



Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Partners,

Happy May! The weather is warming up, so it's a great time to get outside with literacy. Grab a blanket and soak up the sun with your favorite book!

Last month, we had our 18th Annual Read To Bee Sixth Grade Spelling Bee! We were blown away by their spelling skills and had a great time watching the competition.

This month, we are participating in the Big Payback! Let's work together to raise money for all the nonprofits in our community that work so hard to make it a better place.

As always, thank you so much for your support for Read to Succeed. We dedicate ourselves to improving lives in Rutherford County every month, and we couldn't do it without you!

Happy Reading, Jolene Radnoti and your friends at Read To Succeed



On Friday, April 22nd, we held our 18th Annual Read To Bee Sixth Grade Spelling Bee. Eighteen schools from across the county sent their representative to compete to be the Read To Bee Champion! It was an intense competition, lasting nine rounds. Jason Lin from Central Magnet Middle School came out victorious after correctly spelling the word "ignorant." Aleks Georgiev from Overall Creek was the runner-up.

We want to thank Redstone Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this event. Pictures and a video of the event can be found on our Facebook page.



The Big Payback takes place May 4-5th from 6 pm to 6 pm! The Big Payback is a giving celebration to honor the nonprofits in our Middle Tennessee community. Even better, The Community Foundation has prizes up to \$245,000 for nonprofits that excel in raising money. Last year, we were able to raise \$4,608.75. We would love to do even better this year!

To make a donation, please visit <u>https://givingmatters.civicore.com/readtosucceed</u>. You can also make your own fundraiser page for Read To Succeed using the "Start A Fundraiser" button! In addition, we will be sharing promotional content on our social media pages, so make sure to keep an eye out for that!



Last month, we attended the Murfreesboro Muslim Youth Nonprofit Appreciation Iftaar. It was so great to learn about all the nonprofits represented. We were honored to receive the Organization of the Year award!

We are so grateful for Murfreesboro Muslim Youth and their dedication to the community. We would also like to thank the rest of the nonprofits in attendance. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donation made by Sara Pettit in memory of Pay & Louise Pettit. Donation made by Marjory Ohl in memory of Janet Camp.





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