

# Early Readers. Future Leaders. Newsletter



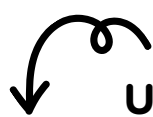
## HELLO, EARLY READERS FUTURE LEADERS WORK GROUP:

Happy August! Find the latest Campaign updates and resources below.

## Summer Book Bus

JWB, in partnership with Pinellas County Schools, embarked on our **8th** year of taking the Book Bus on the road! This year, we visited **81** community sites around Pinellas County, handing out free books to children. We welcomed **5,378** children aboard the Book Bus and distributed **10,756** free books. We also partnered with JWB's Childhood Hunger Initiative and the St. Pete Free Clinic to include a Meal Mobile at Book Bus stops. The Meal Mobile provided **3,945** shelf-stable food boxes at **46** Book Bus stops. The myON Street Team also participated and showed off their platform while doing fun, literacy activities.

City leaders, JWB Community Council members, community volunteers, and JWB staff assisted on the bus at each site. Thank you to our wonderful community partners for allowing us to visit your sites and spread the love of reading. We look forward to seeing you next year!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### WORK GROUP

The next quarterly Work Group meeting is **Thursday, August 21st from 9:00 - 10:30 AM**. The meeting is hybrid and can be attended online or at JWB.

[MEETING LINK](#)

### TRAINING SUBGROUP

The next Training Subgroup meeting is **Thursday, August 21st from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. The meeting is hybrid and can be attended online or at JWB.

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## FOCUS + VPK Training

The Pinellas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading will be hosting a training next month. We invite you to attend this training to gain a deeper understanding of Focus, Clever, and VPK enrollment, and learn how to better support and inform families in your programs and the community. Coffee and food will be provided.

Sign up to attend the training: <https://forms.office.com/r/2C6ZtDmeq6>

## FGLRC Annual Leadership Symposium

Six members from Pinellas attended the Florida Grade-Level Reading Campaign's Annual Leadership Symposium in July. The symposium included several panels, Florida bright spots, and opportunities to network.

Visit the **[FGLRC Dropbox](#)** to view the 2025 symposium presentations and materials.



## Congrats PCS!

Pinellas County Schools was named an "A" school district for the second year in a row! 3rd grade reading proficiency also improved, increasing to 65%! View state and district results **[HERE](#)**.

## FGLRC Updates

Click **[HERE](#)** for the August newsletter from the Florida Grade-Level Reading Campaign.

