

MEMORANDUM

February 24, 2016

TO: Principals & Instructional Coaches
FROM: Dr. Dimple J. Martin, Reading/Language Arts, K-5
RE: **Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers**

In this document you will find Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers who will be participating in our district-wide celebration of **Read Across America 2016**. Guest readers will be visiting your school on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 between the hours of 11:00am – 2:00pm. In an effort to show our appreciation for supporting Birmingham City Schools, let's remember to show our school's pride and hospitality.

As always, I was delighted to collaborate and build relationships with the media and stakeholders throughout the city of Birmingham. Without hesitation, they were excited and willing to commit to be a part of our school district's Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration.

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

Oh, The Places You'll Go!

**A total of 194 Celebrity Readers
will be in BCS!**



Dr. Seuss Celebrity Readers

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

11:00am – 2:00pm

Schools

Celebrity Readers

K-5/K-8 Schools	Birmingham Police Department (Policemen/women) Total of 12 Readers
K-5/K-8 Schools	Birmingham Fire Department (Firemen/women) Total of 88 Readers ☺
Avondale	Dr. William Bell, Sr., Mayor, City of Birmingham
Avondale	Brian Giattina, School Board Member, BCS
Avondale	Dr. Larry Contri, Director of Schools, Area 4, BCS
Avondale	Sarah Verser, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Barrett	John Paepcke, Investigative Reporter, WVTM Channel 13 News
Barrett	Amanda Cross, Esq., Attorney, BCS
Barrett	Randall Woodfin, School Board Member, BCS
Brown	Victor M. Brown, Vice President Business Development, B'ham Business Alliance (March 3 rd)
Bush Hills Academy	Charles A. Stark, President/CEO, Brookwood Medical Center Hospital
Bush Hills Academy	Misty Freeman, Executive Assistant to President Stark, Brookwood Medical Center
Bush Hills Academy	Waymond Jackson, Vice President, Workforce Development, B'ham Business Alliance
Bush Hills Academy	Janice Rogers, Morning Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Bush K-8	Dr. Sharon Bell, Director of Student Support Services, BCS
Bush K-8	April Williams, School Board Member, BCS
Central Park	Steven Hoyt, Birmingham City Council, District 8
Central Park	Constance Burnes, Director of Schools, Area 3, BCS
Christian K-8	Arlene Williams, Coordinator, Pre-Kindergarten, BCS
Christian K-8	Lauren Sisler, Sports Anchor, CBS 42 News
EPIC	Johnathan Hardison, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
EPIC	Dr. Will Ferniany, President/CEO, UAB Hospital
EPIC	Valorie Abbott, Birmingham City Council, District 3
EPIC	Dr. Linda Lucas, Provost, University of Alabama Birmingham (March 7 th)
EPIC	Mike Dubberly, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
Glen Iris	Justin E. Mackey, UAB Assistant Athletic Director, Football/Basketball Students (18 students)
Hayes K-8	Kimberly Washington, Human Resource Officer, BCS
Hayes K-8	Jill Gilardi, Meteorologist, WBRC Fox 6 News
Hayes K-8	Sally Mackin, Executive Director, Woodlawn Foundation (March 4 th)

Hemphill	Shelia Tyson, Birmingham City Council, District 6
Hemphill	Betsy Postlethwait, President/CEO Princeton Hospital
Hemphill	Sarah Nunnely, Chief Operating Officer, Princeton Hospital
Hudson K-8	Dr. Kelley Castlin-Gacutan, Superintendent, Birmingham City Schools
Hudson K-8	Daagye Hendricks, School Board Member, BCS
Hudson K-8	William Parker, Birmingham City Council, District 4
Hudson K-8	95.7 Jamz Radio, Morning DJs (March 3 rd)
Huffman Academy	Charles Gordon, Fire Chief, City of Birmingham
Huffman Academy	Tyrone Fornest, Fire Captain, City of Birmingham
Inglenook K-8	Vanessa Araiza, Weekend Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News (March 7 th)
Hill	Dr. Mark Sullivan, Academic Officer, BCS
Hill	Chanda Temple, Executive Assistant, Superintendent/School Board, BCS
Hill	Megan Hayes, Traffic Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News (March 7 th)
Martha Gaskins	Jermaine Dawson, Director of Schools, Area 1
Martha Gaskins	Leigh Haver, President, Junior League of Birmingham (March 3 rd)
Minor	Barbara S. Allen, Retired Superintendent, BCS
Minor	Stephen M. Zimmerman, Chief of Staff, BCS
Oliver	Johnathan Austin, President, Birmingham City Council, District 5
Oliver	Dr. Spencer Horn, Director, High School Academies, BCS
Oxmoor Valley	Wardine Alexander, President, School Board, BCS
Oxmoor Valley	Dr. Betsy Rogers, Department Chair, Curriculum & Instruction, Samford University
Oxmoor Valley	Art Franklin, Anchor, CBS 42 News
Oxmoor Valley	Jay Roberson, Pro Tem, Birmingham City Council, District 7
Oxmoor Valley	Beth Shelburne, WBRC Fox 6 News (March 4 th)
Phillips Academy	Afrika Parchman, Esq. Attorney, BCS
Phillips Academy	Genesis Wyne-Player, Administrative Director, YWCA
Princeton	Dr. Wayman Shiver, Retired Superintendent, BCS
Princeton	Jonathan Porter, Vice President, Division of Operations, Alabama Power
Robinson	Lyord Watson, Vice-President, School Board, BCS
Robinson	A.C. Roper, Police Chief, City of Birmingham
Robinson	Henry Irby, Police Deputy Captain, City of Birmingham
Robinson	Shelia Finney, Police Lieutenant, City of Birmingham
Robinson	Kim Rafferty, Birmingham City Council, District 2
South Hampton	Sandra Brown, School Board Member, BCS
South Hampton	Steve Crocker, Anchor, WBRC Fox 6 News
South Hampton	Marcus Lundy, Birmingham City Council, District 9
South Hampton	Chris Breece, Sports Director, CBS 42 News
Sun Valley	Sherman Williams, School Board Member, BCS
Sun Valley	LaShunda Scales, Birmingham City Council, District 1
Sun Valley	Ashley Gann, Morning Meteorologist, CBS 42 News

Tuggle	Lisa Crane, Evening Anchor, WVTM Channel 13 News
Tuggle	Honorable Nyya Parson-Hudson, Judge, Municipal Court
West End Academy	Dr. Claudia Williams, Retired Chief Academic Officer, BCS
Washington K-8	Cheri Gardner, School Board Member, BCS
Washington K-8	Dr. Gwendolyn Tilghman, Director of Schools, Area 2, BCS
Washington K-8	Cedric D. Sparks, Sr., Executive Director, Division of Youth Services, Mayor's Office
Wylam K-8	Amy Templeton, President, McWane Center Inc., Birmingham (March 3 rd)
Wylam K-8	Wes Wyatt, Meteorologist, WBRC Fox 6 News
SURPRISE VISIT??	Sherri Jackson, Anchor, CBS 42 News

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Please feel free to invite additional guest readers to your school.

NOTE OF CAUTION: In an effort to curtail any 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, 2016, I will not fail to contact your school.



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