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PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL



Building a Stronger Community Through Literacy

June Starts with FOUR Graduations!



Ta'maries Bellamy Graduates from PLC!



Ta'maries Bellamy graduated from the PLC reading program. He celebrated with cupcakes and Pokémon! His Tutor was John Boyle.



Ellison Ganucheau Graduates from PLC!



Ellison Ganucheau graduated from Palmetto Literacy Council! We are so proud of her! From left to right is Ellison, her tutor John Boyle, her sister Laila, her Dad Scott, and Deb Miller, the Volunteer Liaison.



Luis Murrieta Graduates from PLC!

Luis Murrieta graduated from Palmetto Literacy Council! He is shown with his tutor, Lois Berlin, and his mom, Vanesa. Luis is on his way to great things!



Jeremiah Smith Graduates from PLC!



Jeremiah Smith graduated from Palmetto Literacy Council! He enjoyed his cupcakes and was given a stack of books. He was very excited about his books and couldn't wait to get started. Jeremiah's tutor was Martin Ryan.





Jace



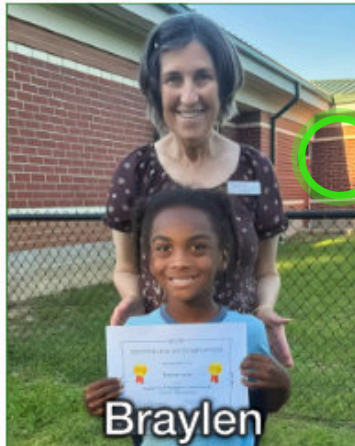
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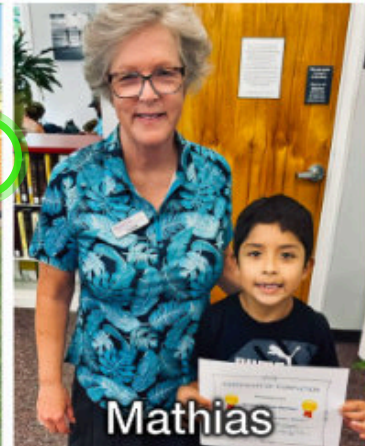
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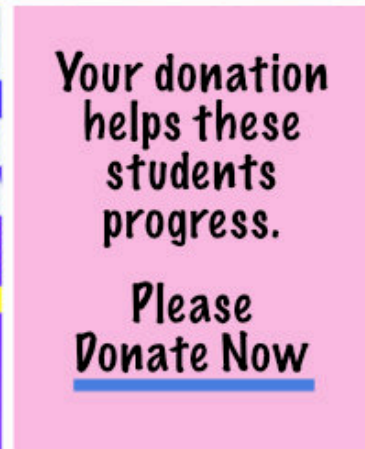
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Laila



Laila



Your donation helps these students progress.

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Jace Webb continues to improve his overall reading skills and comprehension with confidence when he reads new material. His tutor is Angelo Melendez

Congratulations to CJ (Christopher) Wilson for completing the "Read Closely" unit in the *Passages to Comprehension Level 2 program*. CJ works with his tutor, Jeff Pickens, at the Little River library.

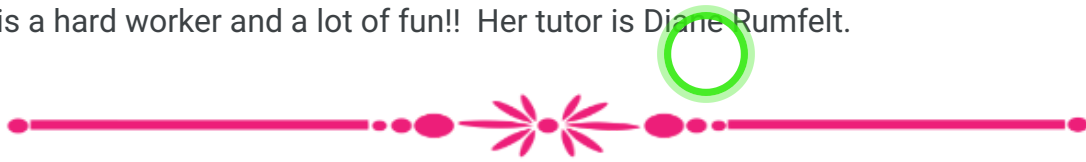
Cassidy Lester completed the 18th lesson in the binder - *Determining Key Concepts*. He has made progress in comprehending the material read. His tutor is Pam Offutt.

Meilin Davis received her reading certificates for completing binder *RD-05, section 3*, and for completing the *RD-05* binder. She is looking forward to starting her next binder during summer tutoring. Her tutor is Vickie Osborne.

Braylen Lucky received a certificate for completing *Section 1, Read Closely*. Braylen has really improved in his reading and writing. He looks up words in the dictionary well, too! His tutor is Stephanie Chaharbaghi.

Mathias Miranda Martinez has completed *Smart Steps Level 1, Section 2*, and has just completed first grade. He continues to be enthusiastic for learning and growing.

Laila Alston has completed *Chapter 4 of Mammoth Math 1*. She also received an **Honors Award** for the final quarter at her school. Laila is doing great! She is a hard worker and a lot of fun!! Her tutor is Diane Rumpfelt.



Book Donation Guidelines

We accept:

- Fiction books and Nonfiction books
- School-aged children's books
- Books need to be less than 15 years old.
- Books must be in good condition

We do not accept:

- Magazines
- Textbooks of any kind
- Audiobooks
- Video tapes or CDs
- Reader's Digests
- Medical books
- Books that have yellowed pages

Bring books during office hours to the Palmetto Literacy Council's Office at:

1435 Cannon Road

Myrtle Beach 29577

We appreciate your generous donations!

If you have any questions about book donations, please contact Ellen Sycks at (843) 839-9102 or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org.



Tutor Talks - June 26

The Palmetto Literacy Council is hosting a "Tutor Talks" event on Jun 26, 2026, 10 AM – 12 PM. This gathering at the PLC office in Myrtle Beach offers tutors an opportunity to share ideas, network, and enjoy refreshments.

Interested attendees should RSVP to Joanne Cherry at info@palmettoliteracy.org or (843) 945-9278.



A Message From Our Director

Greetings!

Literacy is the jump-off point from which all of life's successes take flight." Lauri Fortino

In this season of graduations, weddings, Juneteenth celebrations, and the official start of Summer, we step back to consider how learning to read and write opens doors to opportunities, knowledge, and success.

We are celebrating with four students at PLC who are graduating from our program! It is amazing to see them launch into a world where they are confident about their abilities to read and write! We hope their success at PLC takes a fulfilling and wonderful flight of exploration, experience, and wonderment. See their photos and read their stories at the top of this email.

I had a medical procedure on June 1. I will be out of the office until June 22, when I hope I will feel well enough to return and get busy.

Nichole Inthanongsak, Volunteer Coordinator, will be out of the office from June 8 to June 22. She will be traveling, and the internet will be spotty at best. Let's let her have her best trip ever with a couple of her children!

We hope everyone has a month filled with positive expectations, wishes, and hope!

During the summer, some of our students will not be tutored. Please encourage them to read, even if they are math students. Our math students need to keep practicing those basic facts (+, -, ×, ÷). Students lose between 30% to 39% of what they learned during the regular school year over summer break. We have found that our students keep more of what they learned if they stay in tutoring. Let's work on keeping them actively engaged in learning.

Stay safe and healthy,

Dodi



Volunteer Orientation and Training

All VOT takes place at our office at
1435 Cannon Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

[Google Map](#)

- Tuesday, **June 23**, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, **July 22**, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, **July 29**, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm



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.

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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