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Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Visit W.B. Goodwin

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North Charleston, SC — W.B. Goodwin Elementary School (WBGES) is extremely grateful for the men of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Members of the fraternity, including students from Savannah State University, read *I Love* by Nadine Johnson to third grade students Thursday, March 23, 2018.

Students listened attentively to the visitors and then participated in an activity. Since the book talks about all the things the author loves, students were given a large paper heart so they could write about what they love. Their work is now displayed in the school hallways.

"We mentor throughout our community as a way of getting involved," said Kriston Neely, a member of the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

"I liked that they came to read to us today," added WBGES 3rd grader Tra'vell Dickerson. "It made me happy."

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is hosting members from South Carolina and Georgia this weekend for their annual convention here in Charleston. As part of the convention, members go out into the community; WBGES was chosen as one of the sites for a mentoring opportunity. The local chapter of the fraternity also works year-round in the community, including their involvement in the Adopt-a-Highway program, and coat drives in the winter.

"We are proud of the members of our local chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and Savannah State University members who are volunteering to make a difference in the lives of our students here at Goodwin," WBGES Principal Dr. Diane Ross explained.

The experience was meaningful for the WBGES scholars as well because the author of the book, Nadine Johnson, lives nearby in Ladson, SC. The Jamaican-born author developed a passion for writing during her college years; however, it wasn't until the birth of her son that she started writing for children. According to her website, 123mangotree.com, Johnson wanted to create books that were fun to read and inspirational. She published the "Last Night I Dreamt" book series to encourage children to begin thinking about their future goals. Her books *I Am*, and its

counterpart, *I Love*, were written with fun, lyrical rhymes to encourage children to appreciate who they are and all the things around them.

For more information about the visit, contact WBGES Publicity Representative Mary Stansell at (843) 767-5911.

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