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Springfield Public Schools To Celebrate Education Day

Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken and the Springfield School Board have declared May 31 as Education Day as part of an effort to recognize the important contributions community makes to the success of the district's schools

WHAT:

Springfield Public Schools will celebrate its second annual Education Day on Thursday, May 31, with two special events:

- A Gift of Literacy celebration in which nearly 1,000 first-graders will receive new books. Local celebrities will read to the children in 25-minute sessions. The Gift of Literacy celebration is the culmination of the district's yearlong program designed to instill a love of reading in children.
- A special "Springfield's Incredible Story" evening reception will be held to honor 300 Springfield Public Schools community supporters. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will speak at the event.

WHERE/ WHEN:

Thursday, May 31

- **9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.**, Gift of Literacy Celebration
Lane Community College Building 19, Center for Meeting and Learning 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene
- **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** – Kick-off reception featuring State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo and Springfield Public Schools Superintendent Nancy Golden.
- **10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** – First-graders will be given their very own hardbound books at a presentation in the Forum.
- **10:30 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.** – Local celebrities read to children, including Mayor Leiken, Congressman Peter DeFazio, Bob Welch of The Register-Guard, Matt Templeton and Joseph Calbreath of KMTR-TV, and Korenza Burris and Rick Dancer of KEZI-TV.
- **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, "Springfield's Incredible Story" Reception at Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. 1000 Royal Caribbean Way, Springfield
- **6:15 p.m.** – Program begins with remarks from **Springfield School Board Chair Garry Weber and U.S. Senator Ron Wyden.**

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