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Bon Meade Students Honor Edgar Allan Poe



A total of 19 fifth-graders at Bon Meade Elementary celebrated American writer and poet Edgar Allan Poe's 200th Birthday on Jan. 19.

Celebrations started a week prior to Poe's birthday as a fifth-grade student presented a short story of Poe's life and a poem verse via the morning announcements and culminated with a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to Poe by a dozen student singers.

Participating students received a T-shirt emblazoned with Poe's portrait and "Quoth the Raven - Happy 200th Birthday." Those students also were among the first to own a commemorative first-day-of-issue Poe U.S. Postal Service stamp created in honor of his notable birthday.

Librarian Nancy Pile and teacher Dawne Sohn coordinated the events and also created a display case (above) for all Bon Meade students to enjoy.

A favorite portion of the events for some of the students was the special sugar cookie decorated with "The Telltale Heart" author's portrait.

Every Bon Meade student also joined in the fun by receiving an engraved pencil that noted Poe's birthday.

Poe, who died in 1849, is widely known for his fiction works including "The Raven," "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Cask of the Amontillado."