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SUNCOAST The Campaign for GRADE-LEVEL READING

3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

As September winds down and October ramps up, we look ahead with great anticipation as we launch into our 6th Suncoast Remake Learning Days festival. Preparations are well underway, and we are excited to announce this year's plans along with some new offerings.

But first! If you are new to the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR), it's time to introduce you to everyone's favorite hands-on learning festival! Suncoast Remake Learning Days is a 15-day hands-on learning and family engagement festival held across our four-county region: Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota. The next festival is happening Saturday, April 24, 2027, through Saturday, May 8, 2027!

SCGLR recognizes that parents, caring adults, and families are the secret sauce behind our children's success. Research confirms that family involvement helps foster positive outcomes, healthy brain development, and social skills. Additionally, family engagement in a child's learning strengthens pre-literacy, literacy, and social-emotional skills. Suncoast Remake Learning Days creates a wealth of free opportunities for families to learn together side-by-side in an array of curiously crafted, interactive experiences.

Check out this wonderful recap from our 2026 festival—talk about fun!

For 15 days, our community becomes a classroom, awakening joy and engaging the senses of children and adults alike. The festival inspires us all to wonder, to be curious, and to have fun—together! You may be wondering…Can I be a part of this? The answer is YES! Suncoast Remake Learning Days events are hosted

by a variety of organizations, such as schools, museums, libraries, after-school organizations, neighborhood centers, early child care centers, universities, faith-based organizations, businesses, and more. Generously funded by The Patterson Foundation, SRLD hosts are offered event support dollars to assist in the creation and execution of their event.

To learn more, please explore our 2027 Festival Brochure for details on how to get involved.

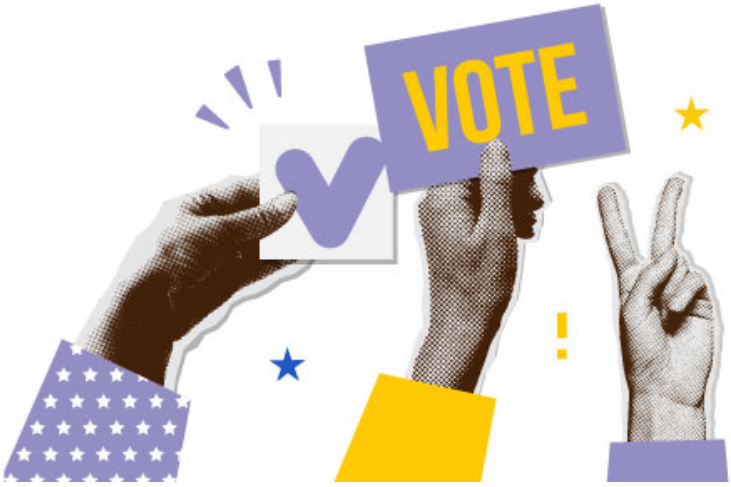
Our support for Event Anchor Hosts and Collaborating Partners extends beyond the check. We offer one-hour Labinars in event planning, marketing, and social media. These training sessions provide practical skills that extend well beyond the 15-day festival, benefiting organizations year-round. This year, we'll also offer monthly Learn & Share opportunities, giving hosts more time to connect and grow together. And a drumroll please…our new Host Connection Center is here! Think of it as your home base for the tools and resources that will support you throughout your SRLD journey, from planning and building your event to marketing, promotion, and event day execution.

Looking to learn more about hosting an event? Watch our host orientation video, where Beth Duda, director of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, shares all about what participation looks like!

With Sometimes, hearing from the hosts themselves is best! This month's Connecting Communities podcast took a deep dive into our favorite learning festival from the hosts' point of view. This episode covers all things Suncoast Remake Learning Days with four of our fabulous, long-time hosts—one from each county. Guests included: Neirda Thompson-Pemberton, Executive Director of Fundcation, Becky-Sue Mercer, Executive Director of Arcadia Housing Authority, Justin Gomlak, Director of Education and Community Engagement from the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, and Amanda Clyatt, Title I Achievement and Family Associate at Sallie Jones Elementary.

Tune in to hear from these rockstar event hosts as they sit with host Leah Verier-Dunn and share about their festival experiences over the years, what they've

learned, who they've connected with, and why they think YOU should join us, too.



Voter Education: Tip of the Month!

To vote in Florida's November 3, 2026, Midterm General Election, you must be registered by October 5, 2026.

Check Your Registration

Take a few minutes to:

- Verify your voter registration status.
- Register to vote if you're eligible.
- Update your name or address.
- Review your party affiliation, if applicable.

To check your registration or learn more about voting in your county, visit your local Supervisor of Elections website:

- If you are a resident of Charlotte County, click here.
- If you are a resident of DeSoto County, click here.
- If you are a resident of Manatee County, click here.
- If you are a resident of Sarasota County, click here.
- If you live outside the four-county region or simply want to learn more about working elections, click here.

Planning to Vote by Mail?

Florida voters who wish to vote by mail must have an active vote-by-mail request on file. If you haven't renewed your request since the 2024 General Election, check with your county Supervisor of Elections to confirm your status or submit a new request.

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