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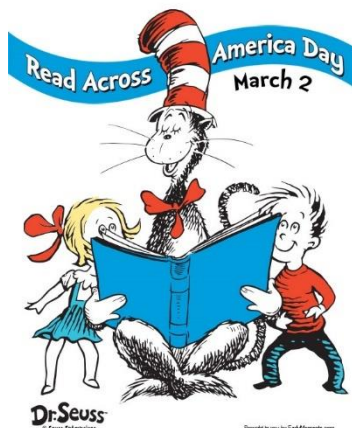
Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ READ ACROSS AMERICA EDITION

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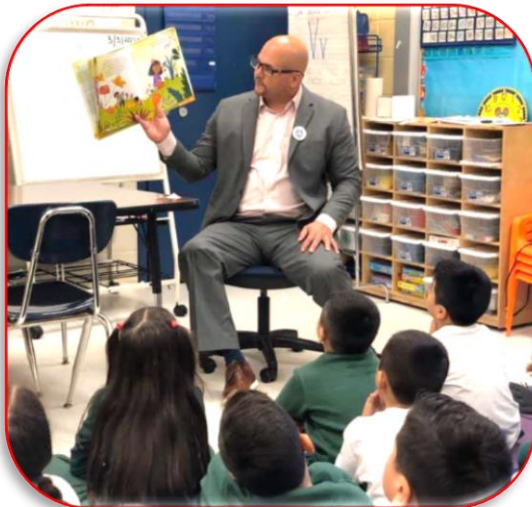
*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."- Dr. Seuss*

## Elizabeth Public Schools Celebrate Reading and Dr. Seuss

Elizabeth Public Schools joined school districts throughout the United States in celebrating Read Across America, an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Elizabeth Board of Education members, Elizabeth Public Schools central administration members, Elizabeth community members, and local and regional elected officials visited schools throughout the district to read to students as part of Elizabeth Public Schools' Read Across America activities







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## For the Love of Reading

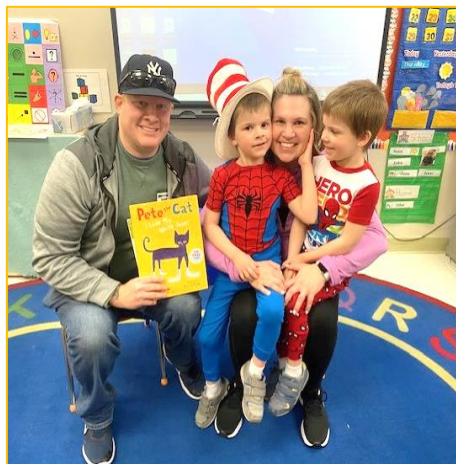


At **Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts School No. 9**, the Read Across America Week theme was *For the Love of Reading*. School No. 9 was honored to have so many special guest readers from the community come in and read to students. Guest readers included parents, Elizabeth Police Officers, City Council members, former teachers, Board of Education Members, Assistant Superintendents, and Elizabeth Mayor, J. Christian Bollwage. Everyone enjoyed the entire week of celebrations.

## Honoring Dr. Seuss!

It was a week of celebration, at **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ECC School No. 52** with silly hair, silly hats, and silly socks but most importantly, silly stories as students, team members, parents, and community members celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Students engaged in learning with guest readers including Chief of Operations, Mr. Frank Cuesta, Board of Education members Iliana Chevres and Nathalie Hernandez, as well as other administrators who visited from central office. Students enjoyed reading various Dr. Seuss stories with peers, teachers, and even their parents. To wrap up the week of fun and festivities, staff and parents collaborated to create "Seussville." Students were invited to engage in various math, literacy and gross motor games and activities, all related to Dr. Seuss stories and characters. It was an action-packed week of fun and learning.





## Special Guest Reader

The students and team members, from **Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31**, celebrated Read Across America week with a special visitor.

Union County Superintendent, Daryl Palmieri visited the kindergarten classes in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Superintendent Palmieri read the story *Green Eggs and Ham* to the very attentive students and shared his love of reading with everyone.



## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

In celebration of Read Across America, students in **Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30** celebrated with several activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, including a special breakfast of green eggs and ham.





## Cat in the Hat Visit



Ms. Avella and Ms. Sullivan's kindergarten students, from **John Marshall School No. 20**, celebrated the joy of reading with a visit from The Cat in the Hat.

## Character Parade

**Abraham Lincoln School No. 14** culminated Read Across America Week with a *Character Parade*. Students in grades K-8 dressed up as their favorite book character. Elizabeth's Mayor Bollwage acted as the Grand Marshall, first addressing our second and third grade students and then leading the parade through the hallways.

Mayor Bollwage finished the festivities by reading to Ms. Lechner's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Special thanks to the Read Across America Week committee members who helped organize this grand effort: Stacey Moore, Karin Navis, Tatiana Gallego, Tracy Johnston, Jacqueline Castanheira, Victoria Cardona, Letty Perry, and Daniela Luiz.

Today you are You,  
that is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
who is Youer than You.  
—Dr. Seuss





## D.E.A.R- (Drop Everything and Read)



**"You're never  
too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and  
read to a child."  
-Dr. Seuss**

In honor of Read Across America Week, **Madison Monroe School No. 16** joined schools across America to celebrate reading and honored Dr. Seuss birthday. Mr. Estrada, School Psychologist, was a guest reader to one of the Pre-K classes, in which he read one of their favorite books during the school wide D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) after lunch. Students were encouraged to always take some time to drop everything and read because reading is important.



## Reading Time at School No. 22

**William F. Halloran School No. 22** celebrated Read Across America with several events, including special guests who read stories to several classes. During this nationwide event, students also participated in numerous school-wide events and activities that were designed to promote literacy among young children.





## EHS Basketball Team Read to their Younger Peers



The Elizabeth High School Basketball team celebrated Read Across America with **Winfield Scott School No. 2**. Marty Luc, Supervisor of Athletics, Coach Philip Colicchio, Assistant Coach Kevin Fallon and the EHS basketball team read their favorite Dr. Seuss books to pre-k, 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.



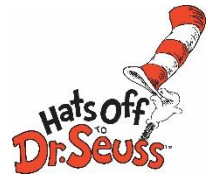
After the team read to the elementary children, they held a panel discussion with our 7th and 8th graders. During the discussion, the basketball players talked to middle school students about what to expect in high school and gave a brief description of *A Day in the Life of an Elizabeth High School Student Athlete*.

## Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Special guests participated in Read Across America by reading their favorite book to scholars from **George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1**. The school appreciates their time and dedication to the school and students.



## Reading Under the Stars



Students from **Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51** celebrated *Read Across America Week*. In honor of this event the school commemorated some of Dr. Seuss' wonderful books by creating birthday cards and wearing silly hats and socks.

In addition, the school's multipurpose room was transformed into a stargazing extravaganza for *Reading Under the Stars*. Books were read using flashlights as shooting stars flew overhead. This event was an opportunity to gather the parents, students and teachers in an environment which fosters a love of reading.



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