

## January 27-31st, 2020 District Plan Martin County School District – "BOOK a Trip - Your Passport for Adventure" Events

## Ongoing District/School Events

Martin County School District's 12 elementary schools, 5 middle schools and 3 comprehensive high schools will be celebrating literacy week with numerous general events:

- author visits, like Palm Beach resident and mental health advocate, Loverly Sheridan, author of *Be a Buddy, Not a Bully*, who will visit **Sea Wind Elementary** and speak with students about her writing craft and tour the "buddy benches" on campus.
- school-wide read alouds.
- book drives, book fairs,
- family literacy nights,
- Bingo for Books nights,
- guest read alouds,
- characters coming alive through teacher/student costumes,
- literacy poster, bookmark and poetry contests,
- and books shared that showcase students' and teachers' love of reading via travel brochures, book trailers, book reviews, door decorating, and school announcements like Crystal Lake Elementary's which will feature "Where in the World is Mr. Perry?" daily. Mr. Perry, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, will highlight a book set in that day's focus country while Mr. Farley's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will point out key locations on a map. Murray Middle School has their drama students writing and performing scripts adapted from 2019 Sunshine State Young Readers novels. The taped performances will be shown each day like the game Scene It with questions asked about each clip. Students can then enter their answers to win books from the SSYR list.

Throughout the week...

**J.D. Parker Elementary** students will *Map It Out* – classes will read books from around the world and locate on a map where the country/state is in relation to Florida.

**Jensen Beach Elementary** will have classes buddy up to learn about the continents and the reading skills that help them read the world. At the end of the week, students will receive a reading strategy postcard they can put in their own personal suitcase to take home and share with their families.

**Hidden Oaks Middle School** students will take virtual tours via virtual reality to enhance novels such as *Hatchet* and topics of study such as Greek mythology.

Palm City Elementary will keep track of their reading adventures with their own passports. Many grade levels are incorporating "trips" to areas featured in content area learning such as Ellis Island and Florida history. Virtual field trips will also be planned using Nearpod lessons, and students can create a map using their coding skills.

**Stuart Middle School's** Literacy Committee coordinated a visit by author Avi to multiple schools in Martin County schools to celebrate literacy; he will be at SMS on Thursday of this week. Avi has won numerous awards for books such as *Crispin, Nothing But the Truth, and True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle.* He says that to become a writer, you need to "listen and watch the world around you."

The following are some events unique to other school sites on specific days during Celebrate Literacy Week:

## Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**David Anderson Middle School** will kick off the week's announcements with *Famous First Lines*. Students will have a chance to guess the book from which they came.

**Jensen Beach High School** will interview students on "The Beach" morning announcements about the exciting places they have gotten to travel through their readings.

**South Fork High School** will be showcasing Book Aid International videos this week which spark discussion about why books matter; they also promote World Book Day, April 23, 2020. SFHS will be collecting funds to donate to schools in the Bahamas impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

Tuesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bessey Creek Elementary</b> students will "build a word" using a Makerspace activity.
	Citrus Grove Elementary will write <i>Send Me a Setting</i> postcards. Books are an adventure that allows us to travel anywhere in or even out of the world. Students pick a setting of their choice from a favorite book and create a postcard including a description of the setting as well as details of the adventure they experience while they were "visiting" the location of choice while reading.
	<b>Hobe Sound Elementary's</b> kindergarteners will hitch a ride on a make-believe plane and go on a classroom word search collecting travel-themed words from around the room in their "suitcases."
	<b>Murray Middle School</b> will host SeaWind Elementary in a combined night of literacy. Families will play bingo for books, review writing samples for FSA ELA, and listen to presentations from MMS' drama students.
	<b>Port Salerno Elementary</b> students will experience <i>Travel Tuesday</i> while researching foods from other countries and creating restaurant menus depicting various cuisines.
Wednesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Martin County High School</b> students will create travel posters based on books they have read including destinations of interest in the area, scenic locations, restaurants and more.
	<b>Riverbend Academy's</b> students will participate in imaginary tourism by utilizing an online tool called <i>Printing Press</i> to create a travel brochure researching settings from texts they are reading.
	<b>WES is the BEST:</b> Warfield Elementary students know that of all the places to visit, WES is the best. Students will write about what makes Warfield so special.
Thursday, January 30st	Adventure Awaits at Felix A. Williams Elementary's literacy night focusing on The Great Outdoors.
	<b>Pinewood Elementary</b> is having students <i>BOOK a Trip</i> to the Florida Everglades at their Family Literacy and STEAM night at The Blake Library. Their passports will take them to various "places" in the Everglades to learn about the animals, habitat, plants, and boating, to name a few topics.
Friday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Indiantown Middle School</b> students will have participated in various literacy opportunities connected to the author Avi and his books. The week will culminate with a visit by the author himself on this date.

<b>SeaWind Elementary</b> is hosting a <i>Love to</i> Read event for their
kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> grade students and parents. After the outdoor
reading event, parents are invited to stay for <i>Coffee Talks</i> , a time for
parents to ask questions and get answers from the school's literacy
coaches.