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Noted author to participate in National Earth Day event

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JUPITER — Award-winning author of environmentally themed children's literature. Marianne Berkes, has chosen Jupiter Farms Elementary School as the site for her participation in a national event, Authors for Earth Day. On April 21, schools from California to New York will host children's authors and illustrators in celebration of Earth Day, inspiring a generation of environmentally aware future writers. Ms. Berkes and other members of this coalition will donate speaking fees to favorite environmental organizations chosen by students of each school.

Interactive read-alouds of Ms. Berkes' book, *Over in the Ocean*, in a Coral Reef will take place, followed by book signings. *Over in the Ocean*, in a Coral Reef as well as Berkes' book, *Seashells by the Seashore*, have served as the core literary connection to the school's hands-on Arts integration effort, Project LEAP. Ms. Berkes has been a participant in this unique educational collaboration. with Jupiter Farms Elementary School, The Loxahatchee River Center of Jupiter, and the Center for Creative Education.

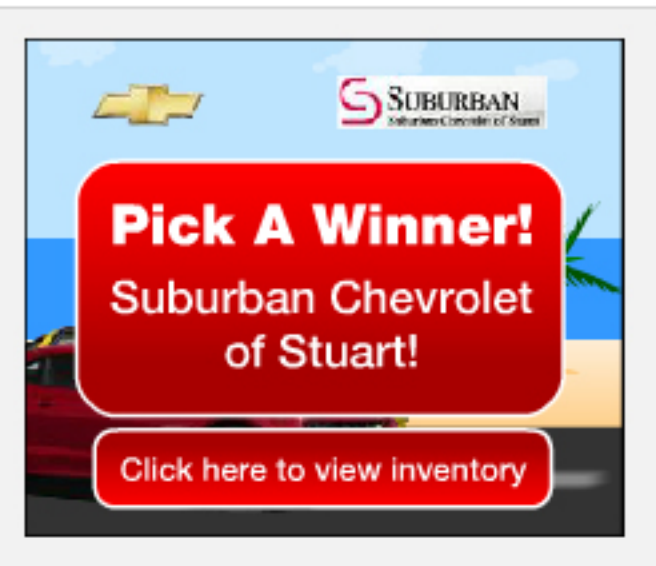
Berkes has also authored *Marsh Music*; *Marsh Morning*; *Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme*; *Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun*; *Over in the Arctic: Where the Cold Winds Blow*; *Coming Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration*; and her newest release, *Over in Australia: Amazing Animals of Down Under*.

Jupiter Farms Elementary School extends its thanks to Sylvan Learning Center of Jupiter for the generous support of this event.

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