festive morning read-in

Superintendent Banda, Assemblymember McCarty and kids in pajamas at Bret Harte Elementary

February 29, 2016 (Sacramento): One book, two books, fiction book, true book.

Each year, schools across the country celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (Wednesday, March 2) as Read Across America Day, an opportunity for community members to demonstrate the joys of literacy by reading to kids.

SCUSD's official Read Across America party will be held this year at Bret Harte Elementary School, 2751 9th Ave. in Curtis Park. Pajama-clad students will be treated to a morning read-in with Superintendent José L. Banda, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty and other volunteers from the community.

The read-in will be followed with an assembly featuring local children's book author <u>Kate David</u> ("Murphy and the Magical Hat") who will entertain students with an interactive performance involving a box of costumes. David is married to a Kings executive, and the organization is donating books to Bret Harte's classroom libraries.

"There is no better way to emphasize the connection between reading and success in life than to read to children," says Superintendent Banda. "Adults can serve as important reading role models. And by reading Dr. Seuss, we're showing kids how fun a book can be."

- WHAT: SCUSD's Read Across America Day Celebration
- WHEN: 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2 (please contact us if you'd like interviews earlier in the morning)
- WHERE: Bret Harte Elementary School, 2751 9th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95818
- WHO: SCUSD Superintendent José L. Banda, Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, Kate David, kids in pajamas, teachers in costumes