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SCUSD celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday with fun reading events

Guests at Read Across America Day activities include Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye

February 27, 2013 (Sacramento): Kids across Sacramento City Unified School District will honor the legacy of Dr. Seuss on Friday (March 1) by eating green eggs and ham, making tall striped hats and listening to local dignitaries give inspired renditions of the author's best-loved books.

"Read Across America Day is a great way to bring the community into our classrooms so students can see the joy that adults get from reading," said SCUSD Superintendent Jonathan Raymond. "These great reading role models send a strong message that reading is a pleasure and the key to success in life."

Born Theodor Seuss Geisel on March 2, 1904, Dr. Seuss published 46 children's books and inspired generations of young Americans to learn to read. His colorful illustrations and charming (if mischievous) characters fired the imaginations of millions of children – and still do. To honor his work, the National Education Association on March 2, 1998, promoted the first "Read Across America Day," which the group described as a "pep rally for reading."

This year, California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye will read to students at Mark Hopkins Elementary School beginning at 8:15 a.m. on Friday. Other guests at the Mark Hopkins event include Greater Sacramento Urban League President David DeLuz and Third District Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Vance Raye.

Other SCUSD Read Across America Day activities on Friday include:

- Students at Matsuyama Elementary (7680 Windbridge Drive) will read outside on the lawn (weather permitting) from 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
- Bowling Green Chacon Language and Science Academy (6807 Franklin Blvd.) students will be reading a book outside on the grass as they eat their lunch (11:35 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.). Two of the classes will make hats and students will eat green eggs and ham around 11 a.m.

- Tahoe Elementary (3110 60th St.) will hold its 22nd annual Reading Celebration Day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Hollywood Park Elementary (4915 Harte Way) will begin with an assembly at 9:15 a.m. on Friday and continue with reading throughout the morning.
- Susan B. Anthony is staging its fifth annual Literacy Day from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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