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Stanley Middle School's annual One Book-One School program reaches its 12th year

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This year's One Book-One School pick: "Full Cicada Moon." Photo provided

Each year Stanley Middle School's 1,300 students and staff come together to read a selected book for its One Book-One School program. This year's book is "Full Cicada Moon" by Marilyn Hilton. As part of the OBOS, every day for three weeks a staff member and a cross grade-level student group meet to read together and discuss the book. Generous support by the parents, PTA and LPIE enables all students to participate.

Focused on developing literacy, the program is also designed to build community and to promote this year's character-building theme: "What You Do Matters." In "Full Cicada Moon" the main character, Mimi, is a 12-year-old mixed-race girl who moves from Berkeley to Vermont in the winter of 1969. Mimi's dream is to become an astronaut. Set against the backdrop of the Apollo 11 space walk and the turbulence of the era, Mimi remembers her father's advice, "Be kind. Be respectful and persist."

The One Book-One School program will culminate in a ceremony on Nov. 4, when Stanley will host Leon Logothetis to speak to the student body. Logothetis is a global traveler and motivational speaker as well as host of "The Kindness Diaries" on Netflix. He has visited more than 90 countries with his powerful message that anything you dream is possible with kindness and the power of human connection. <https://leonlogothetis.com/about/>

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