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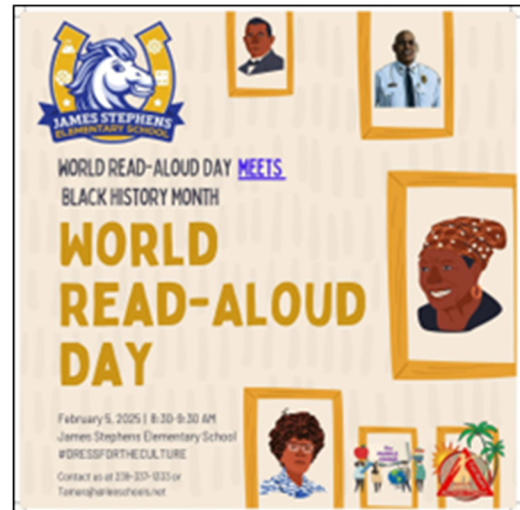
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Keeping Tabs on the School Board February 1, 2024

The non-partisan Purple Group helps to make us aware of what's happening in the Lee County school system. They will be watching the school board and Denise Carlin, the new Lee County School Superintendent, in their first few meetings and will provide updates to *Informed Democrat* readers in our March issue.

Dr. Paula Porter, a Purple Group member, has been monitoring School Board workshops. In January, the focus was on Student and Adult Codes of Conduct, including issues such as artificial intelligence and cheating, cell phone use, and the difference between horseplay and battery leading to physical harm. The Board also considered what constitutes insubordination and disrespect, areas that could involve differences in cultures. The Code of Conduct will come before the Board in March.



Meanwhile, at a time when reading and books have become a source of controversy in public schools nationwide, The Purple Group is seeking volunteers to participate in *World Read Aloud Day* (WRAD) on February 5 at James Stephens Elementary School, 1333 Marsh Avenue, in Fort Myers. [WRAD](#) has been held around the world for 17 years, but this is the *first* time it will be celebrated in Lee County. Leading the event is Tamara Joy Hunter, a Golden Apple Award teacher and STEM coach at Stephens Elementary. This is an opportunity meet students and teachers in a very positive way in troubling times. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 am for a continental breakfast and then be escorted to classrooms by students. Volunteer readers will meet the students and read a book to the class or a small group. The event will end at 9:30 am. To participate, call 239 337 1333 or email Tamarajh@leeschools.net.