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September 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day!

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (September 15, 2009) – *Yo-ho-ho, mateys!* What's a pirate's favorite kind of cookie? Ships ahoy! If you are fascinated with the life and ways of the pirate, then today be yer lucky day! **Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19th!** If you just can't get enough of those men o' the sea and their swashbucklin' ways, then join Sylvan Dell Publishing in celebrating this international holiday!

On Saturday, September 19th, unleash your inner sea dog with some of the most common pirate phrases. Since 1995, **Talk Like a Pirate Day** has given pirate enthusiasts around the world the opportunity to replace "Hello!" with "*Ahoy!*", "I agree!" with "*Aye!*", and a friendly greeting with "*Ahoy me hearties!*" Founded in Albany, Oregon, by John Baur and Mark Summers, this holiday will be celebrated around the globe, from a costume contest and school play in Istanbul to a charity beach party in the Lesser Antilles. Pirates for Parkinson's, an organization born from this holiday, is even hosting charity walks around the world to raise money for a good cause!

This year, take advantage of this holiday and introduce your children to the pirate's domain—America's coastlines and waterways—with Lucy Nolan's fall release, *Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys and Gulls*. The creative and colorful illustrations by Connie McLennan take children on an adventure through the retelling of traditional nursery rhymes with an oceanic twist! In the poem, *Two Skippers from Texas*, live through a shipwreck as two captains go head to head. Attempt to survive a horrifying winter storm in the middle of the ocean beset by a witch in *The Witch of November, 1913*. You'll even get to travel from Biscayne Bay to the Everglades to the Florida Keys, all the while dodging alligators and sharks and teaching pirates to mind their manners in *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*. Get lost in the journeys this book offers while using **Talk Like a Pirate Day 2009** as an opportunity to educate children about the importance and charm of America's waterways!

Need some help dusting off your pirate speakin' skills? Here be some easy pirate words and jokes to impress yer friends!

- *Blimey!* – to be used when someone/something surprises you
- *Landlubber* - used to describe those who aren't pirates
- *Thar she blows!* - Whale sighting
- *What do pirates wear in the winter?* Long Johns!
- *What sound did the pirate make when he sneezed?* Arrrrrchoo!

Find out more at <http://www.talklikeapirate.com/>. Don't forget to celebrate **Talk Like a Pirate Day, Saturday, September 19**. Have a costume contest, read a good book, and be sure to ask your mates, what's your favorite pirate joke?

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