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### **Oh The Places Superintendent Huppenthal Will Go!**

*Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday by Participating in Record-A-Thon for Students with Visual and Learning Disabilities*

**Phoenix, AZ, March 2, 2011**– Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal will join millions of American students, parents and educators in celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. He will be participating in a Record-A-thon for students with visual and learning disabilities hosted in the Arizona studios of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic at 3627 E. Indian School Road, Suite 108 from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM.

"I have very fond memories of my mother and father reading to me as a child," said superintendent Huppenthal. "Dr. Seuss stories, especially *Horton Hears a Who!*, were bedtime favorites in our house."

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program started by the National Education Association that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

"Knowing how important it is for children to learn how to read, my wife and I tried to read to our two daughters every day when they were young," continued Huppenthal. "That is why I am so very proud to participate in the Blind & Dyslexic's Record-A-Thon so that students with visual and learning disabilities can share in the joy of reading a good book."

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