



SCES announces its top readers

Seminole County Elementary School (SCES) would like to announce their top readers for the 2019-20 school year, the students who earned the most points using Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader is an individualized reading program that allows students to read books and take tests to earn points.

The top winners for SCES were first place winner Jack Palmer in Mrs. Betsi Baxter's room, second place winner Lys Iesha Zulita in Mrs. Kristi Albritton's room and third place winner Juliana Bullock in Mrs. Joyce McCalvin's room.

Top winners for each grade level were, from the first grade, Kimora Kimble in Mrs. Kem Earnest's room; from the second grade, Juliana Bullock;

from the third grade, Alessandra Fernandez in Mrs. Atkinson's room; Jack Palmer from the fourth grade, and Lys Iesha Zulita from the fifth grade.

SCES students with 100 points or more were Kimora Kimble, Kaleb Turner, Kara'Niya Johnson, Juliana Bullock, Khristian Causby, Alessandra Fernandez, Jack Palmer, and Lys'Iesha Zulita



Public library's Summer Reading Program begins online

The Summer Reading Program at the Seminole County Public Library and all libraries in the Southwest Georgia Regional Library system has begun! The program is for all ages including adults, and the library will be recording reading logs online through Beanstack. Participants can register now on the Beanstack app on your device or on the website at swgrl.beanstack.org. For each log complete, participants receive a prize and an entry for the final prize drawing. All reading logs are due no later than July 10.

Using the Beanstack app:

Download the Beanstack app on your device. When it says "Does your School, Library, or Bookstore already use Beanstack?" click "Yup!" Register for our Summer Reading Program by searching "Southwest Georgia Regional Library." On the "Sign In" page, click on "Don't have an account? Sign up" at the bottom of the page. Fill out the registra-



tion information.

Using the Beanstack website:

Go to swgrl.beanstack.org. Click on "Register an Individual or Family." Fill out the registration information.

How Beanstack works:

After you create an account on Beanstack, add all of the readers in your family of all ages. Then register the readers for the appropriate challenge. Register child readers for the "Children Summer Reading Program Log" challenge and register adult readers for "Adult Summer Reading Program Reading Log" challenge.

Log your books or reading time by clicking on "Log Reading and Activities." For every 12.5 hours a child reads or 5 books an adult reads, you will receive a badge and

certificate. When the library reopens to the public, come claim your prize for each completed log. Contact us at librarian@swgrl.org for help.

While the Library is Closed:

Your library card still gives you access to free e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines at swgrl.org/ebooks. If you do not have a library card, we can issue you a temporary digital card. To register for a card, go to gapines.org/eg/opac/register. On the Home Library section, scroll down to Southwest Georgia Regional Library and select the Decatur County Library, Miller County Library, or the Seminole County Library. Fill out the rest of the boxes and click Submit Registration at the bottom of the page. Please include your email and phone number on the registration so that we can contact you with your library card number.

Clerk of Superior Court encourages veterans to register

Memorial Day is an official United States Federal holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Seminole County Clerk of Superior Court Earlene Bramlett is encouraging all veterans of all military branches of service to make sure their DD-214 is recorded at the courthouse. Your DD-214 should have been recorded at the time of the service member's discharge from the military.

Bramlett stated, "I have discovered that many veterans do not know about this service and did not have their DD-214 recorded. Although veterans may have recorded their DD-

-214 in their former home town or in a county of another state far away from Seminole County, you are encouraged to record them here as well. Simply bring your DD-214 to the Clerk of Superior Court's Office located in Suite 8 of the Seminole County Courthouse, and we will record it in our records. If there comes a time you need a certified copy, then we will be able to provide one for you. This is a free service to all our veterans that my office is delighted to offer. You paid it forward for all of us. Thank you."

Please call for an appointment or more information concerning filing your DD-214.

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GDA initiates "Buy Georgia Grown" campaign

To help mitigate potential losses due to the COVID-19 response, Georgia Department of Agriculture's Georgia Grown program has joined up with partners from Georgia Farm Bureau, University of Georgia Extension Service and Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Association to promote Georgia Grown produce through retail and direct-to-consumer channels. Georgia's Spring fruit and vegetable harvest has an estimated farm gate value of \$500-\$750 million, and roughly 50% of that is traditionally marketed through foodservice. However, with much of the foodservice channel closed due to the COVID-19 response, farmers could find their promising crops have no place to go.

A mixed media campaign will encourage consumers to Buy Georgia Grown, Now More Than Ever. The collaborative effort includes PSAs, direct to consumer purchasing platforms, recipes, and preservation tips for fresh produce, all supported by a targeted social media campaign using the hashtags #NowMoreThanEver, #BuyGeorgiaGrown.

Consumers can purchase from Georgia Grown businesses with e-commerce and home delivery capabilities by visiting www.georgiagrown.com. In collaboration with Georgia Grown, UGA Extension is using its network of county Extension offices to connect agricultural producers with consumers looking for fresh, Georgia-grown products at <https://extension.uga.edu>.

Congratulations, SCHS 2020 Graduates!

Your spirit in Third Grade has grown and prepared you to confront the challenges of today. Use it to become a better you in helping create a better tomorrow for everyone. I am hugely proud of you!

Love, Mrs. Mary Hartzog & Mr. Scott

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