

Henry David Thoreau Resident Author

We are excited to announce the publication of Mrs. Przybojewski's new book. *Henry David Thoreau Bell Ringer for Justice*, which introduces this American author as an advocate for social justice through its text and colorful illustrations. Middle school as well as older readers will learn of Henry's night in jail, his work supporting abolitionist activities, his essays dealing with the injustices of his time, and his influence with future leaders such as Ghandi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The book will be available for purchase at the Shop at Walden Pond in late April.

On May 11, at Veteran's Way Park in Hudson, OH, Donna Marie Przybojewski, author/illustrator, will portray Henry David Thoreau, American author, philosopher, and naturalist leading a saunter through the pages of her A, B, C book *Henry David Thoreau, Who Can He Be?* Donna Marie, as Henry, will read the book and share stories about his life in Concord, MA during the 1800s. The pages of her book will be on display during April and May.

This picture book has delightfully engaging and vibrant illustrations that walk children through the A, B, C's with simple rhyme as they learn about this American author. It is especially fitting to introduce Henry to children, so he can encourage them to partake in the joy of simple things, just as he had done with the children of Concord during his own time. Children were drawn to Henry David Thoreau because of his desire to teach them about the beauty of the natural world and to respect it. He took them on berry-picking parties, taught them about the animals, threw watermelon parties, and popped popcorn for them. Children respond to his simplicity, love of nature, and enthusiasm for appreciating life.

On June 2, at Bicentennial Woods Trail in Hudson, Ohio, Mrs. Przybojewski, will saunter through the pages of her book *Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year*. Portraying the American author, philosopher, and naturalist, Donna Marie will describe the seasons of the year as written in *Walden* and journal entries. Many anecdotes about Thoreau's time observing nature will be shared.

Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year captures the vibrancy of each season at Walden Pond through its colorful illustrations that radiate not only the beauty of the seasons but the joyful youthfulness of Thoreau, who was a young man of twenty-eight when he began his stay at Walden Pond. This book will engage children and adults through the simple rhyme in which the seasons are described. Henry David Thoreau spent two years, two days, and two months at Walden Pond. During this time, he was devoted to describing the change of the seasons, which resulted in his book *Walden*. Through his writing, he teaches us to respect nature and appreciate its beauty so that we preserve its resources.

Please bring your children on these walks. More information is located here:

friendsof hudsonparks.org.