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BOCES STUDENTS TOLD TO DREAM BIG County Executive Marc Molinaro Shares Dr. Seuss Favorite

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Elementary students were encouraged to dream big when the County Executive stopped by to share a favorite Dr. Seuss book with three Dutchess BOCES classes on Tuesday.

“I’m thrilled to share the joy of reading I have with the students at Vail Farm Elementary School,” said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. “I love reading to my own son and daughter at home, and it’s important to foster that same passion in all children. Books can lead children anywhere their imaginations take them, and it’s an honor to help the students explore those great possibilities.”

Dutchess BOCES teachers, who teach at Vail Farm Elementary in the Arlington Central School District, began a study unit focusing on Dr. Seuss on March 2nd, the author’s birthday. To contribute to the excitement, they invited the County Executive to be a guest reader and saved an inspirational book just for him.

After reading “Oh the Places You’ll Go,” Molinaro told the students to dream big. The book incorporates encouraging, rhyming lines including: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

After applauding the guest reader, the students asked questions about the County Executive’s favorite sport, team, and color. He quizzed them on federal, state, and local government during his visit. He also told them that it was important to remind their parents to read to them.

“The children understand that he is very busy and they feel special that he is taking time to visit them,” said teacher Kelli Schwarze. “They are very excited about him reading to them. It was wonderful.”

In celebration, a snack of popcorn and juice was shared. “Wow! This is nice,” Molinaro told the students. “I don’t get popcorn where I work.” After being asked by a student for a “small autograph,” Molinaro signed copies of “Oh the Places You’ll Go” to commemorate his visit.

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