**WILD for Literacy!**

**WILD for Literacy!** is a partnership between EdExploreSRQ and the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading that focuses on strengthening the literacy components of select explorations for students in grades K-1. Additionally, 12 Title 1 schools in Sarasota County will receive funding for books provided by The Patterson Foundation to enhance the learning connections for their students.

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**News & Events**

**Mind in the Making**
- current enrolling:
  - Team Lavender -- SRQ
  - Team Fantastic -- SRQ
  - Team Purpose -- SRQ
  - Team Nickel -- SRQ
  - Team Majestic -- SRQ
  - Team Oval -- Port Charlotte

**Sarasota Police Dept.**
- **National Night Out 2018**
  - October 2
  - 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM)**
- **Saturday, October 13**
- **Sunday, October 14**

**Sarasota Police Dept.**
- **'Blue + You' Movie Night**
  - November 3
  - 5:30pm-10pm

**All Faiths Food Bank**
- **Food Distribution**

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"Become a Scientist" -- [Sarasota County Schools Education Channel](https://www.scsd.net/education-channel)
Kindergartners from Wilkinson Elementary School discovered the power of experiential learning at Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium during an EdExploration. Michelle Scotese, a kindergarten teacher at Wilkinson Elementary School, shared her experience.

"The exploration, "Become a Scientist," brought the curriculum to life. Students observed marine animals and learned about their habitats as they stepped into the role of a scientist. They were incredibly excited by the experience, yet focused because they were interested and curious. Highlights included discovering the mystery animal, touch tanks, and seeing animals that they had only learned about in books.

With support from The Patterson Foundation (TPF), all students were able to take home, A Home for Hermit Crab, a book by Eric Carle that included a letter to the parents about the exploration. The letter encouraged parents to read the book at home with their child.

Additionally, a YouTube video of a teacher reading A Home for Hermit Crab aloud was created for caregivers with language or literacy barriers. A pocket in the back of the book held a personal journal along with a family feedback postcard. When the postcard is returned to TPF, the student will receive a second book."

EdExploreSRQ is a web-based search platform that has changed the way Sarasota County teachers, principals, and parents identify and learn about experiential learning opportunities available in our area. It features hundreds of offerings by local nonprofits, businesses, and individual teaching artists. Each EdExploreSRQ exploration is reviewed and approved by school district staff to ensure connections to educational standards.

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**Exploring the Science Behind Childhood Adversity**

A pioneer in the field of medicine, pediatrician Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is a leader in the movement to transform how we respond to early childhood adversity and the resulting toxic stress that dramatically impacts our health and longevity. By exploring the science behind childhood adversity, she offers a new way to understand the adverse events that affect all of us throughout our lifetimes. Dr. Burke Harris' TED Talk, "How childhood trauma affects health across a lifetime," has been viewed more than 3 million times.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading community embraced new possibilities as Hildy Gottlieb led us on an exploration in thinking about #CreatingTheFuture by asking the right questions.

Hildy, a social scientist, is the co-founder and Chief Boundary Pusher at Creating the Future, a 10-year experiment to answer the question, "If people everywhere are asking the kinds of questions that bring out the best in themselves and those around them, how much more humane could the world be?"

#CatalyticThinking is a practice that asks us to focus on the future we want, rather than centering our thoughts on solving problems.

This workshop has given us new tools to apply to...
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are stressful or traumatic events, including abuse and neglect. They may also include household dysfunction such as witnessing domestic violence or growing up with family members who have substance use disorders. High doses of adversity not only affect brain structure and function, but they also affect the developing immune system, developing hormonal systems, and even the way our DNA is read and transcribed. Science shows us that ACEs are strongly related to the development and prevalence of a wide range of health problems throughout a person’s lifespan, including a dramatically increased risk for 7 out of 10 of the leading causes of death in the United States.

ACEs are incredibly common. In a research study called The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, 67% of the population had at least one ACE, and 12.6 percent, one in eight, had four or more ACEs. The second thing that they found was that there was a dose-response relationship between ACEs and health outcomes: the higher your ACE score, the worse your health outcomes.

By making ACEs scores part of taking a complete medical history, Dr. Burke Harris, and others like her, have discovered many symptoms displayed in her pediatric office can be traced back to childhood trauma. By treating the cause, rather than the symptoms, astounding, life-changing progress can be made.

Dr. Burke Harris urged all of us to use this knowledge to imagine and implement a new future, a future where early identification and intervention are part of routine medical care. Instead of spending trillions of dollars on the treatment of chronic illness, we will instead invest in prevention, giving families and communities the knowledge and tools to create safe, healthy, and healing environments for our children.

We all can participate in creating this new future by making sure our medical professionals are using the ACEs screening tool, by advocating for every single child to be screened for ACEs, and by continuing to educate everyone who comes in contact with children to think in a new way, asking not, "What is wrong with this child?" But instead, "What has happened to this child?" -- Beth Duda, director of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Remote Area Medical Clinic -- 2018

It is with great sadness that Remote Area Medical (RAM) announced the passing of its Founder and President, Stan Brock. Mr. Brock passed away on Wednesday, August 29, in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the age of 82. Since he began RAM in 1985, Mr. Brock has been a tireless advocate for those in need. Through his leadership, RAM has provided free care to more than 740,000 individuals. Although Mr. Brock is no longer with us, his mission lives on.

This year, RAM will be at Manatee Technical College on Saturday, October 13 from 6:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, October 14 from 6:00am-noon.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) will be distributing free books to all children in attendance at the Remote Area Medical access event. RAM provides FREE dental, vision, and medical care for anyone who needs Remote Area Medical comes to Bradenton medical help and cannot afford it. No insurance, medical records or proof of citizenship are required.

HOW IT WORKS:
Help is first come, first served
The parking lot will open at midnight
Tickets for services are distributed in the MTC parking lot at 3am
Clinic doors open at 6am

Please share this life-changing event with anyone who may need services or medical personnel who may be interested in volunteering their time. Call (941) 526-4766 or email info@ramfl.org to get involved. Visit ramusa.org for more information.

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.