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THE MESSENGER

Our goal is to build confidence in public education and increase support for the Manchester School District. Our strength is in standing together to work for positive change.

NH FOOD BANK- MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE PROGRAM

Congratulations: You have donated 152 lbs. of food products for January-February. Please continue to give your donations to your building representatives prior to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. OR, you can drop your food products off at the Brady Sullivan Tower, ground floor (Café) up until the last day of the month

March is Peanut Butter & Jelly Month

April is Canned Fruit Month



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

THE 3RD ANNUAL MEA GET TOGETHER TO STAY TOGETHER

SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD

3:00 PM- 7:00 PM

ST. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

650 Hanover Street Manchester

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL MEA, SPA & AFSCME MEMBER

FREE FOOD

BEER AND WINE ON-SITE (CASH BAR)

MUSIC and THE GREAT COMPANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES

WHY DO WE JOIN THE UNION?

TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION WITH A COLLECTIVE VOICE

BRING YOUR CASH TO ENTER RAFFLES AND A 50/50 DRAWING TO SUPPORT

OUR LOCAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

THEME BASKETS WILL BE RAFFELED AT THE COOKOUT- \$5.00 FOR AN ARMS LENGTH

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Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat! It's that time of year again, time to gear up for NEA's Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. First Lady Michelle Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan joined NEA President Dennis Van Roekel to share their love of reading with hundreds of local schoolchildren at the Library of Congress last year and have been invited to return to join celebrity readers for our national kickoff. Secretary Duncan has already said yes and we're looking for a repeat of the reading fun.

Parenting Magazine features NEA's Read Across America

Head to the newsstands for a copy of the March issue of *Parenting Magazine*. Our new media partner features a spotlight on NEA's Read Across America and host of reading resources for parents, including [The Guide to Raising an Early Reader](#); [The Best Books to Read with Your Kids](#); [5 Easy Ways to Make Reading Fun](#); [12 Reading Activities That Really Work](#), and [The Best Books to Pass On to Your Kids](#). For new parents, *Parenting* offers tips on [building your baby's first library](#), and [books for preschoolers](#).

Green Eggs and Ham Family Literacy Bag

Looking for ways to engage parents? [Reading Rockets](#) has created a [family literacy "bag" of activities](#) for Seuss favorite *Green Eggs and Ham* to help parents read with their children. Explore the rest of the site for more literacy bags, including an upcoming literacy bag for *The Lorax*.

Looking for Books?

What better way to celebrate the joy of reading than to stock your shelves with your favorite Dr. Seuss books? We know you're busy, so our friends at [First Book](#), a nonprofit organization providing books to kids in need have made it ridiculously easy to get books for this special day. All you have to do is the following:

[Register your school or program with First Book](#).

Browse the [First Book Marketplace's](#) selection of Dr. Seuss titles from and [Green Eggs and Ham](#) to [Hop on Pop](#) to [Cat in the Hat](#), all for around \$3.00 a book.

Though February 8 was the last day to order to make sure your books arrive in time for March 2, NEA's Read Across America Day, you can still order Seuss books for events later in March or all year long.

Don't forget to read, rhyme and smile with your students as they take part in your Seussational events.

Questions? Contact the First Book Help Team at help@firstbook.org or 866-READ-NOW.

PLEDGE PLEDGE PLEDGE

Head to the Read Across America pledge site and let us know what you've got planned. You'll find pledges from schools and cities around the country, even around the world. Don't forget to add your pledge and encourage friends and colleagues to do the same. Go to the [Read Across America pledge site](#).

Send Your Video to SchoolTube

Looking for your 15 minutes of fame? SchoolTube has created a Read Across America channel designed to showcase student and educator videos from around the country. To sign up and share your videos, go to SchoolTube at <http://www.schooltube.com/user/NEAreadacrossamerica>.

Teaching Women's History in the Classroom

Websites filled with teaching resources and ideas

<http://www.pennycolman.com/>

www.herstoryatimeline.com

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/womans-suffrage/>

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/theme.html>

<http://bwht.org/tours/charlestown>

www.nwhp.org

http://www.nh.gov/csw/recognition/recognition_recognition.html

www.aoc.gov

Save the Date: Newbery Medal winner Katherine Patterson is coming to the Palace Theatre in Manchester, Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm as part of the NH Humanities Council's *Connections* literacy program. This event is FREE but preregistration is suggested. Ms. Patterson two-time winner of the Newbery Medal (*Bridge to Terabithia* and *Jacob Have I Loved*). For more information, go to www.nhhc.org/Connections.php.

Genocide Awareness Lecture

Keene State College-Dr. James Waller on Monday, March 28 at 7 pm in the Mabel Brown Room (Young Student Center). FREE and open to the public. For more information, go to www.keene.edu/cchs