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Baldwin Park Students Celebrate Literacy with Read Across America

BALDWIN PARK – Schools across Baldwin Park Unified will celebrate reading this week as part of the annual Dr. Seuss-inspired Read Across America, with students competing in read-a-thons, donning hats to honor the Cat in the Hat, dressing up as Seuss characters, creating bookmarks and hosting guest readers.

“It’s always amazing to see the creativity students and schools generate during Read Across America even as they build such extraordinary excitement around reading,” Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said.

Read Across America was launched in 1998 by the National Education Association as a way of celebrating reading. The group chose the birthday of Dr. Seuss – March 2 – with schools building a week to a month of activities around the day. School event highlights include:

- **Charles Bursch Elementary:** Themed days that include wearing shirts with readable messages, crazy socks, hats, reading in the sun and dressing up as twins.
- **De Anza Elementary:** Dr. Seuss birthday kickoff on March 1, author assembly on March 6, STEM events inspired by books on March 13, character dress-up on March 20 and grade team-ups for reading on March 27.
- **Elwin Elementary:** Reading activities with buddy classrooms, Seuss character dress-up on March 2.
- **Geddes Elementary:** Read-a-thon on March 1 and themed days that include hats, crazy socks, pajamas and Dr. Seuss character dress-up. The school will host a book fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 27 through March 3.
- **Heath Elementary:** Read-a-thon on March 1 and themed days that include hats, crazy socks, mismatched clothes, career attire (in honor of “Oh, the Places You’ll Go”) and mustaches for The Lorax Day. The school will also host a poster contest.
- **Kenmore Elementary:** Baldwin Park police officers will read to students on March 2.
- **Santa Fe School:** Read-in event with alumni, teachers, Baldwin Park Unified administrators and a school board member.
- **Walnut Elementary:** Read-a-thon on March 1 and themed days for which students will design bookmarks, take a reader’s oath, wear Dr. Seuss style hats and crazy socks. Guest readers include Baldwin Park Mayor Manuel Lozano, a musician and a photographer.

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