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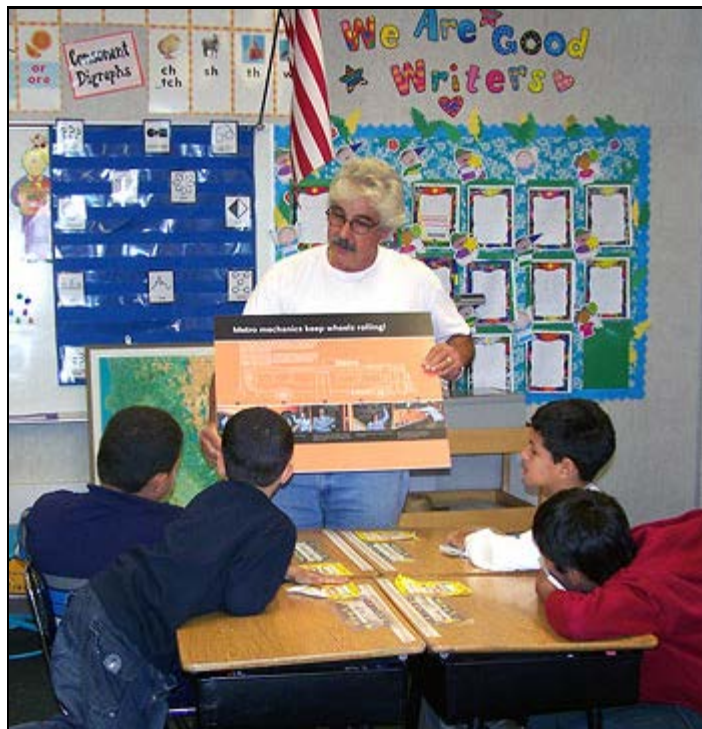
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Metro's Greg Mukhalian, a Mechanic "A" Leader at Carson Division, visited Birney Elementary School in Redondo Beach – his daughter's school – to participate in the "Mystery Reader" program. Mukhalian used the opportunity to talk about Metro, telling the kids about the agency, its various transit services and safety.

Carson Division's Greg Mukhalian was 'Mystery Reader' at Redondo School

By JIMMY STROUP

(Oct. 24, 2007) Carson Division Mechanic "A" Leader Krikor "Greg" Mukhalian participated in the "Mystery Reader" program, Oct. 17, at Birney Elementary School in Redondo Beach. His 3rd grade daughter, Lena, attends the school.

Parents volunteer to come to class on a mystery day – unknown to their child – to read a chapter of *Charlotte's Web*. Mukhalian says the children are thrilled by the anticipation of not knowing which parent will come read that Wednesday.

"At that age, they think stuff like that is cool," he said. "They're very excited about little things like that."

After the reading, parents customarily talk to the kids about their jobs. Mukhalian took the opportunity to tell the students about Metro, about safety and about public transportation's role in the community.

"A lot of these kids live in the area and there's not a lot of Metro presence in Redondo," he said. "So I thought it would be a good time to start these kids on public transit; to expose them a bit to Metro. They'll be drivers someday, too, and need to get around."

