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Commissioner Warren Mackey joins Read Across America at Orchard Knob Elementary School

By Camm Ashford

It was Read Across America week, and Hamilton County Commissioner Warren Mackey was at Orchard Knob Elementary School, getting kids excited about reading.

Read across America is a week-long observance that was established in 1998 by the National Education Association. It falls on the week of the birthday (March 2, 1904) of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss.

The year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone.

“I totally enjoyed my participation in the Read Across America program at the Orchard Knob Elementary School,” said Commissioner Mackey, who represents District 4. “The students were a delight to work with and the experience left me with a sense of

joy. I thank Ms. Tracy Davis, a teacher at the school, for the role that she plays in advancing the interest of the school.”

According to the Read Across America website, “When people make the time to read with children, children get the message that reading is important. Parents, members of your community, and local celebrities who make time to read at monthly or annual Read Across America celebrations help motivate kids to read and celebrate the diversity in their community and our country.”

Orchard Knob Elementary School, which serves grades pre-K through 5, is located at 2000 East 3rd St. Its principal is Vonetta Maston.

As part of Read Across America, Hamilton County Commissioner Warren Mackey was at Orchard Knob Elementary School to aid in getting kids excited about reading.



Chattanooga Mocs Mourn Tragic Loss

The Chattanooga Mocs lost an important member of the family on Mon., March 7. Eric Robertson ‘16, a vital contributor for the 2016 Southern Conference Champions, died at the age of 28.

Robertson was an emotional leader over his four-year career spanning the 2013-16 seasons. His energy and enthusiasm were contagious. He played all 132 games in his career with 38 starts, 35 of which came in sparking a school-record 29 wins for the 2016 titlists.

“3Rob” led the league in three-point percentage at 46.8 percent as a junior playing as arguably the So-Con’s top sixth man. He ended his career with 851 points, 216 rebounds, 153 assists, 36 blocks and 76 steals.

After graduation, Eric starred for Leicester in the British Basketball League while attaining his Master’s in International Business at a local university. He was most recently a teacher at Powell High School in Knoxville and assisted in coaching



the Grace Christian Academy boys basketball team.

Robertson is survived by wife and college sweetheart Jerica and 14-month-old son Luca.

A Celebration of Life for Eric will be held at 2 p.m., Sat., March 19 at New City Fellowship, 2424 E. 3rd St., Chattanooga. Eric will be carried to Southern Memorial Gardens in Baton Rouge, La., for a graveside service at 1 p.m., Central time, on Mon., March 21.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, PO Box 338, Hixson, TN 37343; FCA- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, PO Box 14185, Huntsville, AL 35815; or SCORE International, PO Box 9994, Chattanooga, TN 37412.

You may send condolences to the Robertson Family and view the memorial tribute at [www.heritagechattanooga.com](http://www.heritagechattanooga.com).

The family will receive friends on Fri., March 18 from 3-8 p.m., at Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 E. Brainerd Rd. and on Sat., March 19 from 1-2 p.m., at New City Fellowship.



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| Day 2: | Montgomery, AL                                    | Tuskegee AL                      |
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