



Dunedin Community Relations

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STUDENTS IN PINELLAS COUNTY READ OVER 177,000 MINUTES DURING 2019 BOOKIN' IT TO THE BALLPARK

DUNEDIN, FL- The Dunedin Blue Jays hosted their Bookin' It To The Ballpark reading program sponsored by TD Bank from April 5th to May 16th. The 2nd grade students were tasked with reading twenty minutes a night to complete a trip around the bases after four successful days of reading. As the students completed two of their bookmarks, they were awarded a voucher for a free round of bowling at Dunedin Lanes. TD Bank also provided each child participating in the program a Dunedin Blue Jays drawstring backpack.

Dunedin Blue Jays players took time to visit some of the participating schools and read to the 2nd grade classes. The players enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the students and show them how much reading means to them. The reading visits made for an extra boost in excitement to encourage the kids to keep reading through the entire program.

The enthusiasm for the program was fantastic from the students throughout the month of April and May competing to read the most minutes as a school and class. In total, 17 schools took part in the program with over sixty participating classes. The schools combined to read 177,149 minutes by May 16th, which totals 4,320 minutes of reading per day from the students.

Curtis Fundamental was the top school of the program with a massive 63,772 minutes, and Mrs. Arose's 2nd grade class was the top class with 14,401 minutes read by her 19 students. This averages to 758 minutes per student throughout Bookin' It To The Ballpark. The class with the most minutes read in each school were treated to a pizza party from the Dunedin Blue Jays and a visit from TD Bank.

As the sponsor of Bookin' It To The Ballpark, TD Bank presented to the students the importance of continuing to read and learn through books. They also stressed the importance of continuing to save money to be better prepared for their education careers after they complete high school.

The Dunedin Blue Jays thank every class for being a major part of the reading program and continuing to make it one of the most successful initiatives the Blue Jays put on every year for the students of Pinellas County.

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