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## Local heroes impressed by students at 2017 Reading Recovery event

The **Walton Charter Academy**, one of several schools throughout Michigan affiliated with Oakland University's Reading Recovery Center, recently participated in the 2017 **Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA)** "Reading Recovery Read Aloud" event.

The event was designed to increase awareness of children who struggle to read and to ensure they get the attention they need.

This year was made extra special as Walton Charter Academy leaders invited local heroes to come to the school to listen to several of their Reading Recovery students read and show the progress they have made so far this year.

Those participating in the program included: Oakland County Sheriff Canine Unit officer deputy Bob Loken, paramedic Lisa Riera, firefighter Brian Reynolds and pediatric nurse Meagan Loken.

"The children were so excited to read to the local heroes and the heroes were very impressed by the reading and how much the students have progressed since the beginning of the year," said **Mary K. Lose, Ed.D.**, director, Reading Recovery Center of Michigan and associate professor of Reading and Language Arts at Oakland University.

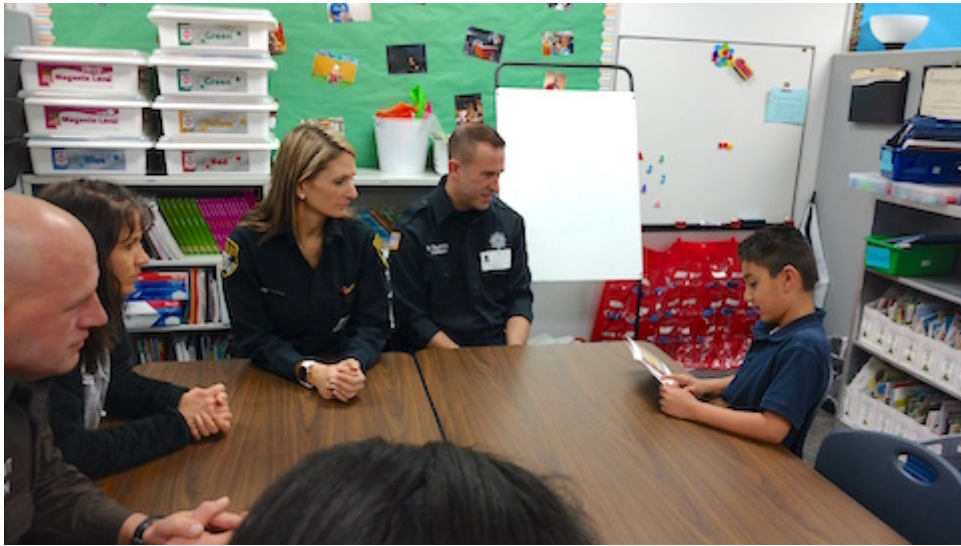
The day was a positive experience for everyone involved and those interested can learn more about the **Reading Recovery Read Aloud program**.



*Walton Charter Academy student Brandi Palacios was one of several students to demonstrate their increased reading skills to community heroes as part of the "Read Aloud" program.*



Student De'Zyre White reads a story to the community heroes helping celebrate Read Aloud Day.



Student Bryon Castro was another student who had the chance to read to community heroes on hand at this year's Read Aloud event.