

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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Our 2025 Golf Scramble!



We appreciate the generosity of Frank Garrick for his Lead Sponsorship and Shaftesbury Glen Golf Club for allowing us to have our golf fundraiser on their beautiful course. Many thanks to Benitos 905 Conway restaurant for the delicious food for lunch and to Chick-fil-A Church Street in Conway for the breakfast. Also, our thanks to New York Life Insurance's Lorrie Madigan for providing the "Marshmallow Longest Drive" competition at the event.

PLC also extends its thanks to the following companies who were Hole Sponsors for this year's event: 1st Franklin Financial, Anonymous, Bartlett Buie, CPA, PA, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing, Joanne and John Cherry, Dentistry at Carolina Forest, Inlet Queens, John L. Long Law,

Mister Sparky of Myrtle Beach, New York Life Insurance, Our Next Chapter Bookstore, Precision Door Service of Myrtle Beach, Sabeza HR, Sparks Toyota and United Bank.

Thanks to the generosity of our golfers and sponsors, we raised over \$8,300 for our literacy programs!

Click any of the pictures to see our [online photo album](#).



London Selwa Graduates from PLC!



London Selwa graduated from PLC! We're so proud of her! Mom reports that she is reading all the time.



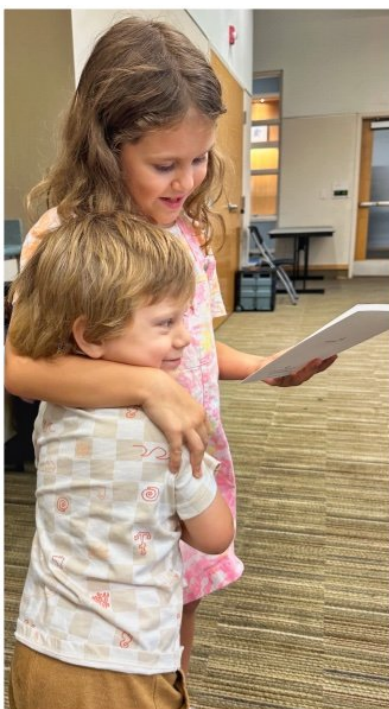
Haines & Sawyer Campbell Graduate from PLC!

Haines & Sawyer Campbell graduated from PLC! The party was attended by Mariellen Smith, the tutor, their Mom, Brandy Campbell, Grandma Deb Idol, and JoAnne Murray, Surfside Beach Volunteer Liaison.





Gracie Tilke Graduated from PLC!



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We're so proud of her! Dad said she's doing great in school!

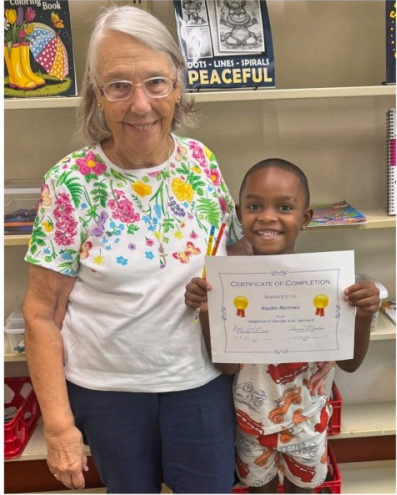
Our Students Are Making Progress!



Jace Webb has demonstrated great progress with his phonics and reading comprehension. He recently completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2 - Read Closely*. His tutor is **Angelo Melendez**.

This is **Sadie Repentigny**, who just earned her certificate for completing *Smart Steps Section 1, Level 2*. She is a wonderful third grader who is a rising star!

Willie Scott is one of our adult students. He has completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 3 - Read Closely*. He is doing great!



Kayden Martinez is with his tutor, **Donna Martin**. Kayden just completed Section 2 of *Decoder Kids*. He is becoming a great reader.



Congratulations to **Nissi Bonilla-Cervantes** for completing *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2*. Nissi's tutor is **Monica Akins**.



Kimeyah Greene shows her certificate for completing *Mammoth Math, Level 1, Chapter 1*. Her tutor, **Tammy Hardy**, says, "I'm so proud of Kimeyah and how hard she has worked to get through this chapter!"



Chloe Lint is a very bright young lady who is happy to be in 6th grade. She has completed *Smart Steps Level 1, Section 1*. She's a joy to spend this time with, and a very willing, hard



Congratulations to **Meilin Davis** for completing section 1 of her reading. Meilin does well with her sight words and blending sounds. Her tutor is **Vickie Osborne**.

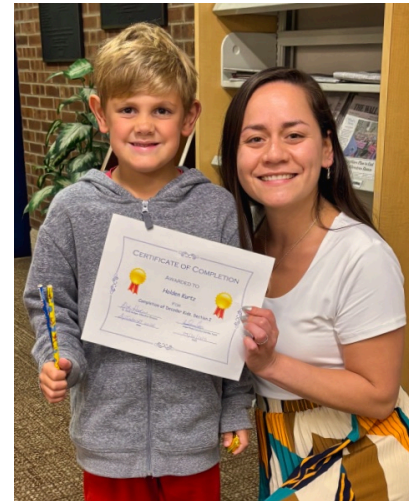


Braylen Lucky has completed *Smart Steps, Level K*. Braylen's tutor is **Stephanie Chaharbaghi**.

worker. Chloe's tutor is
Eileen Davenport.



Michael Du received a certificate for completing *Reading 2, Level 3: Read Closely*. He shows "Herd of Elk," which is a story card that he read.



Holden Kurtz has completed *Decoder Kids, Section 2*. Holden has made amazing progress this chapter, recognizing advanced words, successfully using them in sentences, and reading stories more fluently, helping him to understand the concept. It has been an amazing experience seeing him develop his reading skills. Holden's tutor is **Angie Sanchez-Carrillo.**

Our Second Annual Adult Spelling Bee is Coming!



ADULT SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The Adult Team Spelling Bee committee is planning...come join!
Contact Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:8438399102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org

Donations

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3). We use grants and donations to provide free tutoring for our children and adults in Horry County who struggle with basic reading, writing, and/or math. Thank you to all who have donated to our organization. Your donations have provided materials for our Volunteer Tutors to use and helped our students learn!

We are grateful for any donations. You can donate on the PLC website by [clicking here](#).

Speaking Engagements

If you have a service organization and need speakers, we would be happy to provide your organization with information about the Palmetto Literacy Council. Contact Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:(843)839-9102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org

Toys for Tots

We have a **Toys for Tots** box at the office. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to kids this Christmas.

Sliding Fee

We have implemented a sliding scale tuition fee for students starting September 1. **Our current students and those who have completed their screenings will not be a part of this new program**, unless they would like to help us out. Tuition fees for PLC tutoring services are \$50/hour, unless the student is in the Sliding Scale Tuition Fee program. In that case, the fees will be from free to \$10/hour, \$20/hour, \$30/hour, or \$40/hour, paid monthly, and dependent on family income.

A Message From The Director



Hello!

October! It is a busy time of the year. We have graduated more students. We're so proud of our students! We know you are reading and practicing your basic math skills! It shows in your progress.

We are also proud of the Volunteer Tutors who put their time and energy into tutoring these students! I have had the opportunity to go to some of the libraries and hear about our wonderful Volunteer Tutors! I'm also getting phone calls about how wonderful our volunteers are with our students. Thank you!

It is always so nice to hear these comments. The positive attitude and strength-based language you use with your students goes a long way to improve the students' confidence and achievement. You are changing their lives and their families' lives as well.

The Frank Garrick Golf Tournament supporting Palmetto Literacy Council was on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Shaftesbury Glen Golf and Fish Club, and was another success! Our golfers were excited and ate well! Thanks to Shaftesbury Glen and Benitos!

We have 50+ students on the Waitlist throughout Horry County. We are looking for Volunteers! Please share with your friends and family!

Stay safe and healthy!

Dodi

Volunteers

We have almost our largest number of students being tutored. We still have close to 40 students on the waitlist. We are looking for volunteers!

If you can help, please attend one of our **Volunteer Orientation and Training** sessions or give the office a call (843) 945-9278. You can check when the Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions are scheduled on our [Calendar](#) on our website. The next VOT sessions are listed below. We welcome you to bring friends to these sessions.

Dates to Note

You can always check the Calendar on the PLC website. [Click Here](#).

These events take place at the office,

1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC. ([Google Map](#))

Volunteer Orientations and Training

If you know anyone interested in volunteering to tutor, please let them know about the Volunteer Orientations and Training (VOT). We're willing to work with someone on a different date if these don't work.

- Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Monday, October 27, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Monday, November 17, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Announcements for **Tutor Talks** will come in an email directly to the tutors.

Our Mission:

The Palmetto Literacy Council's mission is to improve the literacy of youth and adults in our community by tutoring literacy skills for those who struggle with basic Reading, Writing and/or Math.

Donate Now!

If you've read this far, you're obviously interested in what we do. Your donation helps pay for student binders, office space, copy machines, paper, and much more. Please donate what you can today!

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