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A Message from the President



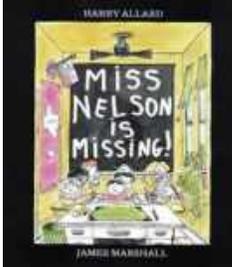
Hafa Adai and Happy Thanksgiving! Firstly, I am thankful for the members who were able to join us for our October meeting. There we heard from Elizabeth Cena about the importance of financial literacy in our lives and the basics of choosing the right financial products to fit your lifestyle. We were also delighted to hear a reading from author, Jennifer Senne, who wrote *Good Morning, Mirror*—an interesting narrative of a girl who comes to realize the benefit of positive thinking and self-esteem. Lastly, we also conducted a send-off for our IRA representatives to the International Literacy Association’s annual conference at New Orleans. We look forward to hearing about their learning very soon!

We also look forward to the annual Language Arts Conference hosted by the University of Guam on *November 15-16 at Pacific Star Resort & Spa*. This event is a great opportunity to develop professionally as well as meet like-minded educators. Please continue reading for more information.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

**Your Council Year 2019-2020 IRA President,
Nilfa Milan**

BOOK OF THE MONTH



DESCRIPTION:

The kids in room 207 take advantage of their teacher’s good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. “Rarely has the golden rule been so effectively interpreted for children.” –Booklist (Scholastic, 2019)

RELATED SUBJECTS: Bad habits, defiance and talking back, cleverness, elementary school



A teacher takes
a Hand, opens
a Mind and
touches a Heart

IRA 2019-2020 General Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

~~September 7, 2019 (Liguan Elem.)~~

~~October 5, 2019 (Liguan Elem.)~~

November 15-16, 2019 (L.A.C. @ Pacific Star Hotel)

December 14, 2019 (Book Fair; Agaña Shopping Center)

January 11, 2020 (Liguan Elem.)

February 8, 2020 (Read-a-thon [RAT] Kick-off; Agaña Shopping Center)

March 21, 2020 (RAT prize distribution, Liguan Elem.)

April 18, 2020 (Spend It All, Spend It Now, Liguan Elem.)

May 2, 2020 (Liguan Elem.)

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BOOK EXCHANGE

Book exchange is available at the monthly IRA meetings! Bring any new or used books in good condition to exchange for another book free of charge. This is a great way to satiate your appetite for reading! Stop by the Book Exchange table at the next IRA meeting!

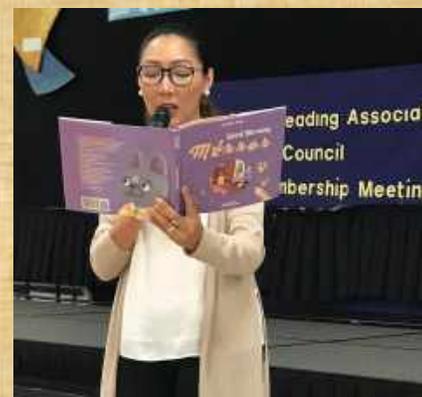


IRA presents a check to UOG for the annual Language Arts Conference



IRA members listen to a presentation on Financial Literacy

*October IRA Meeting
October 5, 2019
Liguan Elementary*



Author, Jennifer Senne, conducts a reading of her book



IRA members participate in a Halloween literature character costume contest



ILA Conference representatives off to New Orleans



PRE-REGISTER FOR UOG's LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE

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The University of Guam's 32nd Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC) is an annual event in which Western Pacific educators are provided with opportunities for professional growth and enrichment in literacy. The conference theme is "Transforming Literacy Through Ethics & Critical Thinking." The conference will be held Friday, **November 15, 2019** and Saturday, **November 16, 2019** at the **Pacific Star Hotel**. For more information, visit www.uog.edu/LAC.

The LAC will offer one graduate credit/CEU. As part of the course requirements, students must complete the following: full attendance at the conference; classroom application of one or more of the strategies/techniques learned at the conference; write a brief reflection for each session attended; and write a five-page, typed, double-spaced paper explaining how the Language Arts Conference has increased their knowledge and understanding of transforming literacy through ethics, critical thinking, and other engaging literacy strategies to enhance reading, writing, and assessment in the classroom.

Students must register for the conference before they register for the graduate credit/CEU at the Professional International Programs, 2nd floor, MARC, Computer Center, PIP Building, Room #217. For more information, students may call 735-2601 or fax 734-1233. They may also e-mail the instructor, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at mnriviera@triton.uog.edu or mnriviera@gdoe.net.



The LAC registration fee includes the following:

- *IRA Members, Presenters – \$65
- *UOG Student Presenters – \$30 (Provide student verification)
- *UOG Students Attending Only – \$40 (Provide student verification)
- *Non-IRA members before November 1 – \$75
After November 1 - \$80

If you register after the meeting, you must mention that you are an IRA member in order to receive the discounted rate. Thereafter, your name will be verified with the IRA membership database, so be sure that your membership is up to date.

For additional information regarding the conference, participants/presenters may call Adrian Davis, LAC Administrative Coordinator, at 735-2725 or e-mail her at davisa9672@triton.uog.edu.



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READ-A-THON 2020

Look out and save the date for the annual IRA Read-a-thon in February 2020! The kick-off meeting is February 8, 2020 at Agana Shopping Center. See you there!

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