

# APRIL 2024 BOARD REPORT

## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



### CEDAR RIDGE

I'm still beaming from my royal treatment at Cedar Ridge Elementary, where Ms. Woods and Mr. Ward invited me to be the Royal Reader for third-grade students. They rolled out the red carpet, gave me a crown, and asked me to sit on the throne as I read, *Mr. Peabody's Apples* by Madonna. The school, its students, and the community have shown such passion for reading, and I was inspired to see it firsthand. Afterward, the students and I were treated to afternoon tea to celebrate their reading efforts this year. Talk about a fabulous event!

### FAULK

I was able to spend some time with students and staff at Faulk Elementary in West Memphis! I visited several classrooms to read one of my favorite books about good manners! I also talked to sixth-grade students about my ATOY journey and encouraged them to stay focused in school and to fall in love with learning!

### RIDGE ROAD

I received an invitation from Ms. Peoples to participate as a guest reader in celebration of Read Across America week. I had an amazing time reading to third-grade students at Ridge Road Elementary - NLRSD! I loved reading to them, answering questions, and talking about my experience as the 2023 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. I think they were especially impressed that I am a middle school teacher and I know some of their siblings and cousins!

## CELEBRATING SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONTH



I loved visiting Chicot Elementary to kick off Arkansas School Breakfast Month! Students at this school have breakfast in the classroom each morning. We know that a nutritious breakfast helps students stay healthy, active, and ready to learn every day so they can thrive.

## VOLUNTEERING WITH THE ARKANSAS STEM COALITION

On Saturday, March 23, I volunteered with the Arkansas STEM Coalition to help distribute eclipse glasses. The coalition is providing FREE eclipse glasses for every public school student, teacher, and staff member in the state, including all open-enrollment charter schools!!!



## ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR



On Wednesday, March 15, I joined ADE at the Arkansas State University Career Fair. I talked to several graduate students and graduating seniors about joining the greatest profession in the world. We also discussed alternative pathways to licensure. Furthermore, I was so excited to see districts from all over the state of Arkansas actively recruiting for the 2024-2025 school year!