Dear Reading Specialist,

I want to extend to you and the children and families with whom you work, an invitation to Belmont University's 9th Annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 4th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at E.S. Rose Park on Edgehill Ave. **We are having it at Rose Park again due to the success of that venue last year.** This free, exciting annual event, hosted by Belmont's students, faculty and staff, is a time to celebrate the joy of reading. The event will take place in E.S. Rose Park behind the Easley Community Center if the weather is nice, or inside the Easley Community Center there at the park if it is cold or rainy.

A wide variety of student groups such as the Honor Society, French Club, Social Work Club, International Student Association, Black Student Association and student athletes sponsor Reading Circles where students read with and to children. As the children hear and/or read books, they receive stickers that they can show to play reading related games, make reading related crafts such as books or book marks, or have their face painted. We will have literacy resources for families from PENCIL Foundation and the National Center for Family Literacy, and we will have balloons, healthy snacks (and maybe some not so healthy snacks like cotton candy and popcorn), door prizes, and best of all, every child gets to chose books (donated by Book' em) to take home when they leave.

We would love for you to promote it as a family activity and perhaps plan to come as a group from your school. **If you do want to bring a group from your school, please let me know and I will assign a Belmont student to serve as your group’s personal contact for the event.**

Also, please let me know if you have questions or would like additional copies of the poster and/or flyers. I’ve included a copy of the flyer masters in English and Spanish in case you want to make additional copies yourself.

Thank you so much for your help in encouraging children and families to participate.

Sincerely,

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