

# ANNUAL READING PROJECT UNDERWAY AT HOPKINS HILL

## Dog Days Come Early

LEFT: Visitors from the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RISPCA), along with Hopkins Hill Principal Kathy Tancrelle and a student, stand before a packed house at an assembly yesterday.

BELOW: While the school hosted visitors from the RISPCA, one got a little more attention than the others.

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COVENTRY — The annual One Read project kicked off at Hopkins Hill Elementary School Monday with a book called “Watchdog and the Coyotes,” by Bill Wallace.

“A copy of the book was purchased for every child and over the next week to 10 days, everyone will read the book as a school community,” said Hopkins Hill Elementary School Principal Kathy Tancrelle. “The children have take-home activities aligned with Common Core standards and we have little prizes.”

The book, purchased with Feinstein funds, is about a Great Dane named Sweetie that’s a watch dog, but all he wants to do is watch. Tancrelle explained how it just so happens that there is a little boy at Hopkins Hill who just celebrated a birthday and as an animal lover, he asked that instead of gifts, that his friends and relatives make a donation to the RISPCA.

“After talking with his mom, she created a doghouse collection box and we have been collecting items for the RISPCA,” she said.