

## 10<sup>th</sup> and Penn – Rowbee’C Kasisky

RIF book distributions are scheduled for January, March and May. Each distribution includes a seasonal book and related craft. A parent volunteer (PFO) read Jan Brett's "The Hat" in each of the first grade classrooms for the January visit. After that, students made/decorated a paper plate hat. Books were preselected prior to the UGI visit. Students are called in groups to have stickers placed in their books. Classroom thank you cards are sent to the UGI volunteers. Students look forward to RIF Day and appreciate being able to take home a book of their own. Many say they will read their book to a younger sibling.



## 12<sup>TH</sup> and Marion – Robinettte Armstrong

We have received our RIF books! Our first distribution was January 15th. We had the Reading Wizard presentation in the library. All first grade classes will attend. Following the presentation classes reported to their classrooms for the book distribution. UGI reps traveled to the first grade classrooms and while visiting they read a story and assisted students with choosing a book and placing name tags inside. We will have our second distribution in February and our third distribution in March. Our other Reading Wizard Visits are scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016 with Cuccaro & Schlosberg at 9:00-10:30 a.m. and on Friday, March 11, 2016 with Cuccaro & Schlosberg at 9:00-10:30 a.m.



**Amanda Stout – Susan Higginson**

On January 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:50 to 2:30 in the cafeteria "*Cuddle Up With a Good Book*" is the theme and we are going to wear sweat suits and get comfy while we read our books. We invited parents for this event. On February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 11:45 in the Blue Room "*Love Your Book*" is the theme and we are going to ask the students to wear red to show their love of books...and for Valentine's Day. On May 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:50 to 2:30 on the play deck "*Flip-Flop for a Good Book*" is the theme and we are doing a beach theme. The students may wear flip-flops, bring a beach towel, wear sunglasses, hats, etc. and we are going out on the play deck to read our books.





## Northwest Area Elementary – Maria Wengyn

On January 8<sup>th</sup> First Grade students at Northwest Area Elementary School in Reading, PA enjoyed their book distribution with the RIF Reading Wizard. The Wizard was accompanied by two volunteers from UGI Gas Company from Morgantown, PA. Students were given the opportunity to choose their own “just right books” with the assistance of their teacher, Reading Specialist, principal and ELL support teachers. The Reading Wizard with the help of a UGI volunteer read the story of the Reading Wizard and the importance of reading. Each student received a donation plate for the front of their chosen book and a coloring book about the Reading Wizard. Students were able to practice the importance of saying “thank you” as each one showed their gratitude as they left with books in hand. It was a fun hour for students, teachers and volunteers.



## Riverside Elementary – Julianne Kline

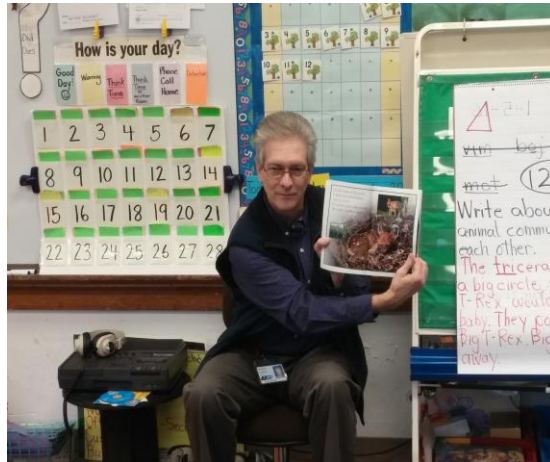
Our distribution of RIF books was October 2nd. The students gather in the cafeteria with the Reading Wizard where they had a chance to select books. When they received their books, they read the story with their book buddies and then took it home.



## Tyson-Schoener Elementary – Sal Sepulveda

On January 12th 2016, we had our 1st RIF distribution for this school year. We invited 2 volunteers to come from UGI. Julie Bealer and Mike (can't remember his last name, sorry). Before our RIF day, I asked the teachers to have their students bring in stuffed animals for the big day. Our theme was "CURL UP with a GOOD BOOK".

The students were able to choose their books and go to a comfy place in the classroom and curl up with their stuffed animal. The volunteers read to 2 of our classrooms and put the Reading Wizard labels in their books. We included our grade 1 lifeskills students in this special day as well.





### **Glenside Elementary – Melissa Fisher**

At Glenside Elementary School, for each distribution all the first grade students gather in the gym. Usually at the first event, the Reading Wizard will make an appearance. He will speak to the children about the importance of reading. After this each child gets to choose a book that is on their reading level and is of high interest. Most students take these books home and read them again and again. We encourage the students to share the books with their families. Others students keep their book at school but eventually they will take the books home. We are fortunate enough to have two more distributions in which the students get more books.



### **Lauer's Park – Gordon Hoodak**

Lauer's Park did first RIF event on Friday, March 4th, a makeup date, due to a previously scheduled event that was canceled on Friday, January 29th for snow. We also have another event scheduled for Friday, March 18th that was scheduled in the beginning of the year. On Friday, we did have someone take pictures of some of the students (no faces), holding the books and participating in the rotation of activities. Our events include 5 rotations: RIF Book Selection, Thank You Card Completion, Bookmark Creation, Read Aloud, and Bedroom I'm Reading Door Hanger. As far as the pictures and thank you cards, do I send them to UGI directly? In the past, we have usually have sent the thank you cards along with the volunteers, however, because this event was a last minute makeup date, we didn't have any volunteers on Friday, however we probably will have several for the upcoming dates. Well, thank you for your time and support.

### **Millmont – Jennifer Murray**

On Friday, January 22, we had two special visitors at Millmont Elementary School. The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) volunteers from the UGI Corp. came to read to all of our first graders and hand out books to each child. The wizard, played by Megan McGee, read the story about the RIF wizard to the children in the library with the help of her faithful assistant, Courtney Phillips. The children then shook the wizard's hand and received a copy of the RIF wizard's coloring and story book along with a bookmark. Back in their respective classrooms, the two UGI visitors read a story or two to the children. Finally, they were able to select a book at their independent reading level and a book tag with their name on it was placed inside their book. The children were encouraged to take the book home and have their family members read their new book with them.

### **13<sup>th</sup> and Green – Kevin Collins**

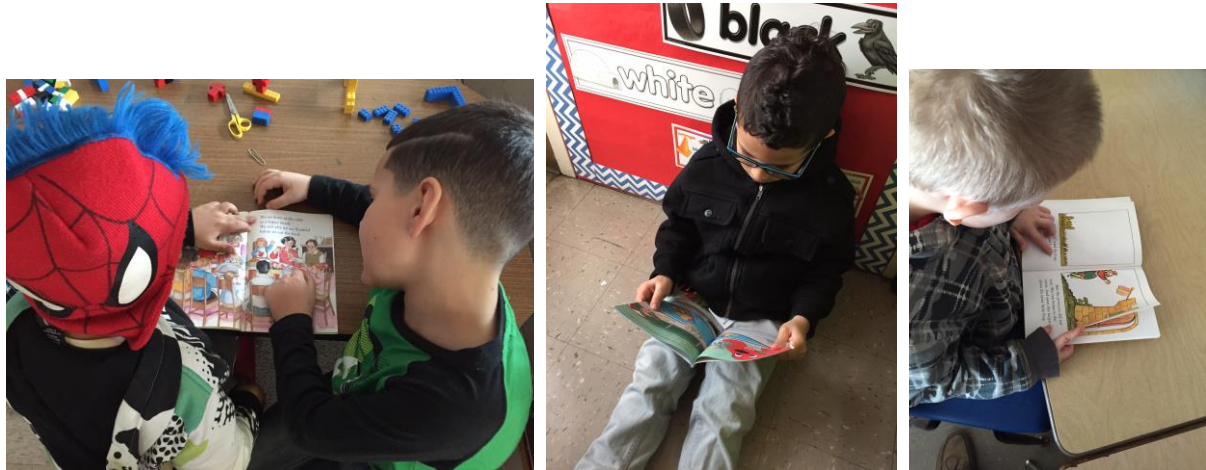
We had our RIF distribution on Thursday March 17th with the Reading Wizard. Our theme was "Read at the Beach". First graders all brought in a beach towel and got to relax and read "on the beach" to images of the ocean along with tropical beach music. Every student had the chance to choose a book along with the assistance of the UGI volunteers. We also had our 5th grade Reading Olympics team members to help out in the reading celebration.





### 10<sup>th</sup> and Green – Susan Lozada

The first grade teachers distributed the RIF books by having a Reading is Fun Day. The students participated in a variety of activities and games that stressed the importance of reading. The classroom teachers arranged the books so the students could see them easily. The students selected books by using the “five-finger” strategy and interest level.



### 13<sup>th</sup> and Union – Peggy Brown

Our first RIF distribution was held on Friday, April 22. We had 4 UGI volunteers, plus the Greater Reading American Teen and her chaperone. The Princess was great! She kept the kids enthralled. They loved her crown and everything about her. The books distributed were beautiful. They consisted of both paperback and hardcover books. The volunteers went from room to room helping to place book plates in the front of each student's book, and they read stories. Books were distributed in 5 classrooms with a total of 134 students.

