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Lynwood Students Indulge in Love of Reading at District Literacy Event

Lynwood – More than 250 students and their families journeyed through a world of books on June 27 when they enthusiastically flipped through pages of classic tales and even read passages aloud.

The young readers were inspired by their favorite stories during the Lynwood Unified Scholastic Literacy Event, which gathered administrators, teachers and children at the District office. Students posed for pictures with Clifford the Big Red Dog® before choosing up to three books to take home with them. The books were provided by the District, Scholastic and community partners.

“This event is great because it encourages my daughters to read and teaches them the importance of using their imagination,” parent Karina Munoz said.

Students cheered with excitement as they lifted “Charlotte’s Web”, “Everything Pets”, “Lola Love Stories” and other popular titles on display.

Lynwood librarian Kim-Ayn Nguyen also attended the event and signed up youngsters for library cards while encouraging them to continue pursuing their passion of reading.

“Our Scholastic Literacy Event is an opportunity to give back to our families while inspiring students to keep exploring their love of books,” LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. “We are thankful to partner with Scholastic in bringing an event to the Lynwood community that excites our children and keeps them on the path of knowledge.”

Scholastic Literacy Events are specially designed to empower families to support their children’s academic achievement through interactive activities – giving them the tools and skills necessary to build a culture of literacy at home.

According to teacher survey data released by Scholastic, 98 percent of teachers said greater “family involvement and support” has a strong impact on academic achievement.

“Our District’s Scholastic Literacy Event has become an important part of the summer that helps us bridge the gap between school years and keep our students engaged,” Lynwood Unified Board President Alfonso Morales said. “As students take home their favorite books, their appetite for knowledge will continue to grow and help them to achieve academic success.”

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071018_LUSD_LITERACY1: Lynwood Unified students pose with Clifford the Big Red Dog® during the District's Scholastic Literacy Event on June 27.

071018_LUSD_LITERACY2: Children were allowed to choose up to three books to take home with them during the District's Scholastic Literacy Event on June 27.

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The mission of **Lynwood Unified School District**, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by:

- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community