



## Hatch Elementary School Birthday Books Program 2018 - 2019

Celebrate Your Child's Birthday While Supporting Hatch's Library

You are invited to share in Hatch's Birthday Book Program! We hope you and your child will donate to this worthwhile program that not only increases the number of books our children can choose in the Hatch Library but also helps to update our collection, which has a current average age of 16 years old with 44% of the collection out of date!

The Birthday Book Program will run throughout the year to celebrate every student's birthday. After all students are called to the office to celebrate their birthday in the morning, they will get to head up to the library to pick out a birthday book! The Birthday Book Cart is loaded with new and wonderful fiction and non-fiction titles selected based on school needs and student interest all purchased at the Magic Tree Bookstore in Oak Park. The goal of the Birthday Book Program is to ensure that every student at Hatch gets the privilege of picking a book to add to the Library's collection on his or her Birthday.

To make that happen we are asking for donations that will be put towards the purchase of your child's birthday book. A hardcover book costs \$15 - \$20 and will ensure your child's book will live on in the Hatch Library for years to come. The PTO has graciously offered to help off set the cost of donations we are short to ensure every student gets to participate in this program. This means over 370 new hardcover books for the Hatch Library this year!

### This is how it works.

Fill out the attached form, if you wish to donate. When we receive your donation, we will send you a tax receipt. Children will come to the library on their birthday, or half birthday, to choose a book from the Birthday Book Cart. Although the book will remain property of the library, your child will be honored as follows:

1. A bookplate with your child's name is placed in the front of the book, listing their birthday. For years to come, other students will know that your child donated this particular book.
2. Your child will be the first to check out the book and share it with his or her classmates and family.
3. Your child's photo will be taken with the book and displayed on the library website page, for those that give permission.
4. The students will then read and share their book with their family and return the book in one week for other Hatch students to enjoy the book.

\*Note: The program will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 so if your child's birthday is over the summer they will be called down on their half birthday to pick out their book. Those students who had birthdays the first two weeks of school, we will celebrate their birthday during their regular library class in the week of September 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to donate to this great program, please fill out the form on the reverse and turn it into the main office. The joy the children get from picking a book, seeing his or her name inside and donating the book to the library is almost as important as the book itself. Plus all donations are tax deductible!

Thank you so much for your support,

Erin Howe, Teacher Librarian

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**YES! I want to donate to the Birthday Book Program at Hatch Elementary School!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Hatch School PTO

\_\_\_\_\_ I have also enclosed an extra donation in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to help give every student at Hatch this fantastic opportunity!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_