



Spotlight On Excellence Summer Reading Program

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent

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This month's *Spotlight on Excellence* presentation on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 will feature the twelfth year of the Grades K-8 Summer Reading Program.

The Lowell Public School Department values the contributions of its partners in the education of our children. This summer, many of our partners - parents, guardians and caretakers of students in grades K-8 were invited to support young learners in extending and enriching their literacy skills by encouraging daily summer reading. Our students were challenged, not only to read each day, but to also maintain a Summer Bingo Board that highlighted where students were reading over the summer, what kinds of books, and to try different kinds of books. Suggestions for more inclusive texts were offered to all students and available at the Pollard Library. Students who participated read a total of 6,723,725 minutes. The Daley School had over 1 million minutes with the McAuliffe and Murkland close behind. All participating students received a certificate.

Furthermore, all participating students were entered into a drawing. Those selected from the drawing will represent their schools at the October 2, 2019 Lowell School Committee Meeting. In addition, each of these sixty-five student representatives will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble Bookstore at the meeting.

I would like to thank all parents, community partners, and staff who supported this effort. I would also like to thank the Lowell School Committee for its enthusiastic support of this initiative.

Most especially, however, I'd like to offer my congratulations to all students who took advantage of this opportunity to enrich their lives through reading. I'm certain that the stories read and lessons learned through engaging literature added enormously to their summer experience.

The following list recognizes the school and invited students who were the lucky drawing winners:

Bailey School: Ethan Gauthier, Camilla Meas, Lillian You
Bartlett School: Nawaf Al-Mantafji, Anikah Heak, Esteban Sanchez
Butler School: Reton Chim, Amelia Horn, Cesar Valdez
Daley School: Efrain Herring, Julie Oum, Sara Skaff
Greenhalge School: Abdul Ahmed, Shams Ahmed, Victoria Espinosa
Laura Lee: Matthew Pacheco, Brooke Shaughnessy
Lincoln School: Molica Lin, Irene Nop, Madelyn Prom
McAuliffe School: Audrey Baker, Emma Giuffre, Marina Soto
McAvinnue School: Jayla Hernandez, Ryan Ma, Pitou Sem
Moody School: Harleigh Risoldi, Misha Santiago, Michael White
Morey School: Gabriela Otero, Lucas St. Onge, Serenity Sihakamphong,
Murkland School: J'Leisany Mangual Figueroa, Rosemary Mfum, Camila Ponce
Pawtucketville School: Lorraine Muribu, Vivian Straker, Cesario Walsh
Pyne/Arts School: Mason Anderson, Alex Delgado, Denisse Nieves
Reilly School: Grace Jones, Mairin Monaghan, Talin Sann
Robinson School: Leah Lamontagne, Zachary Medina, Say May Paw
Shaughnessy School: Kevin Samon, Rijenny Sar, Andrea Villalobos
STEM Academy @ Rogers: Julianna Kouy, Tamara Nguyen, Damilare Omoyeni
Stoklosa School: Mohammad Ahmad Ali, Edna Bonsu, Jaydin Kariuki
Sullivan School: Stephanie Davila, Finnegan Gilday, Kyra Ly-Lavigne
Wang School: Luke Boissonneault, Emma Hernandez, Enrique Antonio Raudales
Washington School: Miranda Heng, Isiah Powell, Yalexty Sanchez

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