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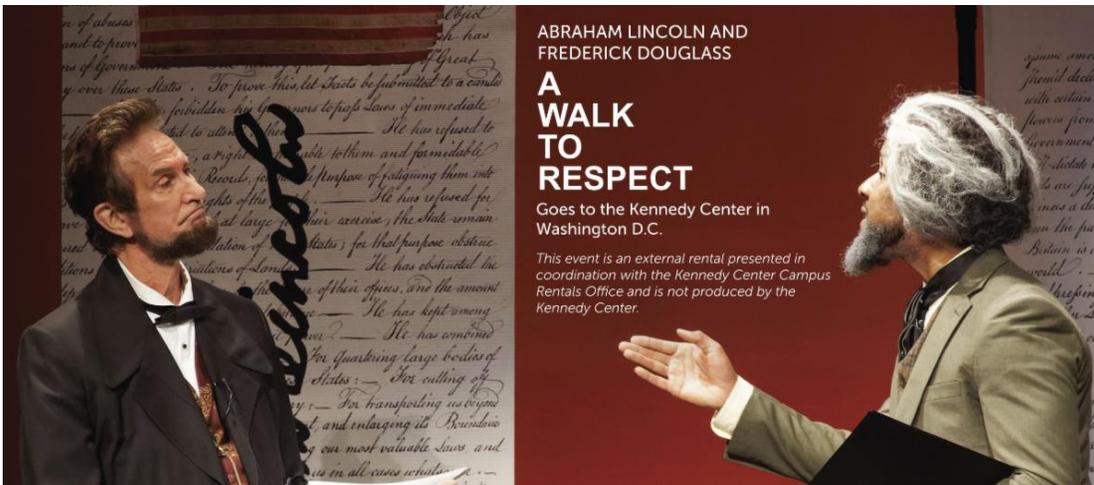
3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

January 2023



Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: A Walk to Respect — Heads to the Kennedy Center and Surrounding Schools in Washington D.C.

How can we find our way to understanding? Where can we find common ground? Who has left us a blueprint for creating the trust that transcends differing opinions and ideologies? We may find some answers by looking back more than 150 years to the words spoken and written by Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass in this powerful staged reading by playwright Beth Duda with original poetry by Cedric Hameed. Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, A Walk to Respect provides a powerful example of two men with different opinions and agendas coming together against all odds to produce positive change.



The Patterson Foundation is presenting a staged reading of the one-act play, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: A Walk to Respect at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 11:00am and 7:30pm. A panel discussion with the actors and production team will take place immediately following the reading.

[Tickets must be reserved in advance.](#) As a gift to the community, The Patterson Foundation is pleased to offer tickets to these two performances at no-cost. Tickets are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, by phone (202) 467-4600 and on their website.

There's more! TPF Fellow Rachel Hettinger has put together an itinerary of experiences for individuals who will be traveling to Washington D.C. [Click here to view the schedule.](#) Please note, items marked with an * are included as a gift from TPF. All others are a personal expense, including lunch and dinner.

***TRAVEL EXPENSES ARE NOT INCLUDED**

Additionally, The actors, playwright, and production team from Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, A Walk to Respect are planning to visit surrounding schools, conducting 30 – 40-minute workshops in classrooms. Please share with family, friends and colleagues in the D.C. area. [Learn more.](#)

Join the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and The Patterson Foundation for Remake Learning Days! April 21- April 30, 2023



Suncoast Remake Learning Days is a 10-day festival that celebrates the many learning opportunities in our community. This celebration highlights innovative experiences and opportunities for youth and participants of all ages to develop their sense of creativity, perseverance, and curiosity.

Establishments, including schools, museums, libraries, after-school organizations, early child care centers, colleges, universities, media centers, faith-based organizations, businesses, tech startups, and other entities, will open their doors to welcome families. Operations will also travel into neighborhoods to host hands-on, engaging educational experiences for pre-K through high school youth and their families, caregivers, and educators. **These events are free and open to all.**

Suncoast Remake Learning Days events are organized by different learning themes such as arts, maker, outdoor learning, science, technology, and youth voice. In addition, there are professional development sessions for school, out-of-school, childcare, and non-traditional educators.

Why is The Patterson Foundation and SCGLR sponsoring Suncoast Remake Learning Days?

The Patterson Foundation works with

How can an individual or organization become involved in the 2023 Suncoast Remake Learning Days?

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-

people, businesses, nonprofits, government, and the media to catalyze efforts toward shared aspirations through five key actions: Connecting → Learning → Sharing → Evolving → Strengthening. Remake Learning Days provide an opportunity for wide community participation and strong family engagement across five sectors to work toward the greater good of strengthening our learning ecosystem.

Level Reading will be hosting numerous webversations about the 2023 Suncoast Remake Learning Days, sharing information on social media through electronic newsletters, and reaching out to community members. To become part of [Suncoast Remake Learning Days](#), an individual or organization should [indicate interest by filling out this form](#). An SCGLR Engagement Team member will reach out to assist.

2022 Suncoast Remake Learning Days Song Parody [time: 2:49]



The Patterson Foundation's National Philanthropy Scan Workshop #3: Digital Access and Devices: Scaling the Work Domestically and Internationally with Corporate and Nonprofit Partners

The gate of entry to Digital Access is through a device. If members of society lack devices, the digital divide will perpetuate. Devices have become essential to education, travel, arts, culture, civic engagement, democracy, advocacy, climate, health and wellness, workforce, vital services, government services, and more. While funders continue to invest in organizations that give away free, new, or refurbished machines or sell devices at a low cost to those in need, the need for devices still disproportionately outweighs resources available to people, organizations, and communities.

To explore Devices and Philanthropy further, The Patterson Foundation, in partnership with the [Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#) (CGLR), will be hosting a **Funder to Funder Workshop on January 31st, 2023—12:30pm at 1:45 pm EST**, featuring:

- Kirsten Young, Director, Sustainability Programs, American Tower Corporation
- Karrin Smoley, Sr. Director, Community Impact, Charter Communications
- Scot Henley, Executive Director, Digitunity

Join us and register to attend a powerful Funder to Funder Workshop.

[Register Here](#)

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.

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