



*Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!*

**January 24-28, 2022**

**District: Martin**

Ongoing District/  
School Events

Martin County School District's 12 elementary schools, 5 middle schools and 3 comprehensive high schools will be celebrating literacy week with numerous general events:

- school-wide read alouds,
- family literacy nights,
- guest/mystery reader read alouds,
- characters coming alive through teacher/student costumes,
- books shared that showcase students' and teachers' love of reading.

**David Anderson Middle School** will hold a book drive this week and all gently used books collected will be dispersed at a book give-away later in the year so all students will have an opportunity to find a new book to read and love.

**Felix A. Williams Elementary** will Blast Off into Reading while taking advantage of their beautiful campus and Florida weather and have students bring a beach towel to read outside one day with their parents or guardians (based on grade level).

**Hobe Sound Elementary** will focus their week on words. The K-2 students will start with a read aloud of *The Word Collector* by Peter Reynolds and grade 3-5 students will hear *The Boy Who Loved Words* by Roni Schutter. New words collected from students' core reading materials and independent reading will be

	<p>posted on the school's sea-themed mural. Students will get to see their ocean of words grow throughout the week.</p> <p><b>Jensen Beach High</b> created their own persuasive writing contest based on the theme, "Persuade a publishing company to publish your book titled <i>Blast Off into New Worlds</i>. If you were to write a young adult book with this title, what summary would you use to persuade the publisher? Be sure to include your story's "out-of-this-world" setting, plot, theme and character(s)."</p>
<p>Monday, January 24th</p>	<p><b>Bessey Creek Elementary</b> will kick off the week with a schoolwide read aloud of <i>Moon's First Friends</i> by Susana Leonard Hill (Author) and Elisa Paganelli (Illustrator). Primary students will then write a lesson that they would leave on the moon. Intermediate students will write a postcard from the moon.</p> <p><b>Port Salerno Elementary</b> students who "Get Caught Reading" will receive a special acknowledgement for being a reader and a token which can be used to "purchase" a book from the new Education Foundation of Martin County's book vending machines. EFMC has donated these unique vending machines throughout the district.</p> <p><b>Willoughby Learning Center</b> will roll out the red carpet when students wear red to show they are "WELL READ".</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 25th</p>	<p><b>Citrus Grove Elementary</b> students will <i>Paws for Reading</i> where students will bring in a stuffed animal to read. Time will be given in the day for students to pause and read with their animals.</p> <p><b>Jensen Beach Elementary's</b> Classroom Space Commanders (teachers) are packed up and ready to blast off into new worlds today with suitcases filled with books about space, exploration, and new places. Books will be used for read alouds and co-captain (buddy) reading.</p> <p><b>Martin County High</b> is highlighting inspirational quotes regarding literacy each morning on their announcements. This day, students will participate in a read-a-thon during their "Tiger Success" time.</p>

	<p><b>Spectrum Academy</b> secondary students will launch their <i>Reading Buddy Program</i> with neighboring Gertrude Walden Preschool. All books read to their students will focus on space.</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 26th</p>	<p><b>Hidden Oaks Middle School</b> will have a <i>VIP Literacy Leaders Celebration</i> this date. Students are nominated by their English Language Arts teachers for exemplifying reading, writing, speaking, and communicating skills.</p> <p>Throughout the week, <b>Riverbend Academy</b> students will read pieces of literature from regions around the world like China, India, and Peru.</p> <p><b>Warfield Elementary</b> will have <i>Literacy on the Lawn</i>; families are invited to come read with their children outdoors on campus.</p>
<p>Thursday, January 27th</p>	<p><b>Crystal Lake Elementary</b> students will participate in <i>Starlight Reading</i> where they will spend 20 minutes reading in a space setting.</p> <p><b>Indiantown Middle</b> will do <i>Throwback Thursday</i> where students will share their favorite childhood book or series with their peers.</p> <p>At <b>Pinewood Elementary's</b> Family Literacy and STEAM Night, students will "Launch into Literacy/Blast Off into New Worlds". Families will have enjoyable and engaging hands-on math, science, and literacy centers that parents can attend with their child(ren).</p> <p><b>Murray Middle School</b> is co-hosting a BINGO and skit night with <b>SeaWind Elementary</b> (their feeder school). There will be book talks, games, and the MMS' drama department will act out one of the SSYRA books.</p> <p><b>Stuart Middle School</b> will hold a Barnes and Noble Book Fair from 5-7:30 at the Jensen Beach store; Builders Club students will be performing Reader's Theatre and Poetry Read Alouds. Their jazz band and music students will also be performing, and SWAT will be sharing a message.</p>

Friday, January 28th

**J.D. Parker Elementary** is focusing on all the places in the world their students come from; on this day they are sharing their “Where Are You From?” cards on a large world map as they get to see how beautifully diverse their JDP family is.

**Palm City Elementary** students will be traveling around the world with various read alouds coming from different regions of the world this week. Their 2nd grade students will engage in an *Ellis Island Simulation* where they will “sail” to Ellis Island and research their ancestors, build timelines, and “experience” simulated luggage and health checks for the opportunity to live in America.