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B.E.A.R. DAY CELEBRATION PRESS ADVISORY



Event: B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading) Day End of Summer Celebration. The day will honor the completion of the second year of this important summer literacy program, that is part of the Hudson Department of Youth's summer program at the John Edwards Elementary School. Older children read to younger ones for 45 minutes, several times a week. The celebration will include literacy games and the presentation of certificates to all program participants and guest readers.

What: The B.E.A.R. program is sponsored by Literacy, Inc. (LINC), a not-for-profit organization that "links" community resources to enrich literacy among young children. LINC's mission is to provide additional out of school reading hours through a system of outreach and coordination that results in building language-rich neighborhoods, where all young children are supported as readers.

Who: Program volunteers and special guests will read to nearly 30 children. Guest readers will include recognized children's book authors and illustrators Donald Crews and Ann Jonas, as well as Paula Odegarde, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Patrick Manning. Mr. Crews and Ms. Jonas are residents of Germantown.

When: Thursday, August 14, 2003, 1:00-2:30 PM

Where: John L. Edwards Elementary School, Hudson, NY.

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