

Cherokee Point Elementary School

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for

The Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust

THINK BIG READING ROOM

The Ben Carson Reading Project

Thursday
December 16th @ 8 a.m.
Zoom: 99733074333

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Liberty Corales, Grade 5 Student

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Mrs. Corral - Principal

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Special Video Presentation from Dr. Ben Carson

Tammy Blazenyak, Ben Scholars Reading Project

Isaiah Mora, Grade 4 student, Cheetah PAC Student Ambassador

Liberty Corales, Grade 5 student, Cheetah PAC Student Ambassador

CLOSING REMARKS AND RIBBON CUTTING

Mrs. Corral - Principal

The Pledge of Allegiance



**"I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the
United States of America
and to the Republic for
which it stands, one
nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all."**

SPECIAL THANKS

Planning and Logistics:

**Tammy Blazenyak
(Ben Carson Reading Project)**

Generous Donations:

**Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust
Ben Carson Reading Project**

Reading Room Volunteers:

Katherine Zielinski	Julie Nguyen
Westley Meyette	Ann Lacsamana
Finnegan Yard	Lorena Juarez
Madeline Gooden-Taylor	
Ian Lacsamana	Greyson Corral
Brooke Corral	Sydney Lacasama

Welcome to the GRAND OPENING of Cherokee Point Elementary School's **THINK BIG READING ROOM**



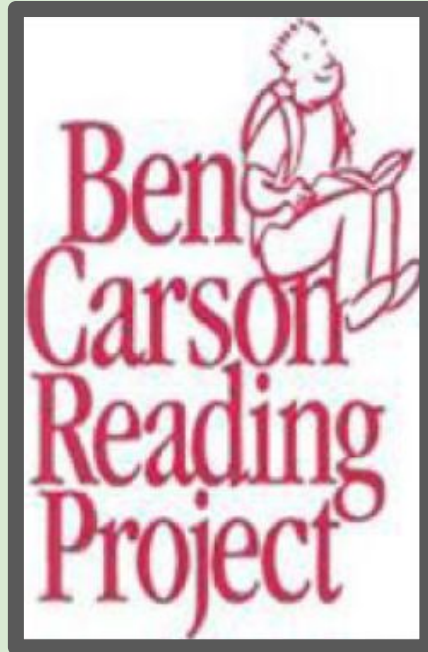


**Thank you to the Ben Carson Reading Project and to our
Think Big Room Reading Book Sponsors:**

**Eleni Gagon and Wolfgang Gagon
Dr. Ben Carson and Candy Carson**



Eleni Gagon and Wolfgang Gagon



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Ben Carson Scholars Reading Project's Purpose and Mission:



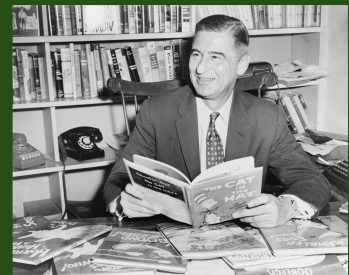
Dr. Ben Carson
and his mother

The primary purpose of the program is to provide funding and support to local schools so that they can create a literacy-enriched, nurturing environment for children to feel safe and secure as they develop their reading skills.

The Reading Project is dedicated to combating illiteracy and promoting leisure reading as a key to unlocking a child's potential. Each room is filled with hundreds of books for students to explore from a variety of authors, topics, and genres. The Reading Room is decorated with attractive, eye-catching artwork based on Dr. Carson's THINK BIG philosophy. The cozy environment encourages students and their families to come together to recognize the importance of reading.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

- Dr. Seuss



Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust



Cherokee Point's Think Big Reading Room books have been graciously donated by the Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust.

Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon lived in Golden Hill, San Diego where they purchased and renovated buildings in the area creating an inviting community.

Eleni and Wolfgang based their lives on simple values: working hard, appreciating education, inspiring others, and helping those in need. Eleni and Wolfgang's selfless spirits continue to this day through their generous sponsorships of Think Big Reading Rooms and Carson Scholarships.

(Read complete biography in the Think Big Room)



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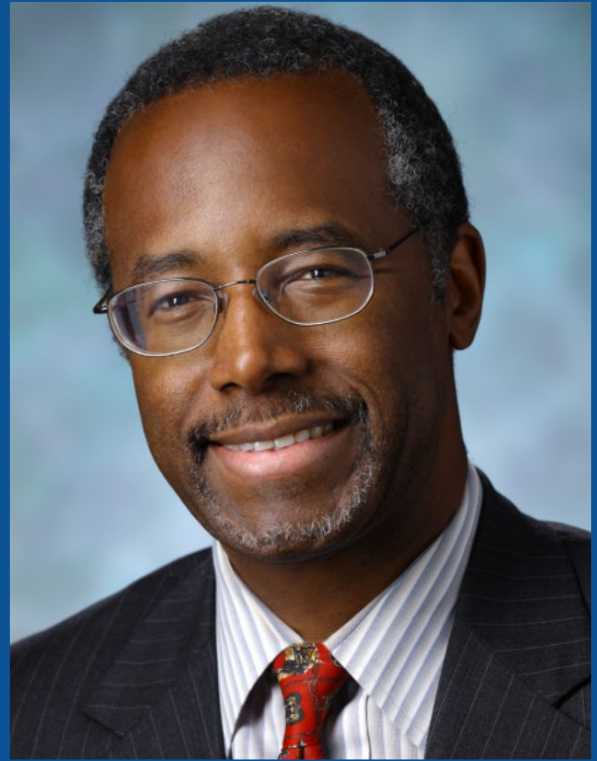
Tammy Blazenyak, The Ben Carson Reading Project

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THE BEN CARSON READING PROJECT

231 reading rooms and counting ...



A special message
from Dr. Ben Carson

**TO INFINITY AND
BEYOND!**

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Carson Scholars Have **INFINITY**:
the state or quality of having no limit!



Tammy Blazenyak
Director of Reading Rooms Carson Scholars Fund

Isaiah Mora, Cheetah PAC Student Ambassador, Grade 4, Ms. Palacios



READ TO ME

By JANE YOLEN

**Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes
Read to me stories of magical times
Read to me tales about castles and kings
Read to me stories of fabulous things
Read to me pirates and read to me knights
Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights
Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then
When you are finished - please read them again.**



Liberty Corales, Cheetah PAC Student Ambassador, Grade 5, Ms. Ayala



OPEN A BOOK By Anonymous

Open a book
And you will find,
People and place of every kind;
Open a book
And you can be,
Anything you want to be;
Open a book
And you can share,
Wondrous words you find in there
Open a book
And I will too,
You read to me,
And I'll read to you!

