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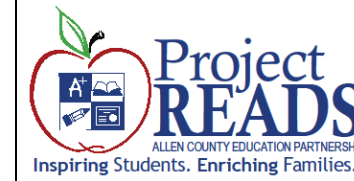
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Summer 2017

## The Poetry of Project READS

The room changes when I sit next to him. Magic happens as the ordinary takes on sensation. Listening to him read brightens the windows and knocks on the door, shivers the timbers and polishes the floors.



I keep paper close beside and when she pauses ask her to write the word (or words) to reinforce the task. She speaks while writing, and doing both she gains not only sight sense of the word but letter/sound refrain.

He draws: a rainbow, and tells of other objects sharing colored arcs.

He fidgets: at odds with the ninth or tenth hour of his school day.

He stumbles: words and letters don't always make sense, but he tries again.

He writes: a Thank You to his teacher, his name placed at the rainbow's end.



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### Executive Director's Message

I'm excited about the start of another year at Project READS this fall! Our PR staff has worked hard this summer on several items to help support work with kids to reach our goal of serving 200 students this year! These include asking our mentors to bring a friend this fall; the design of a new mentor guidance form highlighting specific reading techniques to support development; and soliciting the help of our community, with several new churches providing additional manpower to reduce our student waiting list by providing mentors.

Also this year, Project READS has expanded our reach from 19 to 20 sites, the newest being the community center at McCormick Place located next to Adams Elementary. This location will give children access to genuinely caring adults and trained reading mentor volunteers. (The complete Site List appears on Page 3 of this newsletter.)

Additionally, I'm thrilled to update you on our annual Fall Fundraiser. This event will take place on Thursday, November 16, at The Summit. I hope to see you in attendance. Though a fundraiser, the event also offers an opportunity to learn more about Project READS, and for attendees to learn more about each other and the impact they can have on their community. So be sure to circle November 16th on your calendar, now.

As always, I continue to thank you all for your support of Project READS!



*DeShawn Wert*

### How a Mentor Can Make a Difference

- ◆ Assess a student's strengths and weaknesses in order to build on the skills necessary to succeed
- ◆ Offer a fresh perspective, a new way of approaching a situation
- ◆ Serve as a source for exploring ideas
- ◆ Provide motivation, confidence, and the value of perseverance
  - ◆ Help with decision-making
- ◆ Share humor. Laughter, or at least a sense of light-heartedness, can lessen "academic anxiety"
- ◆ Reveal how comfortable "learning" can be
- ◆ Contribute the type of support a friend supplies

**Save the Date**  
**November 16, 2017**

### Project READS Annual Fundraiser

Featuring Guest Speaker  
**Claire Ewart**  
Children's book author and illustrator



**Dinner at 6:00**  
**at The Summit - 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd.**

### Project READS Site List 2017-2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Literacy Site</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday	Harrison Hill Elementary School	305 S Cornell Circle	2:55 – 3:55
	Fairfield Elementary School	2825 Fairfield Ave.	3:00 – 4:00
	Northcrest Elementary School	5301 Archwood Lane	3:00 – 4:00
	Bridge of Grace	5100 Gaywood Ave.	4:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	Heritage Elementary School	12050 Houk Road, <b>Monroeville</b>	2:40 – 3:40
	Indian Village Elementary	3835 Wenonah Lane	3:00 – 4:00
	Study Elementary School	2414 Brooklyn Avenue	3:00 – 4:00
	Queen of Angels Catholic School	1600 West State Blvd.	3:15 – 4:15
	New Haven Primary School	1445 Berwick Ln., <b>New Haven</b>	3:45 – 4:45
Wednesday	Homestead High School	4310 Homestead Road	4:00 – 5:00
	Woodlan Elementary School	17117 Woodburn Rd., <b>Woodburn</b>	2:30 – 3:30
	Haley Elementary School	2201 Maplecrest Rd.	3:00 – 4:00
	Washington Elementary School	1015 W. Washington	3:00 – 4:00
	Waynedale Elementary School	7201 Elzey Street	3:00 – 4:00
	Weisser Park Elementary School	902 Colerick St.	3:00 – 4:00
Thursday	McCormick Place	2811 McCormick Ave.	4:00–5:00
	Huntertown Elementary School	15330 Lima Rd., <b>Huntertown</b>	2:30 – 3:30
	Southwick Elementary School	6500 Wayne Trace	3:00 – 4:00
	Timothy L Johnson Academy	4615 Werling Drive	3:30 – 4:30
Thursday	McMillen Park Community Ctr.	3910 Abbott St.	4:15 – 5:15

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### Be a Friend, Bring a Friend

This year, Project READS plans to train 200 volunteers to work in its twenty locations throughout Allen County.

If you have already made plans to volunteer—fantastic! But you can contribute beyond that commitment. You can invite a friend to join those community members who recognize the value in giving one hour per week to a young reader.

As the Site List (above) shows, the variety of options offers something for just about anyone. So pass the word along. It's what a friend would do for another friend.