

Early Readers. Future Leaders. Newsletter



GRADE-LEVEL READING CAMPAIGN PARTNERS & FRIENDS:

Happy May! Check out the latest Campaign updates and resources below.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

WORK GROUP

The next quarterly meeting is **Thursday, May 14 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM**. The meeting is hybrid and can be attended online or at JWB. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Campaign materials will also be available to take with you after the meeting.

[MEETING LINK](#)

LITERACY IN ACTION COMMITTEE

The next Literacy in Action Committee meeting is **Thursday, May 14 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. The meeting is hybrid and can be attended online or at JWB. Join the meeting to learn more about upcoming community events, trainings, and more.

[MEETING LINK](#)

Book Bus Dates

July 6 - July 9
July 13 - July 16
July 20 - July 23

SUMMER BOOK BUS 2026

The **Summer Book Bus** is hitting the road again this summer! This project brings the Book Bus all over Pinellas County and provides two free books to children at each stop. All sites have been notified of their date and time, and the full schedule will be shared with the public in June.

Literacy in the Community - Tarpon Springs Book Festival

Recently, we participated in the **Tarpon Springs Book Festival**. The event drew more than **3,000 attendees** who came together to celebrate a shared love of reading while supporting local authors and literacy-focused organizations. We distributed books to children, shared information about local literacy resources, and administered a literacy survey designed for parents and caregivers, which received **58 completed responses**.

In addition, we engaged families by demonstrating **interactive read-alouds** with children and parents, highlighting the importance of shared reading experiences. We had a wonderful time connecting with the community and look forward to participating in the Tarpon Springs Book Festival again next year.



Interested in learning more about Early Readers, Future Leaders? Visit our website [HERE](#).

myON Summer Reading Challenges

May, June, and July 2026

All Pinellas County students in Pre-K - Grade 5 have the chance to participate in 1, 2, or 3 myON challenges by reading as much as they can on myON this summer!

Students who complete one or more challenges will be entered into a raffle to win a tablet or laptop! There will also be opportunities for schools to win.

Visit the [myON website](#) to learn more about the summer challenges and download the challenge flyers in English and Spanish.

Read on the GO

Pinellas Summer 2026 Reading Challenges

We're on a mission—and we need every reader's help!

Help us reach our goal of 60,000 books read on myON by the end of summer. Every book you finish helps complete the mission and brings our community closer to success!

GUIDELINES
Students in Pre-K to Grade 5 can participate in 1, 2, or all 3 of these challenges by reading as much as they can on myON this summer! All reading will be automatically tracked within each student's account. **Reminder:** If students are reading offline, they should log back into their myON accounts before the end of each challenge period, so their reading activity is captured there.

STUDENT WINNERS AND PRIZES
May 22-June 22 and June 23-July 23 Challenges: All students with more than 600 minutes of reading on myON during each challenge period will be entered into a random drawing. Fifteen (15) winners will be chosen for each challenge. Each winner will receive a tablet.
- Winners of the May 22-June 22 Challenge will be announced at the end of June.
- Winners of the June 23-July 23 Challenge will be announced at the end of July.

SCHOOL WINNERS AND RECOGNITION
May 22-June 22 and June 23-July 23 Challenges: Schools with the highest number of books read on myON during each challenge period will be awarded a yard sign. Two (2) schools will be chosen for each challenge.

End-of-Summer Challenge Grand Prize Winners
Students with more than 800 minutes of reading on myON from May 22-July 23 will be entered into a random drawing. Each grand prize winner will receive a laptop. Note: Prizes will be delivered to schools at the end of August. Parents of homeschool students will need to email ReadOn@pinellas.org to claim their prizes.

End-of-Summer Challenge Grand Prize Winners
Schools with the highest number of books read on myON during the entire summer challenge period will be awarded a yard sign and trophy. Two (2) schools will be chosen.

Logos for PCSO, JWB, and LIVE UNITED are present at the bottom of the flyer.



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Florida Grade-Level Reading Campaign

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