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**Parents, Community Members Invited to Read
to Liberty Traditional Students**

Love of Reading Week highlights importance of good literary skills

Phoenix, AZ (01/24/13) – The tradition continues at Liberty Traditional School as parents and community members are invited to participate in the 5th annual Love of Reading Week, February 18-22. “Students from kindergarten through fifth grade will benefit from listening to guest readers share selections from their favorite books,” said Raena Janes, director of Liberty Traditional School.

In previous years, Liberty Traditional students were incredibly excited to see loving parents, local celebrities and community leaders and hear all of their stories. The guest readers’ enthusiasm for reading was and continues to be inspiring to the students. Students couldn’t stop talking about Love of Reading Week and the fun stories that were read to them, from “If You Give a



Pig a Pancake” and “Two Bad Ants” to “Lights Out, Night’s Out” and “Hello, Red Fox” to “A is for America.” Liberty Traditional looks forward to a successful turnout again this year and hopes for influential readers who will encourage reading among today’s youths.

“Reading skills are essential in preparing children for the adult world,” said Janes. “According to the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress reading survey, fourth graders in only five states showed a higher-than-average score. While Arizona’s fourth graders held steady from 2009 to 2011, their scores are still below the national average. Now, parents and community members can help us stress the importance of reading by showing students how much fun reading is for them.”

Guest readers are invited to sign up to read:

- 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Monday-Tuesday (February 18-19), Thursday-Friday (February 21-22)
- 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday (February 20)

To volunteer as a guest reading during Love of Reading Week, please contact Alejandra Cardenas at (520) 882-6262 or alejandra@mcfaddengavender.com.

About Liberty Traditional Charter School

Liberty Traditional Charter School is one of Arizona's fastest-growing charter school systems. Liberty is a tuition-free, not-for-profit charter school providing an exceptional educational environment that focuses on academics, community involvement and family values. Liberty Traditional has two schools, one in Phoenix and one in Douglas. Raena Janes, an active advocate for Arizona education and charter schools, is the superintendent of Liberty Traditional Charter School. Visit the school's website at www.ltsphoenix.org.

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