

Hawks soar with help from Boeing

Hawthorne Elementary partners with Boeing and Page Ahead to foster love of reading



The din of storytelling hummed through the classrooms at Hawthorne Elementary School as more than 30 volunteers from [The Boeing Company](#) read books to kindergarten and first-grade students. Animated faces of readers lead students through story after story. The students' faces were quiet, focused as they listened, but soon changed to partially-toothless grins and excitement as they got to choose a special book to take home.

This September's reading buddy event was a partnership between Hawthorne Elementary, The Boeing Company, and [Page Ahead](#), a nonprofit that encourages literacy and distributes books to children throughout Washington state. Hawthorne has a Page Ahead event two or three times per year. Page Ahead has donated over 1,000 books to Hawthorne Elementary students over the past two years.

"We are grateful for the strong support we have from Page Ahead and from The Boeing Company," shared Hawthorne Principal Celia O'Connor-Weaver. "Together, we encourage students to fall in love with reading and develop literacy skills that we hope will last a lifetime."

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