

Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat plans events at local schools

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Cat in the Hat to pose for photos and serve up green eggs and ham to promote reading

The famous cat in the crazy red and white hat has planned a whirlwind visits to La Pine and Bend to help promote the tenth annual Read Across America and to celebrate the 103 birthday of his creator, Dr. Seuss.

The Cat in the Hat kicks off his trip with a visit to La Pine Elementary School on Tuesday, February 27 from 6-8 p.m. for Cat in the Hat night. Attendees can sample green eggs and ham, try their fishing luck in McElligot's Pool, visit the many Seuss book themed booths or have their photo taken with the big Cat in the Hat. On March 2, students in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver will join millions of their peers across the nation to celebrate the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day. NEA's Read Across America Day, which falls on Dr. Seuss's 103rd birthday, expects more than 45 million readers, both young and old, to pick up a book and read. A few events include:

Students at La Pine Middle will write and read their own Choose Your Own Adventure stories. A giant rock wall will be brought into the school and scaled throughout the day by students and staff as part of their Read Across America "choose your own adventure" theme. Students at Ensworth Elementary will enjoy book readings from guest like school namesake Jack Ensworth, grandparents and many local leaders throughout the day. To celebrate the event, the school is also throwing an all-day pajama party for readers. Each time students at Lava Ridge Elementary hear music playing over the school intercom, they will drop what they are doing a read for 15 minutes. That afternoon, students will listen to teachers read one of their own literary favorites.

For more information NEA's Read Across America, visit www.nea.org/readacross

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