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Verdict Is In: Horton Heard a Who

Santa Clara County Judges adopt San Jose's Schallenberger Elementary School for the Court's annual participation in Read Across America.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (March 3, 2014): nineteen judges from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Court) are volunteering during their lunch hour to celebrate national Read Across America at this year's sponsored school -- San Jose Unified School District's Schallenberger Elementary School. Judges will be reading stories that were either written by Dr. Seuss, celebrate Black History Month or give a child's perspective into the court system. The judges have personally selected and purchased the books, which will also be donated to the school.

Sponsored by the National Education Association, Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2—Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens and books.

"We're very excited to continue our Court's tradition of reaching out to our youngest community members and providing an opportunity to have a positive contact with the third branch of government, our justice system," said Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair of the Court's Community Outreach Committee. "Judges have donated their time and purchased age-appropriate books for the students, covering a variety of topics from 'life lessons' as taught by Dr. Seuss himself to the story of Justice Sotomayor's rise to the Supreme Court. We want students to not only understand the importance of the concepts of justice and fairness, but also to realize that they may become anything they desire, including our future judges and attorneys."

As Dr Seuss's birthday falls on a Sunday this year, Judges will celebrate by reading to elementary students on Monday, March 3. In an addition to being a fun, educationally enriching experience, students also benefit from seeing firsthand the strong ethnic and gender diversity of Santa Clara County's bench.

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