

# GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **NHS members lead “Seussabration”**

**Huntington-** It is a yearly tradition for Gateway’s National Honor Society seniors to venture over to Littleville and Chester Elementary schools for Dr. Seuss Day. This year, March 5 marked the occasion, due to the snow day on March 2 (Theodor Geisel’s—better known as Dr. Seuss’s—birthday). Festivities consisted of seniors reading their book of choice to the classes and providing an activity for the elementary students to complete. The seniors, under the direction of Advisor Jim Duggan, who travelled over to Littleville would have made Dr. Seuss proud, as they showed great excitement towards the books they read.

In Mrs. Hyjek’s class, the Dr. Seuss book of choice for Chloe Otterbeck and Dawson Atkin was *If I Ran the Circus*. For the accompanying activity, students had to use their imagination to come up with an act that they would want to have in their circus and draw a picture of it. One student decided that her circus act would be a cat jumping over the moon. The creativity was off the charts in the room.

Leading the first grade readings were Ryley Carleton and Anna Davis who read *Horton Hears A Who*, a book that almost every child is likely to know. It only seemed fitting that the students would be tasked in making a paper headband with ears on it to resemble the Seuss character Horton. Mrs. Bak’s first grade class had a blast with the project, and so did the seniors who were overseeing their hard work.

The kindergarten classes were gifted with the Seuss classic, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*, which Lindsae Loomis and Megan Wright had the pleasure of reading to the students. Their activity was for each student to draw a picture of a place they want to go someday, or what they want to do when they grow up. A very enthusiastic student drew a vast field of cotton candy, which would be quite an adventure.

Dr. Seuss Day allows people of all ages to appreciate the creative mind of the amazing Dr. Seuss, whose books have influenced most young children at some point in their lives. Allowing the students to activate their imaginations through the day’s activities brings joy to everyone involved, and lets us all remember the great mind behind some of our favorite fictional characters.

The National Education Association’s “Read Across America Day” takes place annually on Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Both Chester and Littleville Elementary Schools celebrate this nationwide read project, with support from Gateway’s National Honor Society members.

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*Photos: (Top): Dawson Atkin and Chloe Otterbeck read to Mrs. Hyjek's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class; (Below left): Ryley Carleton admires the 'Horton Hears ears' made by Rasec Rodriguez-Arnaldi and Xavier Weaver; (Below, right) Megan Wright and Lindsae Loomis read "Oh The Places You Will Go" to Mrs. Boylan's Kindergarten class.*

