

# Birmingham City Schools

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## MEMORANDUM

February 24, 2017

TO: Principals & Instructional Coaches

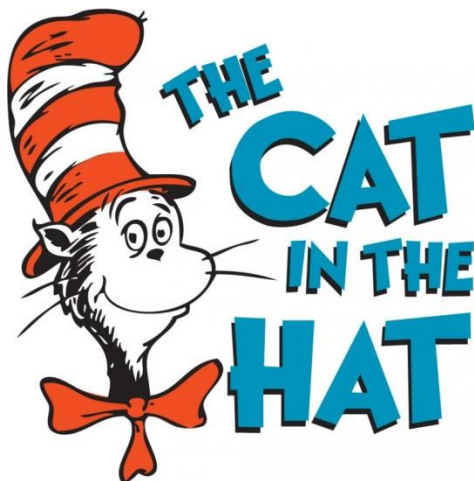
FROM: Dimple J. Martin, Ph.D., Reading K-5

RE: **Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers 2017**

In this document you will find Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers who will be participating in our district-wide celebration of **Read Across America 2017**. Guest readers will be visiting your school on **Thursday, March 2, 2017 between the hours of 11:00am – 2:00pm**. In an effort to show our appreciation for supporting Birmingham City Schools, let's remember to extend our school's pride and hospitality.

Each year, I feel honored to have the opportunity to build relationships with the media and stakeholders throughout the city of Birmingham. Without hesitation, they are always willing to commit to be a part of our school district's Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration.

As a friendly reminder, please have readily available a classroom escort and a variety of Dr. Seuss books for your guest readers.





# Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers

Thursday, March 2, 2017

11:00am – 2:00pm

## Schools

## Celebrity Readers

K-5/K-8 Schools	Birmingham Police Department (Policemen/women) Total of <b>28</b> 😊
K-5/K-8 Schools	Birmingham Fire Department (Firemen/women): Total of <b>112</b> 😊
Avondale	Genesis Player, Chief Operation Officer, YWCA
Avondale	Lisa Crane, Anchor, WVTM 13 News
Avondale	J.W. Carpenter, Executive Director, Birmingham Education Foundation
Barrett	Arlene Williams, Coordinator, PreK, BCS
Barrett	Britt Moorner, Reporter, CBS 42 News
Barrett	Randall Woodfin, School Board Member, BCS
Brown	Gregory D. Jones, Esq., Assistant to the Mayor, City of Birmingham
Brown	Sarah Verser, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Brown	Dr. Matthew Alexander, Chief Operations Officer, BCS
Bush Hills Academy	Amanda Cross, Esq., Interim Human Resources Officer, BCS
Bush Hills Academy	A.C. Roper, Police Chief, City of Birmingham (March 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Bush Hills Academy	Henry Irby, Police Deputy Chief, City of Birmingham (March 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Bush Hills Academy	Sheila Finney, Police Lieutenant, City of Birmingham (March 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Bush K-8	Dr. Sharon Bell, Director of Student Support Services, BCS
Bush K-8	Constance Burnes, Director of Schools, BCS (March 7 <sup>th</sup> )
Bush K-8	95.7 Jamz Radio, Morning DJ's
Bush K-8	Dr. Claudia Williams, Retired Chief Academic Officer, BCS
<b>Central Park</b>	Beth Shelburne, Anchor, WBRC FOX 6 News <b>(Special Guest Reader: In Memory of Kindergartner Camlyn Lee ♥)</b>
Central Park	Steven Hoyt, President Pro-Tempore, Birmingham City Council, District 8
Central Park	Charles Gordon, Fire Chief, City of Birmingham
Central Park	Tyrone Fornest, Fire Captain, City of Birmingham
Christian K-8	Dr. Wendolyn Conner-Knight, Director of Professional Development, BCS
Christian K-8	Dr. Gwendolyn Tilghman, Director of Schools, BCS
EPIC	Brian Giattina, School Board Member, BCS
EPIC	Dr. William Ferniany, President/CEO, UAB Hospital (March 8 <sup>th</sup> )

EPIC	Valorie Abbott, Birmingham City Council, District 3
EPIC	Dr. Linda Lucas, Provost, University of Alabama Birmingham
Glen Iris	Natasha Criss, UAB Assistant Athletic Director (Men's Basketball Team: Total of 20 ☺)
Glen Iris	Maria Lyas-Young, Coordinator, 504, Positive Behavior Intervention Support, BCS
Hayes K-8	Cedric Sparks, Sr., Executive Director, Division of Youth Services, Mayor's Office
Hayes K-8	Sheri Falk, Anchor/Reporter WVTM 13 News
Hayes K-8	Sally Purnell Mackin, Executive Director, Woodlawn Foundation`
Hemphill	Shelia Tyson, Birmingham City Council, District 6
Hemphill	Dr. Evelyn Nettles-Hines, Curriculum & Instruction, BCS (March 7 <sup>th</sup> )
Hemphill	Sarah Nunnelly, Chief Operating Officer, Princeton Hospital
Hudson K-8	Victor M. Brown, Vice President Business Development, Birmingham Business Alliance
Hudson K-8	William Parker, Birmingham City Council, District 4
Hudson K-8	Waymond Jackson, Vice President, Workforce Development, Birmingham Business Alliance
Huffman Academy	Art Franklin, Anchor, CBS 42 News
Huffman Academy	Sherman Collins, Jr., Vice-President, School Board, BCS
Huffman Academy	LaShunda Scales, Birmingham City Council, District 1
Inglenook K-8	Daagye Hendricks, School Board Member, BCS
Inglenook K-8	Dr. Mark Sullivan, Chief Academic Officer, BCS
Inglenook K-8	Alex Finnie, Reporter, CBS 42 News
Martha Gaskins	Guy Rawlings, Anchor WVTM 13 News
Martha Gaskins	Johnathan Hardison, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Minor	April Williams, School Board Member, BCS
Minor	Chris Breece, Sports Director, CBS 42 News
Minor	Mike Dubberly, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Norwood	Amy Templeton, President, McWane Center Inc. Birmingham
Norwood	John Baker, Director of Security, BCS (March 9 <sup>th</sup> )
Oliver	Johnathan Austin, President, Birmingham City Council, District 5
Oliver	Rachel Lundberg, Traffic Anchor, CBS 42 News
Oxmoor Valley	Dr. Betsy Rogers, Department Chair, Curriculum & Instruction, Samford University (March 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Oxmoor Valley	Jay Roberson, Birmingham City Council, District 7
Oxmoor Valley	Dr. William Bell, Sr., Mayor, City of Birmingham (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Oxmoor Valley	Bree Sison, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Phillips Academy	Danny Carr, Esq., Interim District Attorney, Jefferson County
Phillips Academy	Janet Hall, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Princeton	Leigh Garner, Anchor, CBS 42 News
Princeton	Sharon Roberts, Chief Financial Officer, BCS
Robinson	Lyord Watson, School Board Member, BCS
Robinson	Dr. Larry Contri, Interim Superintendent, BCS
Robinson	Eunice Elliott, Anchor, WVTM 13 News
Robinson	Kim Rafferty, Birmingham City Council, District 2
South Hampton	John Paepcke, Investigative Reporter, WVTM 13 News

South Hampton	Lillian Lalo, Community Feature Specialist, CBS 42 News
South Hampton	Marcus Lundy, Birmingham City Council, District 9
Sun Valley	Steve Crocker, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Sun Valley	Jamiese Price, Reporter, WBRC Fox 6 News
Tuggle	Dr. William Bell, Sr. Mayor, City of Birmingham (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Tuggle	Janice Rogers, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News (March 7 <sup>th</sup> )
West End Academy	Wardine Alexander, President, School Board, BCS
West End Academy	Dr. Larry Contri, Interim Superintendent, BCS
West End Academy	Barbara S. Allen, Retired Interim Superintendent, BCS
Washington K-8	Cheri Gardner, School Board Member, BCS
Washington K-8	Bernard Mitchell, Chief Accountability Officer, BCS
Washington K-8	Megan Hayes, Traffic Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Wylam K-8	Sandra Brown, School Board Member, BCS
Wylam K-8	Honorable Nyya Parson-Hudson, Judge, Municipal Court
Wylam K-8	Brittany Decker, Anchor/Reporter, WVTM 13 News
<b>SURPRISE VISIT?</b>	Sherry Jackson, Anchor, CBS 42 News (March 8 <sup>th</sup> )

\*Dr. Larry Contri, Interim Superintendent: 2 schools

\*Dr. William Bell, Sr., Mayor of Birmingham: 2 schools

**NOTE:** In an effort to alleviate all confusion, please **do not** contact any of the Celebrity Readers. They have personally confirmed with me via phone and/or by email. If any changes occur between now and March 2, 2017, I will definitely contact your school.

## \*A Total of 240 Guest Readers\*



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

**Dimple J. Martin, Ph.D., Reading K-5**

“Reading is the New Civil Right!”