



# 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**"Winning and losing isn't everything; sometimes, the journey is just as important as the outcome."  
-- Alex Morgan**

## Celebrating Attendance Awareness

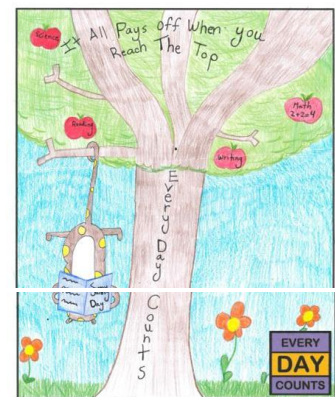
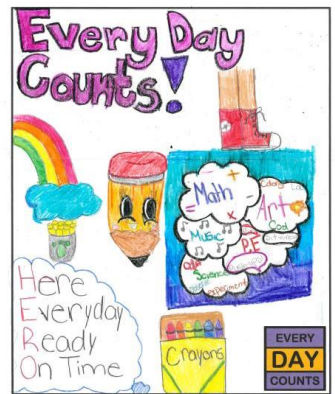


2017 Suncoast Attendance Awareness Poster Contest

In honor of Attendance Awareness Month in September, the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR), with support from [The Patterson Foundation](#), hosted the 2017/2018 [Attendance Awareness Poster Contest](#) to promote good attendance habits and help students and parents understand why going to school every day matters.

More than 38,000 students in grades Pre-K-5 participated in the Attendance Awareness Poster Contest where they highlighted the importance of outstanding attendance by creating their own personalized artwork.

All 407 winners in Sarasota and Manatee counties received tickets for themselves and their families to the opening weekend of Circus Sarasota, and all 407 posters were framed by SCGLR and delivered to the individual schools.





Attendance Awareness Poster Contest Winners at Reception, Sarasota

## Sarasota County Schools

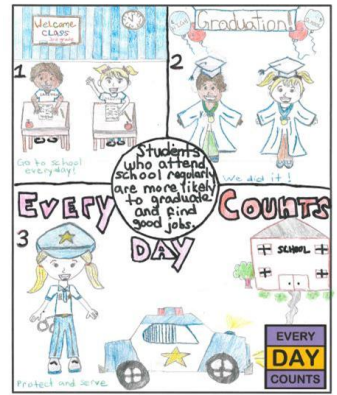
Each of the six district-wide winners in Sarasota and Manatee counties and their families were honored at a reception with their principals and teachers as they were presented iPads, a framed poster, and note cards of their winning art before being individually congratulated by the School Board.



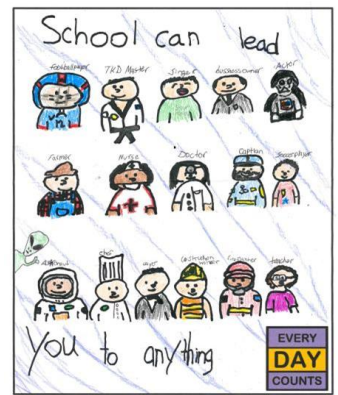
Sarasota County Attendance Awareness Poster Contest Regional Winners

## School District of Manatee County

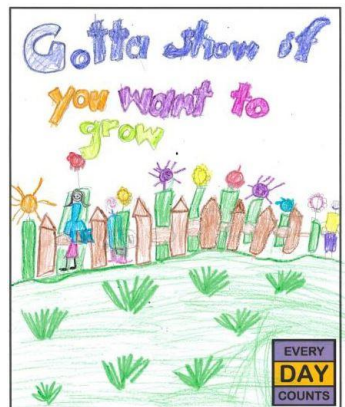
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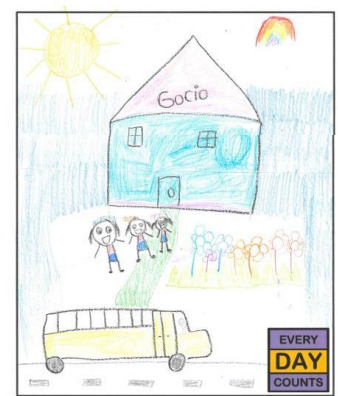
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Manatee County Regional Attendance Awareness Poster Contest Winners

### INTERESTING FACTS!

- In 2017, more than 38,000 students in grades Pre-K-5 created a poster with the message #EveryDayCounts.
- In 2017, 65 public elementary schools in Sarasota and Manatee county participated.
- Since the inaugural Attendance Awareness Poster Contest in 2015, elementary schools in both Sarasota and Manatee counties with a history of chronic absenteeism have shown significant reductions in student absences.

Studies show that missing just 10 percent of school, whether absences are excused, unexcused or due to suspension, predicts lower levels of literacy for students by third grade, class failure in middle school, and lead to a higher likelihood that students will drop out of high school.

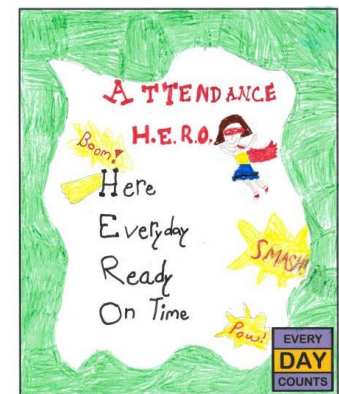
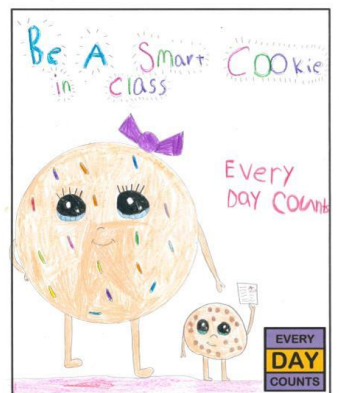
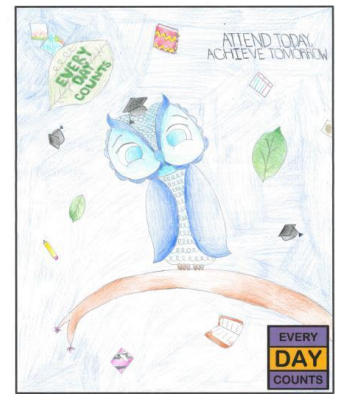
The poster contest is more than just artwork -- it is a positive, engaging way for students to take ownership of the important message that coming to school every day is vital to their overall achievement. It helps create an environment of learning in their classroom and beyond, and it provides the school districts with extra support knowing that many people are playing a role in our children's success.

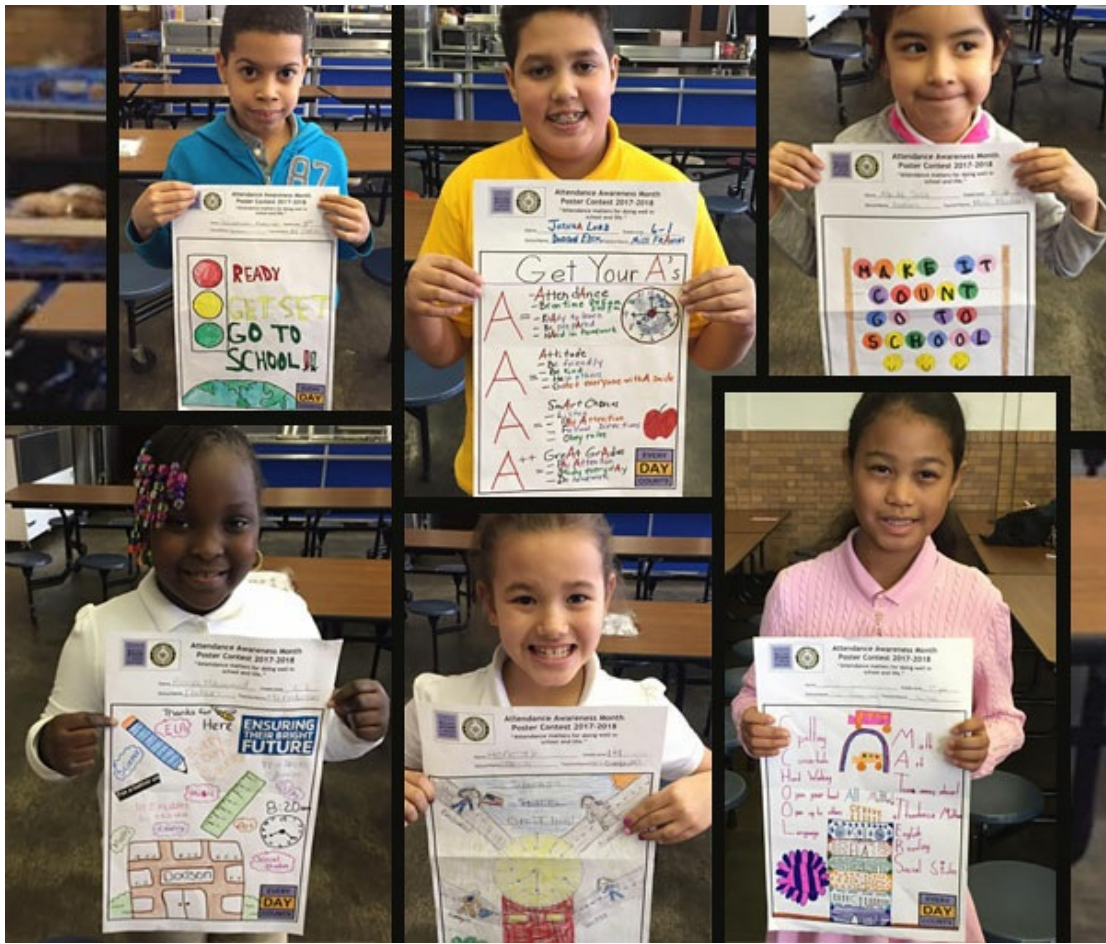
[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE 2017/2018 WINNING POSTERS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PICTURES FROM THE SARASOTA COUNTY REGIONAL ATTENDANCE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST SCHOOL BOARD EVENT](#)

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United Way of Wyoming Valley

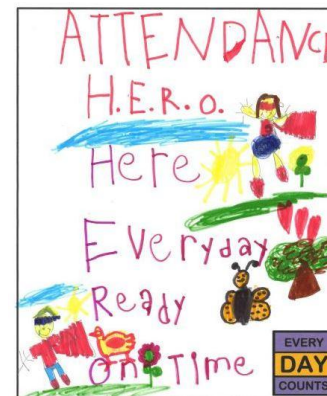




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United Way of Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, knows that #EveryDayCounts when it comes to attendance. When they learned about the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's Attendance Awareness Poster Contest, they wanted to get involved too.

Congratulations to these Wyoming Valley poster contest winners... no matter what state you live in, going to school EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at [info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net](mailto:info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net).