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A Message from the President



Happy Valentine's Day! It is the season of love, and it is also a season to love reading! How fitting, then, that our Kick-Off for our annual Read-a-thon is in the month of love? So, we can proudly declare, "I Love Books!" Don't miss a chance to revel in all the books we have to offer at our Kick-Off event at the Agana Shopping Center. With Dr. Darlene Roberto spearheading, I am most confident in her abilities to create a lasting impression on this year's Read-a-thon events, so come out, be proud of being a reader, and continue to read, read, read!

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who attended our January 11 meeting. There was much laughter and enthusiasm to kick-start the year. Thanks in part to our returning members from New Orleans, who brought some of that New Orleans spice to our meeting, from the food to the decorations. You would have thought it was Mardi Gras in January! I also would like to acknowledge our first presenter from ILA 2019, Dylan Orot, for creating a thoughtful and engaging presentation, full of ideas and books to take with us to our classrooms. We look forward to the upcoming presenters!

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:

I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school-until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances? (Scholastic, 2019)



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; Agana Shopping Center)~~
- ~~January 11, 2020 (Liguan Elem.)~~
- February 8, 2020 (Read-a-thon [RAT] Kick-off; Agana 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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IRA Grants

Free Money for Literacy Projects!

Do you have a creative literacy idea that you've always wanted to do with your students, but couldn't quite spend "that kind of money" on the books and resources? Apply for an IRA grant and get the financial help you need to kick start your special classroom project. Two grants of \$500.00 each will be awarded this coming April, courtesy of the International Reading Association and UOG's School of Education Alumni Association. Go to www.iraguam.blogspot.com, download the rules and application form, and tell us your idea. Turn in your grant request at the April meeting and keep your fingers crossed. Grant recipients will be announced shortly after.

EdTech Corner



This website is great for promoting literacy. The free resources page contains videos, articles, templates, access to newsletter archives, and also a list of other website and organizations that support literacy. The videos are very informative and are categorized into three sections:

comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. They cover various topics such as components of reading and also more specific videos that cover a type of graphic organizer and how to implement it in your classroom.

The templates and printable section includes downloadable PDFs that cover comprehension, vocabulary, writing, literacy planning, and support materials. What is great is that the templates can be used in content areas other than English. A common misunderstanding is that only ELA teachers can teach, promote, and implement literacy-based strategies, but this is not true. Every content area teacher can find ways to implement literacy in their classroom. (A. Carlos, 2019)



Members listen to the presentation, "Spark the Joy of Literacy"



ILA 2019 Conference attendee, Dylan Orot, presents on "Spark the Joy of Literacy"

I ♥ Reading!

*January IRA Meeting
January 11, 2020
Liguan Elementary*

Mardi Gras Mask Competition winners pose for a photo



Board members present the prizes to give away at the meeting



ILA 2019 conference attendees take a group photo in Mardi Gras attire

Happy Valentine's Day

From IRA

Read-a-Thon Kickoff

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Agana Shopping Center
10:00am - 1:00pm

Performances by
Southern High
Choir/inetnon
Gef Pago
Liguan Elementary
Marcial/Truman

Guest Readers
Meet the School Reps
Books for sale
T-shirts sale
Novelties Raffle

sharpen your vision 



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