



Dear Principals, Teachers, and School Staff,

Thank you so much for participating in the Porter the Hoarder project!

This year, our Black Hills Reads initiative is thrilled to be partnering with the author of the *Porter* books, Sean Covell, Monument Health, and Coeur Wharf to provide FREE books and classroom materials to students throughout the Black Hills. Now that books are starting to go out to schools, we wanted to send out some more information about the different resources available to you through this project.

Launch Day Training Video: First, for more information on how to best distribute the books and use them in your class, please watch this short training video created by the author of the books at: <https://youtu.be/87IH89nULX4>

Book Distribution: Once you receive your books and materials, please distribute them as soon as possible to your students.

- Each first grader should receive a copy of *Porter the Hoarder, The Nature Explorer*.
- Each second grader should get a copy of *Porter the Hoarder and the Hospital Hijinks*.
- Each teacher and school library will receive a copy of the books as well, along with several digital teacher resources that you may use to enrich your students' experience.

Digital Teacher Resources: These resources include digital versions of the books that can be projected on smart boards, printable classroom activities, how-do-draw videos, and more.

- The resources can all be found online at: <https://www.porterthehoarder.com/teachers-area>.
- The password to access the resources is: **welcome2porter**
- Please Note: If you have any trouble accessing the resources, please send me an email at hanna@unitedwayblackhills.org and I will be happy to send you the resources directly.

Parent Homework: Also included inside each book is 'Parent Homework' for each child. Students are encouraged to take it home with them and work on it with their families after reading the book together. We hope that this will help keep families engaged and promote reading over the summer months as well.

Second Grade Monument Health Visits: For those of you who indicated interest in a class reading from a care provider, Anna Whetham will be reaching out to you directly to coordinate your visit. You may reach out to her at awhetham@monument.health if you haven't indicated interest in a visit yet.



Additionally, we want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to fill out our quick feedback survey and let us know what you thought of the program by scanning the QR code to the left.

For more information, visit the Black Hills Reads Porter Project page online at unitedwayblackhills.org/porter-project. Thank you so much again for participating in this project, and happy reading!

Best,

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