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t's that time of year to grab a good book and celebrate the joys of reading with "Go Books, Go" this year's theme for **Read Across America**.

Created eleven years ago by the National Education Association to inspire and encourage children and "kids of all ages" to celebrate the importance and joy of reading, we'll be celebrating Read Across America Day on Monday, March 3.

Helping out this year with beautiful new art to go with our theme is returning partner, Rafael Lopez. The bold and beautiful colors of this year's look are definitely something to cheer about. You can see and download all the materials by clicking the Read Across America link on www.cta.org.



Mark Your Calendar

**Revenue and Expense
Open Hearing**
Feb. 26 @ 3:30 p.m.
~~La Merced Intermediate~~

Retirement Benefits Workshop Planned for March 11

The MTA Trust Fund and all retiree health benefits will be explained at the Retirement Benefits Workshop **Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room** at the District Office. The workshop will be presented by MUSD Risk Management and the Association. All those considering retiring in the next several years should attend this very informative workshop. Friends and spouses are invited to attend as well.

Grievance Workshop Will Be Presented March 25

Every member always has the right to grieve any portion of the contract if that member believes the contract has been breached. The Association offers grievance processing training annually. The training will be **Tuesday, March 25, 3:30 p.m. at La Merced Intermediate**.

Early Retirement Option Deadline Is April 15

If you are planning on early retirement at the conclusion of the current school year, you must complete and return the option form to the certificated personnel office no later than **Tuesday, April 15**. You must be between 55 and 60 years of age and have 15 years of experience with the District to qualify for the option. You are not obligated to include a letter of resignation at the time of completing the option form. Call Sylvia Delgado at extension 2293 for more information.

Voluntary Transfer Date Is April 15

If you are considering a voluntary transfer from one site to another, you must complete the forms from Human Resources. Applications for the 2008-2009 school year are due **Tuesday, April 15**. (Article XIII. D.1.a.) A tentative vacancy list should be available through Human Resources no later than April 7.

Involuntary Reassignment Due Date Is Thursday, May 15

Whenever possible, principals must announce involuntary reassignments no later than **Thursday, May 15**. If you have not heard you have been reassigned by May 16 you can assume that you will remain in your current assignment. Changes that cannot be controlled by the principal such as fluctuations in enrollment and alterations in the educational program could cause reassignments later in the year. (Article XIII. C2.a.)

Lorraine Richards Honored with CTA Southeastern WHO Award



High School Director Lorraine Richards (MHS) will receive the CTA Southeastern We Honor Ours (WHO) Award at a banquet May 22. Lorraine has represented the Association on Revenue & Expense, Calendar, CSR/Facilities,

and the Applied Technology Center Committees. For more information on Lorraine's banquet, Contact President Dianne Garcia-Stevens at the MTA office.

**Congratulations
Conference Attendees
CTA Equity and Human
Rights**

**Maria Balderas (SUE)
Pamela Valdry (SUI)
Good Teaching
Margie Sullivan (MPE)**