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JGD Publishing Partners with talkSTEM to Donate 1,000 Books to Pre-K, Kindergartners as Part of National Read Across America Day

Dr. Koshi Dhingra, the nonprofit's founder and CEO, and Jennifer Drez, the book's author and publisher, have organized "read alouds" at nearly two dozen early child educational facilities around Dallas

DALLAS, February 20, 2020 – As part of a national initiative to increase literacy and promote math and science learning, JGD Publishing has partnered with talkSTEM, a Dallas nonprofit, to donate 1,000 copies of "Good Night Dallas walkSTEM Edition" to local elementary schools as well as coordinating "read alouds" to Pre-K and Kindergartners around the city.

On March 2, as part of Read Across America Day, Jennifer Drez, who collaborated with Koshi Dhingra, Ed.D., founder and CEO of talkSTEM, will visit Frederick Douglass Elementary School, 226 N. Jim Miller Road, Dallas, to read the walkSTEM® edition of *Goodnight Dallas*. The colorful and beautifully illustrated book focuses on seeing Dallas through the lenses of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) while simultaneously engaging the arts. The book comes with two walkSTEM explorer tools (inserts in the book): a *Shape Finder* and an *Angle-a-tron* (a beginner's protractor) with an engaging map in the back of the book.

"This is a wonderful way to celebrate the importance of reading and offering a fun and interactive way to learn about math and science," said Dhingra, whose talkSTEM nonprofit is an organization that promotes conversation about the diversity of STEM and STEAM thinking in our daily lives, in our communities, and in our world. "I'm even more excited to that we're getting a chance to showcase Jennifer's great work in this book in the hands of so many young children in Dallas."

Prior to the Read Aloud, Dr. Dhingra will be conducting professional development workshops at several early childhood Dallas ISD facilities, teaching them how to use several fun, interactive and educational lessons to apply basic math and science skills in everyday life. A complete list of the participating locations is included below.

talkSTEM also is hosting the free, community-wide fourth annual **Pi Day Math Festival** where real-life applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) are on full display by over thirty exhibitors. The festival is organized by the nonprofit organization, **talkSTEM** in partnership with the **AT&T Performing Arts Center**. It will take place between **10 a.m. and 2 p.m., March 14th at Sammons Park, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201** in the heart of the nation's largest contiguous urban arts district. The festival will showcase the many ways in which math impacts

our world – in art, nature, science, technology, and more. Families, teachers, and interested grown-ups are invited to attend this free event

To learn more about the “read alouds” and the Pi Day Math Festival or to interview Dr. Dhingra, contact Neil Foote, Foote Communications, neil@neilfoote.com, 214.448.3765.

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ABOUT talkSTEM

talkSTEM is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes the diversity of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) thinking in our daily lives, in our community, and in our world. talkSTEM was founded by Dr. Koshi Dhingra. Dhingra has a doctorate in Science Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and has years of experience teaching at the middle and high school levels, as well as at teacher education programs. Previously, she served as a director of the Science and Engineering Education Center at the University of Texas at Dallas. Learn more about talkSTEM and its programming by visiting: talkSTEM.org

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2020 "Good Night Dallas - walkStem edition" Readaloud Participants	
Early Childhood Learning Facility	Location
2nd Step	4255 S.R.L. Thornton Fwy, Dallas TX 75224
Aisha's	2750 E. Ledbetter Rd Dallas 75216
ALC	6610 Tyree St. Dallas 75209
Betty Lin	1123 E. Ledbetter Dr. Dallas TX 75216
Braswell	2203 2nd Avenue, Dallas TX 75210
Bryan's House	3610 Pipestone Rd, Dallas TX 75212
Creative Steps	3249 W Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220
Ei Kinder	2523 S Buckner Blvd, Dallas, TX 75227
For Keep's Sakes	2520 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dallas, 75204
Frederick Douglass Elementary School	226 N Jim Miller Rd, Dallas, TX 75217
Golden Minds	9625 Plano Rd. #1700 Dallas 75238
Good Street	3126 Elsie Faye Heggins Dallas 75215
Heavenly Learning	9759 Forest Lane Ste. #450 Dallas 75243
Henry B. Gonzalez Personalized Learning Academy	6610 Lake June Road, Dallas, TX 75217
Kid's Concepts	4019 West Ledbetter, Dallas, TX 75233
Mi Escuellita Casa View	11540 Ferguson Rd. Dallas, TX 75228
Mi Escuellita Good Shepherd	4931 Bernal Dr. Dallas TX 75212
NCLCD	1111 E. Ledbetter, Dallas TX 75216
Pace and Ross	3922 S Marsalis Ave., Dallas, TX 75216
Riding Rainbows	3126 Elsie Faye Heggins Dallas 75215
T.L. Ward Heavenly	11421 Shiloh Rd, Dallas TX 75228
Union Christian	3312 S. Polk St., Dallas, tX 75224
YMCA	2500 Romine Ave, Dallas, TX 75215