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HISD Students Read More Than 93,000 Books This Summer

HISD students and staff celebrated the results of the Summer 2010 Millionaire Club literacy program at individual school celebrations across the district today. Overall, 18,652 HISD students read more than 93,260 books during the summer break. The number of schools and students participating in the program, now in its third year, has grown by nearly 60 percent.

At Kolter Elementary, HISD Superintendent Terry B. Grier and Board Trustee Mike Lunceford congratulated the school for having the highest increase in participation in the Millionaire Club program. Seventy-three percent of the Kolter student-

body read five books or more over the summer, an increase of over 48 percent from last year.

“Reading over the summer is the best way to make sure our students enter school in the fall with reading skills at or above the level they were at before leaving for summer break,” said Grier. “HISD’s Millionaire Club not only helps our students avoid the summer backslide but allows them to continue to build their reading skills and develop a love for reading.”

As a result of their hard work, Kolter students received a Kolter 50th Anniversary tee, bookmark,

bumper sticker and a visit from Astros legend Jimmy “Toy Cannon” Wynn, who spoke to the students about his love of reading and presented several students with Astros memorabilia. The school’s top four student readers will be awarded with a special school field trip later this year.

Dr. Grier held a press conference to announce the results at Kolter Elementary School, which had the highest increase in participation (73% in 2010 versus 48% in 2009). Kindergartener Julianne Cruz (pictured) was also recognized during the event for being one of the top readers at that campus. She read 47 books over the summer—more than 6,000 pages.



Good Plans Mean Great Results

Each May, the Department of Library Services and Literacy Leads the Way asks schools to submit a commitment form that includes goals for the Millionaire Club program on their campus. A successful summer reading program like the Millionaire Club is based upon a well-articulated plan. Once the goals are set and communicated, all participants: students, teachers, and parents can focus on achieving the goals set forth.

One of the most successful Millionaire Club plans this year came from Kolter Elementary. “I think our school was so successful in getting our students to read over the summer because we provided our parents and stu-

dents with meaningful resources and activities that promoted reading within the family and prepared kids for the next grade level,” said Kolter Principal Peggi Stewart. “It was a team effort and the end result is that the majority of our students are reading above grade level.”

Another success story is East Early College High School. This campus has had the highest percentage of participation at the high school level for all three years of the Millionaire club. How do they do it? They create a school wide plan. In May the students visit the English teacher that they will have the next year and learn about her expectations

for summer reading. The students get a packet with assignments tied to the assigned book for the class and a student generated suggested reading list. They also get an HPL Powercard application and a notebook for their summer reading reflections. Each teacher emphasizes the fact that in August there will be activities surrounding their summer reading and a grade will be involved.

Now is the time to start thinking about your campus goals and plan. What worked well this year? What would you change for next year? What will motivate 100% of your students to become Millionaire Readers?

Poe Elementary students eat lunch in style



Some schools struggle with how to create a special recognition for kids that is friendly to the school budget. A good example of a low-cost yet high-impact recognition is Millionaire Club Day at Poe Elementary. This year Poe put the spotlight on the 106 millionaire readers at lunchtime. Sonya Lerma (Literacy Specialist) and Gay Ann Gustafson (Librarian) were in the cafeteria during all lunch periods on Friday, September 24, 2010 to recognize Poe Millionaire Club Readers.



Poe’s celebration consisted of setting up and decorating tables in the cafeteria for students who read 5 or more books over the summer. On the Celebration Day the readers were invited to sit at the spotlight tables during their lunch period. At the table the students received a green book bag (small light-weight backpacks with pull-cord on top) with the Millionaire Club logo and “Millionaire Reader Houston ISD,” a window decal and a bookmark. The students loved their special lunch and recognition.

Millionaires From around the District



Herrera ES student is excited to receive prizes for reading



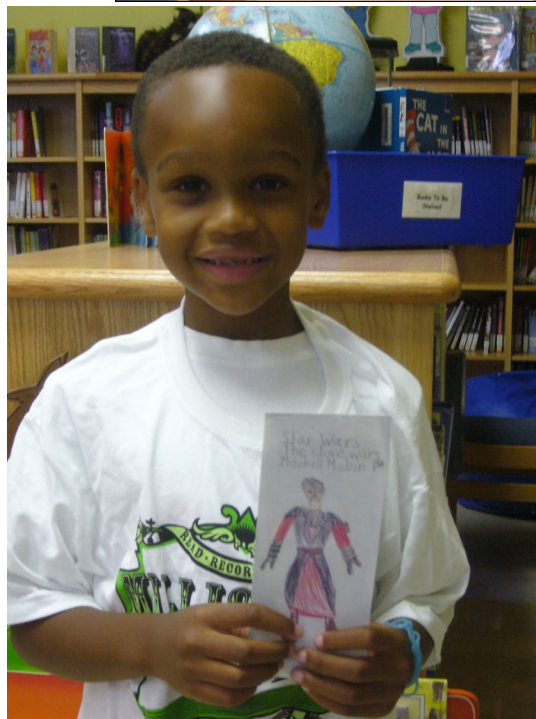
Lanier MS millionaire club members pose for an unique picture.



McDade students pose with Millionaire Club banner



Stevenson MS



T.H. Rogers Student poses with his book-mark that won the "Best Bookmark" Award .

2010 Millionaire Club Schools

Almeda Elementary
Ashford Elementary
Askew Elementary
Atherton Elementary
Austin High School
Barbara Bush Elementary
Barrick Elementary
Bastian Elementary
Bellaire High School
Bellfort Early Childhood Center
Benavidez Elementary
Benbrook Elementary
Betsy Ross Elementary
Blackshear Elementary
Bonham Elementary
Bonner Elementary
Booker T. Washington High School
Briargrove Elementary
Briar Meadow Charter & Middle Schools
Briscoe Elementary
Brookline Elementary
Browning Elementary School
Bruce Elementary
Burbank Elementary
Burnet Elementary
Burrus Elementary
Cage Elementary
Carrillo Elementary
Clifton Middle School
Condit Elementary
Contemporary Learning Center
Coop Elementary
Crawford / Sherman Elementary
Crespo Elementary
Cullen Middle School
Cunningham Elementary
Daniel Ortiz Middle School
Davila Elementary
Davis High School
Deady Middle School
DeChaumes Elementary
Durham Elementary
Durkee Elementary
E M Young Elementary
E.J. Scott Elementary
East Early College HS
Eliot Elementary
Emerson Elementary
Felix Cook Jr Elementary
Foerster Elementary
Fondren Middle School
Franklin Elementary
Furr High School
Gallegos Elementary
Garcia Elementary
Garden Oaks Elementary
Garden Villas Elementary
Golfcrest ELEMENTARY
Gordon Elementary
Grady Middle School
Gregg Elementary
Gregory-Lincoln
Grimes Elementary
Grissom Elementary
Hamilton Middle School
Hartman Middle School
Harvard Elementary
Helms CLC
Herod Elementary
Herrera Elementary
Horn Elementary
Houston Gardens Elementary
J. F. Kennedy Elementary
J. P. Henderson Elementary
Jack Yates High School
Janowski Elementary
Jean Hines Caldwell Elementary
Joe E. Moreno Elementary
JR Harris Elementary
Kaleidoscope Middle School
Kate Bell Elementary
Katherine Smith Elementary
Kelso Elementary
Ketelsen Elementary
Kolter Elementary
Lanier Middle School
Law Elementary
Lewis Elementary
Lockhart Elementary
Long Middle School
Longfellow Elementary
Looscan Elementary
Love Elementary School
Lovett Elementary
Lyons Elementary
M. W. Dogan Elementary
MacGregor Elementary
Mading Elementary
Mark Twain Elementary
McDade Elementary
McNamara Elementary
McReynolds Middle School
Memorial Elementary
Milby High School
Montgomery Elementary
Nathaniel Q. Henderson Elementary
Neff Elementary
Ninfa Laurenzo ECC
Northline Elementary
Oak Forest Elementary
Park Place Elementary
Parker Elementary
Patrick Henry Middle School
Patterson Elementary
Peck Elementary
Pershing Middle School
Petersen Elementary
Phillis Wheatley HS
Pilgrim Academy
Pin Oak Middle School
Piney Point Elementary
Poe Elementary
Pugh Elementary
Raul C. Martinez Elementary
Ray K. Daily Elementary
Revere Middle School
Reynolds Elementary
River Oaks Elementary
Roberts Elementary
Roderick Paige Elementary
Rodriguez Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary
RP Harris Elementary
Rucker Elementary
S.C. Red Elementary
Sanchez Elementary
Scarborough Elementary
School at St. George Place
Scroggins Elementary
Shadowbriar Elementary
Sharpstown High School
Sherman Elementary
Sinclair Elementary
Stevens Elementary
Stevenson Middle
Sutton Elementary
T.H. Rogers Middle
T.H. Rogers Elementary
The Rice School-La Escuela Rice
The Rusk School
Thompson Elementary
Tinsley Elementary
Travis Elementary School
Valley West Elementary
Wainwright Elementary
Walnut Bend Elementary
Welch Middle School
West Briar Middle School
West University Elementary
Westbury High School
Westside High School
Wharton K-8 Dual Lang.
White Elementary
Whittier Elementary
Wilson Montessori
Windsor Village Elementary
Woodson K-8