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Read Across America: Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) will be hosting a series of events throughout the week in celebration of Read Across America from February 28 – March 4, 2022. This year's theme is “Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers.” Read Across America is a year-round program that focuses on motivating students to read and engage with one another as a creative way to make literacy fun and interactive. Our amazing school sites have created student activities to encourage curiosity, imagination and expand critical thinking. Local community members have been invited to read their favorite children’s book in our classrooms.

Sultana Elementary School has organized weekly spirit days such as Crazy Hat Day, Green Eggs and Ham Day, Wacky Outfit, Career Dress Up Day, and Bring Your Blanket and Favorite Book to School Day. Monte Vista Elementary School will have the OMSD Board of Trustees and Superintendent read their favorite books to our Kindergarten through 6th-grade students throughout the week.

The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) hosted the Read Across America Literacy Project. OMSD parents Luz Leon, Rene Beltran and OMSD Family & Community Engagement Director Yesenia Arvizu were selected to participate and recorded themselves reading a children's book of their choice. These recordings will be part of the SBCSS Literacy Library Program that will be widely shared through the County's website, social media platforms and will be available to surrounding districts. San Bernardino County Superintendent Ted Alejandro will also be hosting a Community Book Donation. Two OMSD schools, Lincoln Elementary and Richard Haynes Elementary, will receive a class set of books for one class in grades K-3rd.

Assistant Superintendent, Learning & Teaching Tammy Lipschultz stated, "Our students benefit from these kinds of events which can spark their curiosity and introduce them to all types of books. Exposing students to various genre types provides them with exposure to materials that they may not otherwise encounter. This year's theme aligns beautifully with OMSD's mission and is sure to inspire our staff to provide meaningful experiences to our students."

OMSD is appreciative of the book donations, recognition, and continued support of our students, families and staff. This will be an amazing opportunity to bring heightened awareness and call for every student in surrounding communities to come together and celebrate literacy.

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