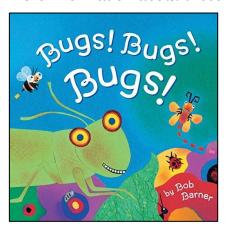
Glendale Education Foundation to Sponsor "PA One Book" Program

This April 2020, every student in Kindergarten and First Grade at Glendale Elementary School will receive a copy of the book *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!* by veteran children's book author/illustrator Bob Barner—courtesy of the **Glendale Education Foundation** as part of the "PA One Book: Every Young Child" early reading initiative. "Budding entomologists will fly to this book like bees to honey," said School Library Journal, and it's true! Pretty ladybugs, fluttering butterflies, creepy daddy longlegs, and round roly-polies are just some of the familiar creatures featured in this whimsically illustrated insect. Buzzing bees, fuzzy caterpillars, hopping grasshoppers, fluttering butterflies, and curly, roly-poly bugs fairly bounce off the page, and are described in language simple enough for younger children to understand. Students can also cross-reference actual-size illustrations of the insects, and use the "Bug-O-Meter" to discover more information about these insects.



Now in its fifteenth year, "PA One Book" carefully selects a children's book to be purchased and distributed by organizations who work with schools, as well as statewide agencies. Local planning between seven K-1 teachers, principal Kate Bacher, along with Foundation board member and former educator, Diane Andrews, will be developing related activities for a funfilled special day—culminating in the distribution to all 88 students. This early childhood literacy project has as its goal to increase awareness of the importance of reading and engaging children in stories among adults with preschoolers in their lives.

One Book, Every Young Child reading initiative is made possible through a collaboration of the following organizations: PA Department of Education, PA Department of Public Services, State Museum of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Child Care Association for the Education of Young Children, PA Library Association and PennSERVE.

This is the <u>fifth</u> consecutive year that the Glendale Education Foundation has participated in the "PA One Book" Program for our primary students at **Glendale Elementary School**.

- Spring 2016, the students received the book: *Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story* by author/illustrator Will Hilenbrand;
- Spring 2017: *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer
- Spring 2018: *My Cousin Momo* by Zachariah Offshore.
- Spring 2019: *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis.
- Spring 2020: *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!* by Bob Barner.