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Sanislo Elementary and Seattle Public Library host "West Seattle Reads," beginning on March 19

On March 19, Sanislo Elementary hosts "West Seattle Reads," an event open to all elementary school age children who want to learn how kite flying relates to different cultures. Those children participating will each receive a book relating to kites and how they are an integral part of Asian culture. The books, "The Emperor and the Kite" and "The Kite Fighter," are being provided through funding by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Washington State Library.

Sanislo Elementary Principal Debbie Nelsen said, "We work diligently every day to incorporate culture into our literacy programs and with these events we are able to focus specifically on an area of the world that many of our students have connections to."

The first event of "West Seattle Reads" occurs on March 19 at Sanislo Elementary and includes a presentation on kites around the world and book distribution to the children. Book discussions will take place at the Delridge Branch of The Seattle Public Library on April 14 and at the Southwest Branch on April 15, both at 7:00 p.m. The final "West Seattle Reads" event will occur on April 27 at Sanislo Elementary and will include kite making for K-5 students.

"This program brings added cultural awareness and knowledge while also promoting reading at six grade levels," said Maryann Courtois-Horsley, Sanislo Elementary Library Teacher. "I am thrilled to be able to have the support of the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as the Washington State Library to help students learn in such a rich and dynamic way."

When: Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Sanislo Elementary School
Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Delridge Branch of The Seattle Public Library
Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Southwest Branch of The Seattle Public Library
Thursday, April 27, 1:30 & 3:00 p.m., Sanislo Elementary School

Where: Sanislo Elementary School
1812 SW Myrtle Street, Seattle, WA 98106

Who: All elementary age children invited

What: Kite presentation and book distribution on March 19; book discussions on April 14 & 15 and kite making on April 27.

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