



Monday, September 29, 2008

Dear Principals:

On behalf of Chicago Board of Education President Rufus Williams, it is my pleasure to announce the **final** list of schools selected to participate in the 2008-2009 Real Men Read program. Real Men Read is a Chicago Public Schools MENToring initiative that brings men into your classroom to read to kindergarten, second, fifth, and seventh grade students for one hour each month. The 2008-2009 reading dates are as follows:

Thursday, October 16, 2008 (First Reading Date)

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Real Men Read now includes more than 100 schools throughout the city of Chicago, with upwards of 800 men reading to 25,000 students each month. We look forward to your school joining us in helping to improve the literacy skills of our students and showing them that real men do read and that real men do value education. Please visit our website at [www.realmenread.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.realmenread.cps.k12.il.us) for more information about the program.

You are also invited to the Real Men Real Kick-Off Reception on ***Monday, October 6, 2008, at the Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.***, where you will hear more about the program and get a chance to meet MENTors along with many other special guests. Please R.S.V.P. to Nichole Matthews at (773) 553-1592 or Tiffany Johnson at (773) 553-1492.

**Lastly, I need each school that requires Spanish speaking mentors for their Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms to email me the classroom number and teacher's name before the end of the day. Even if your school participated in the program last year, I still need for you to email the information regarding your Spanish speaking needs.**

Again, congratulations, and I look forward to a wonderful year.