



Children's Reading Partners
invites you to a

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Monday, June 3, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

Mandell JCC Innovation Center

Zachs Campus | 335 Bloomfield Avenue | West Hartford

Thank you for making a difference this school year! Please join us at an end-of-year celebration for a conversation with a panel of experts from participating schools who will discuss why your work really matters.

Free | All are welcome
Dessert reception | Laws of kashrut observed

Kindly RSVP by Thursday, May 30 to Ronni Breiter
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FEATURED PANELISTS



Victor Cristofaro, Principal, Burns Latino Studies Academy

Victor Cristofaro has worked with Hartford Public Schools for 23 years, including 8 years as a special education teacher in a variety of grades, 4 years as a high school math teacher, 8 years as dean/assistant principal at Bulkeley High School, and 3 years in his current role of principal at Burns Latino Studies Academy. Victor's desire to become a teacher came from growing up in Hartford and wanting to advocate for children in his home city. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Family Studies from UConn and a

Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Saint Joseph. In May of this year, Victor will receive his doctorate in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University. Outside of school, he is especially proud of his 8-plus years as a wish-granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Gerardo Heredia, Principal, S.A.N.D. School

Gerardo Heredia came to the U.S. from Peru with his family in 1984. He attended Hartford Public Schools and Northwest Catholic High School. Watching his parents pursue advanced degrees motivated Gerardo to attend Central Connecticut State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master's in Special Education. He went on to earn an Educational Leadership Certificate at Sacred Heart University and will return to CCSU this summer to earn a 093 Superintendent

Certificate. Gerardo's love of education led him to become a teacher in Hartford, an instructional specialist/coach, and most recently a principal. He believes in inclusive practices that lead to equitable approaches for all children while also building community – because “we all need each other to make our world a better place to live.”



Pam Schachter, SRBI Interventionist/Coach, Robert J. O'Brien STEM Academy

Pam Schachter is completing her 33rd year of teaching. Her career has spanned 2 states and 4 school districts (Monticello in New York and Norwich, Waterford and East Hartford in Connecticut). Prior to her current position, she was a K-3 classroom teacher for 17 years, a school-based coordinator, and a school-based remedial reading teacher and district literacy consultant.

MODERATOR



Naomi Cohen, Founder and Former Chair, Children's Reading Partners

Naomi Cohen has served in many leadership positions on educational boards and commissions at the local, state, regional and national levels, including 4 years as House Chair of the Connecticut General Assembly's Education Committee. Currently, she is a member of the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education. Naomi holds a master's degree in public administration from the Barney School of the University of Hartford.

ABOUT CHILDREN'S READING PARTNERS

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