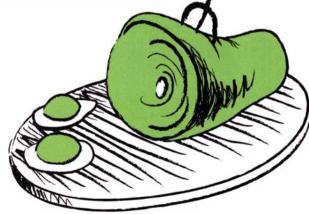


Friday, June 7 at Florida Blue







United Way of Northeast Florida

## Dear ReadingPals, Supporters and Friends,

Thank you for your participation and support throughout the year. Whether you GIVE money to help put books in the hands of children, ADVOCATE on behalf of United Way and issues affecting our youngest learners or VOLUNTEER your time each week as a ReadingPal, you make a significant impact. Your time, talent and support helps United Way continue to make this a strong, viable community for everyone. We all know that when we lend a hand to one, we improve the condition of all, and that's what it means to Live United. Thank you for your involvement and we hope you will continue to help inspire children to love reading.

Sincerely,
Katherine Foster and Susanna Vance,
ReadingPals Committee co-Chairs

To become a ReadingPal for the 2013-2014 school-year or to learn more, visit uwnefl.org/readingpals or call 904-390-3255.

## **AGENDA**

Welcome &

Highlights . . . . . Susanna Vance,
Reading Pals Committee co-Chair

Heather Geraghty,
ReadingPals Committee Member

**Special** 

Performance . . . . Pre-kindergarten students of Punkin Place Child Development of Jax

Introduction of

Dr. Nikolai Vitti . . Connie Hodges,
President, United Way of Northeast Florida

**Keynote Speaker**..Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Closing Remarks . . Susanna Vance,
Reading Pals Committee co-Chair

#### 2012-2013 Highlights

- 223 volunteers were screened, trained and placed at a participating center or school
- · Nearly 500 children were matched with a ReadingPal
- 24 elementary schools and child care centers participated including: Duval County Public Schools, United Way Success by 6 centers, Early Learning Coalition of Duval Guiding Stars centers and Head Start centers
- More than 1,500 books were given to children to build home libraries
- · More than 500 books were given to teachers to enhance classroom libraries
- ReadingPals economic impact for 2012-2013 was more than \$200,000

#### **ReadingPals Partners**

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The Children's Movement of Florida

Duval County Public Schools

Early Learning Coalition of Duval

Jacksonville Children's

Commission

Jacksonville Public Library

## **ReadingPals Committee Members**

Katherine Foster, co-Chair Susanna Vance, co-Chair Heather Geraghty Tawanna Green Libby Kelly Vickie Robinson Kathy Thomas Lynn Wilkinson

### 2012-2013 Participating ReadingPals Sites

Amelia Island Academy

Annie R. Morgan Elementary

Carter G. Woodson Elementary

Chappell School- FSCJ

South Campus

Country Bumpkins

Episcopal Children's Services-

Exchange South

Head Start-Northeast Springfield

Head Start- Normandy

Just for Kids Learning Center

Learning Time Academy

Methodist Children's Village

North Shore Elementary

02B Kids- Fleming Island

The Oaks Early Learning Academy

Parks Place Daycare and

Learning Center

Punkin Place Child

Development of Jax

Rufus E. Payne Elementary

The Salvation Army Child Care Center

San Jose Elementary

Total Learning Center

Tutor Time Child Care- Lady Lake

Tutor Time- Old St. Augustine

Tutor Time Watermill

West Jacksonville Elementary

#### **Additional Contributors**

First Book

IBM

Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jaguars Foundation

**Target Stores** 

#### **ReadingPals Trainers**

Karol Caparaso

Laura Crooks

Kathy Thomas

Lynn Wilkinson

## Dr. Nikolai Vitti

In September of 2012, Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti was selected as Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS). He was previously with Miami-Dade County Public Schools where he served as chief academic officer, assistant superintendent of the Education Transformation Office and principal of Homestead Middle School. Dr. Vitti also served as deputy chancellor of school improvement and student achievement with the Florida Department of Education. He was head dean of students in the Bronx, New York and began his educational career as a teacher at both the high school and middle school level in North Carolina and New York.

Dr. Vitti received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and was a member of the urban superintendent program. He completed both his doctorate and master's from Harvard in education, administration, planning and social policy.

Since becoming superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, Dr. Vitti has strived to take the district from good to great by improving student achievement. Through his strategic plan, he is focusing on developing great teachers and leaders; engaging parents, caregivers and the community; developing the whole child and the equitable and efficient use of resources.

Under his leadership, the district has developed the Parent Academy, expanded voluntary pre-kindergarten, increased the number of guidance counselors helping to provide mental health and family support services and is working to put art and music in every school.

Dr. Vitti is married with four school-age children who all attend public schools.

#### 2012-2013 ReadingPals Volunteers

Brenda Adams Hazel Agee Monica Albertie Laurie Albright Keturah Alexander Erika Allev Joan Altavilla Pegav Armstrona Monica Asbell Lynette Atwater Cathe Backherms Amee Bailey Lynette Barrett Deborah Bartoy Lancy Batchelor Jov Beauchamp Vicki Bell Janie Bender John Berger Darryl Bowen Tee Bradshaw Mary Lou Bremner Lukas Brickweg Naomi Briggs Kathy Brooks Tina Marie Brugos Karol Caparaso Ben Carlson Sandra Carlson Dawn Carter Lynnette Chakkaphak Angela Chapman **Buffv Chapman** Jamie Chiles Danielle Clark Barbara Clements Angela Coker

Latrece Collier Barbi Coyne Amanda Crawford Laura Crooks Londa Dahlke Curtis Dahlke Frances Dalton Florita Daniel Diane Darrah Maya Dartiquenave Maggy Dartiquenave Barbara DeSantis Dawn DeSilver Patty DeStephano Amy D'Olimpio Cynthia Duewel **Emily Dunham** Cynthia Eades Lynda Edwards Melissa Elgersma Elaine Eppolito Stephanie Erwin Katherine Etheridge Clarisa Evans Penny Fanroy Shelly Ferensic Bleu Finster Katherine Foster Brenda Franklin Lesley Freiner Jocelyn Gaffney Rebecca Garner Laura Geisel Heather Geraghty Maureen Gibbons Sharon Gonzalez Natasha Graham

Tawanna Green Yolanda Green Joanna Griffith Virginia Grupe Jim Guss Phyllis Guthrie Rachel Hall Kellev Hall Tricia Hardt Debra Heimerl Polly Hensley Coretta Hill Teresa Hill Julie Hirshan Sherry Holloway Tracie Hubbard Wendy Hummel Donna Maria Jackson Cindy James Ray Jennings Jennifer Jones Tavia Jones Renee Jones-Senior Whitney Kantor Libby Kelly Jeanne Kennedy Mary Alice Krause Mary Lang Wendy LaPrade Stella Laughter Sandra Lawson Bill Lee Dee Robertson Lee Nancy Levine Khalilah Liptrot Ty Longmeyer

Rosanne Lotocki

Beverly Lowe Leslie Lynch Michelle Malalang Linda Mallov Karen Mangine Kim Manor Kimberly Marshall Kathleen Martin Tiffany McClain Patrick McKinlev Sara McMillan Carol McNamara Kelly McVeagh Shilpa Mehta Tanva Middleton Arlene Miller Molly Miller Sandra Milton Max Moller Reyla Montagna Carolyn Montgomery Kristin Moore Carrie Morgan Andrea Morgan Ashley Muni Kerri Murphy Kim Namev Samieh Norse Bisi Ogunjumo Tammy Oswald Lauren Otradovec Cynthia Padilla Karen Pandolfi June Paula Nancy Peacock Linda Peacock

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Jason Simpson Gilbert Smith Nancy Starling Connie Stemen Ladi Stepps Debra Stewart Hazzel Sutton Anchetta Sutton John Taylor Jeanne Tepas Kathy Thomas Amy Thompson Shirley Turner Annie Tutt Michelle Uhlfelder Lisa Urhanek Susanna Vance Karen Walker Sara Walker Diane Walker Tracy Webb Donna Wheeler Carla White Jill Wild Kinnetta Wilkes Lvnn Wilkinson Brenda Williams Fllen Williams Lenora Wilson Katie Wirth Kelly Wissinger Kay Woodford Sharon Wright Dawn Wrightington Louise Wyche Sharon Wygal

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