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## **Elementary School Students Celebrate Reading More than 12,000 Books at Leadership Event**

**WHAT:** Everybody Wins! DC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Readers Are Leaders Leadership Summit

**WHO:** 180 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> students from ten DC public elementary schools

**WHEN:** 12 p.m.- 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** National Education Association, Auditorium, 1201 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15 – On May 19 Everybody Wins! DC (EW!DC) will host its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Readers Are Leaders Leadership Summit** at the **National Education Association**. The summit will honor graduating students who take on leadership roles and act as mentors through the Readers Are Leaders program.

The EW!DC **Readers Are Leaders program** matches older students (Older Partners) with younger students (Younger Partners) to read aloud together, one-on-one, during the lunch hour. The program uses fourth through sixth grade students as Reading Mentors for first through third grade students. This year the program served a total of **538 students** in 10 DC public schools. All together, these students read more than **12,000** books, which will be celebrated at the event.

Two Drew Elementary school students' winners of the "Making a Difference" essay contest held citywide will present their essay.

Everybody Wins! DC reached more than 3,000 at-risk students this year in 32 Title I public elementary schools throughout the metro region. Everybody Wins! DC is the largest children's literacy and mentoring organization in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

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