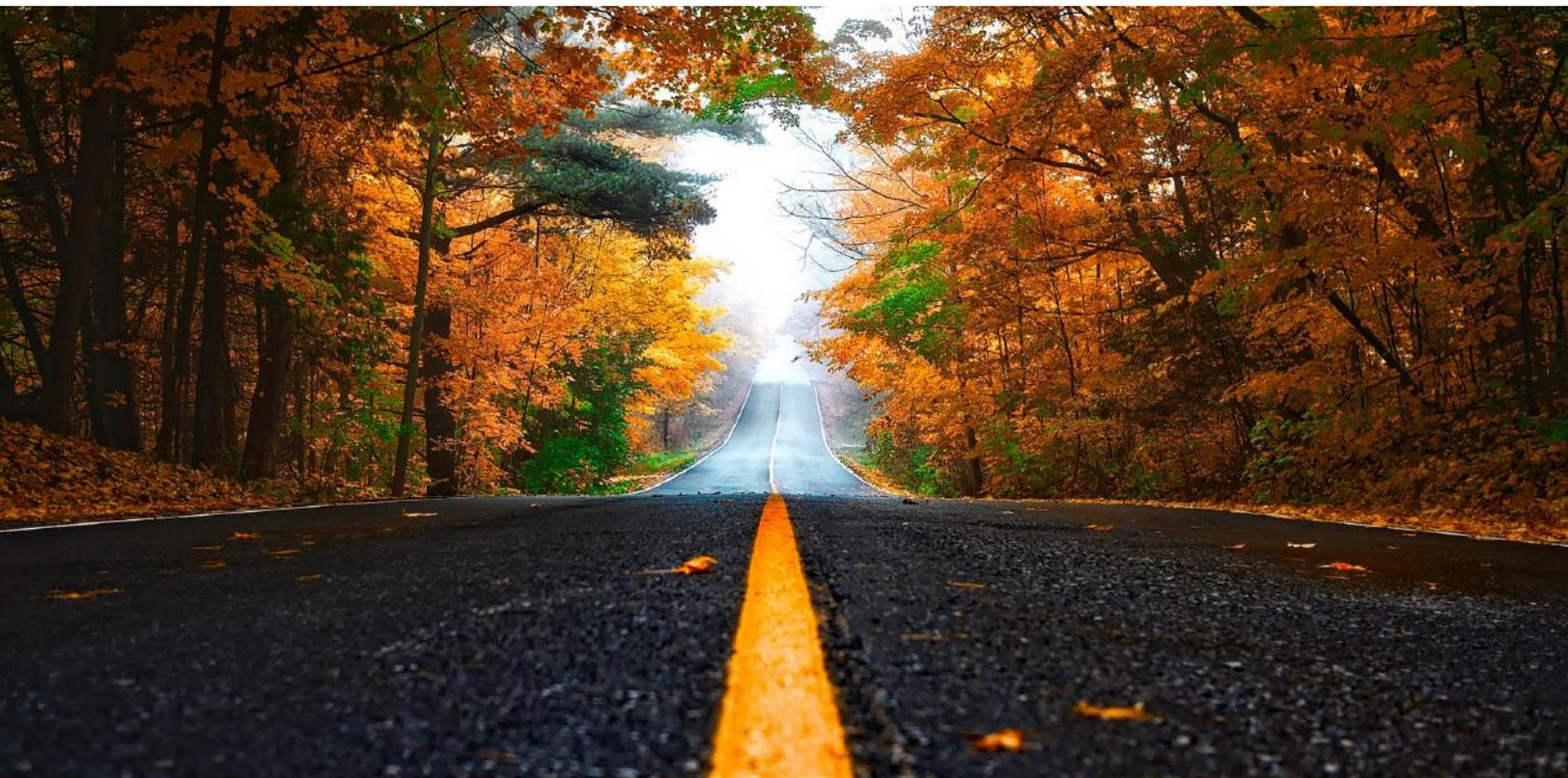




FALL ISSUE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION ALLIANCE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



BACK ON THE ROAD TO LITERACY, MENTORSHIP AND CULTURE!

THE CEA WELCOMES YOU BACK TO SCHOOL WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY THROUGH INNOVATIVE VIRTUAL LITERACY, MENTORSHIP AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES! BE SURE TO FOLLOW, LIKE AND SHARE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CEA LITERACY SERIES READ ALONGS, KIDZ KORNER ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND SO MUCH MORE TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY REMAIN ENGAGED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

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WELCOME BACK!

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LITERACY BUDDIES

Literacy Buddies provide literacy interventions to students to support classroom curriculum.

MENTORING PALS

Mentoring Pals support social and emotional competencies through consistent mentorship and volunteerism both in the classroom and during after school activities.

FRIENDS OF CULTURE

Friends of Culture provide support for cultural immersion experiences throughout the school year.

2020-2021 CEA SCHOOLS:

-  Dillard High 6-12
-  Parkway Middle School
-  Sunland Park Academy
-  Walker Elementary School
-  William Dandy Middle School
-  Banyan Elementary School

BACK 2 SCHOOL KICKBACK

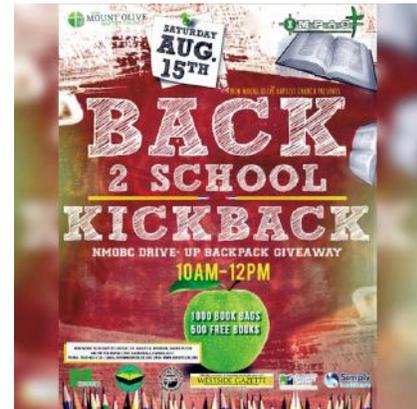
AUGUST 15, 2020

To kick off the 2020-2021 school year, the CEA joined the New Mount Olive Baptist Church (NMOBC) and other community organizations to host its annual "Back 2 School Kickback." Each year, the NMOBC hosts a community wide backpack drive that includes free backpacks and school supplies, uniforms, shoes, haircuts/hairstyles, food, a kid zone and so much more! However, with the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, many of these services to the community had to be modified, to ensure the safety of our community.

Through this effort, our community came together to serve our students and families by providing a safe, social distancing drive up distribution of backpacks, school supplies and other back to school essentials. With the help of several community partners including Mount Olive Development Corporation (MODCO), Simply Healthcare Plans, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), Children's Services Council, Wayne Barton Study Center, the Westside Gazette Newspaper, Fort Lauderdale Behavioral Health and CEI Staffing, we collected almost 1000 backpacks filled with school supplies for students heading back to school this year!

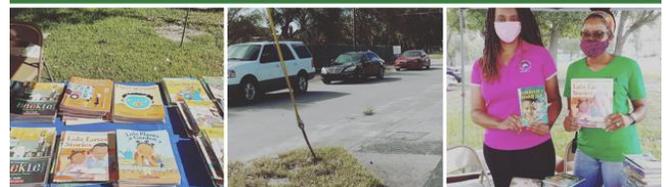
Despite having to reorganize the event due to the Coronavirus pandemic and even the threat of a severe tropical storm, that resulted in a postponement, we served hundreds of families and students received essential supplies to help prepare for the school year.

As always, a huge thank you to our dedicated CEA, NMOBC, community and teen volunteers who socially distanced themselves and facilitated a safe and seamless distribution process!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

2020 BACK 2 SCHOOL KICKBACK | AUGUST 15, 2020



"READING IS LIT!" AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

CEA SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This summer, during the last week of our successful CEA Summer Reading Challenge, we highlighted 5 local published children's book authors, two of whom were only 9 years old! The CEA was honored to have Olivia Robinson and Javerra Pringle share their books with us this summer.

Olivia Robinson, author of "Staying Safe from COVID-19: Olivia's Handbook for Kids," was first featured on the CEA Literacy Series on our Instagram and Facebook pages in the Spring. Since



then, she has authored and published her very own book, an especially relevant narrative during this global pandemic! This book not only guides readers on how to safely social distance, wear masks and wash their hands, but also informs them of the importance of paying attention to guidelines from health experts. This was an excellent book that captured the interpretation of the impact of the pandemic through the eyes of a child.



Javerra Pringle, author of "Cupcake Master," is a very active virtual CEA participant. He and his sister participated in all 7 weeks of the Summer Reading Challenge, and have continued to actively engage in current virtual CEA initiatives; receiving various prizes recognition.

"Cupcake Master" takes readers on a journey of a young boy with a vision - whose parents support him in following his passion. It is a story encouraging boys and girls to become successful entrepreneurs at any age. With a strong support system and ambition, reaching your goals is always achievable!

Our authors were also featured guests on the "Growing Voices of Our Future" segment of the Westside Gazette



Newspaper "Just a Little Bit" podcast. Both Olivia and Javerra were interviewed and discussed their journey and aspirations for becoming authors.

We are extremely proud of our young authors and excited about their future literacy and entrepreneurship endeavors. Check out our literacy leaders on the Westside Gazette Newspaper podcast interview here: <https://youtu.be/Ro6XYsJMUCs>.

TECH FOR KIDS: LAUNCHING WITH ROCKETS



CEA MENTORSHIP & CULTURE

The CEA continues to provide LITERACY, MENTORSHIP and CULTURAL experiences for our students in the 2020-2021 school year! During the month of October, we "launched" a very exciting and FREE 4-week virtual STEM enrichment program, "Tech for Kids: Launching with Rockets," in partnership with Necessities for Children. This initiative supports both our mentorship and cultural pillars. Students participated in innovative STEM instruction from volunteers in our community, created and designed their very own rockets, participated in weekly Q&A with STEM experts, NASA engineers and astronauts while interacting with their school and community peers.



Tech for Kids kicked off the first Wednesday in October (during World Space Week) and continued each week throughout the month.

Students ages 8-14 participated in weekly sessions that included special guest speakers: a NASA engineer, a local NASA Space Camp scholarship recipient, Jayda Washington-Boothe, and even Space X astronaut, Bob Behnken!



Students received instruction on Newton's laws and applied these laws and other STEM concepts to building their very own rockets, which they launched together and filmed during the final session (rocket launch videos can be found on our IG and FB pages).

At the conclusion of the "Tech for Kids" program, participants entered into the NASA Commercial Crew Program Art Contest, where their winning artwork could be used to create a 2021 calendar displaying different monthly space-related themes. To support the importance of literacy, students were also encouraged to participate in the NASA essay contest, in which selected semifinalists would be invited to represent their state in a series of Artemis Explorer session with NASA experts!



"Our children are the future!"

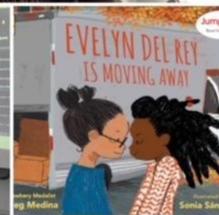
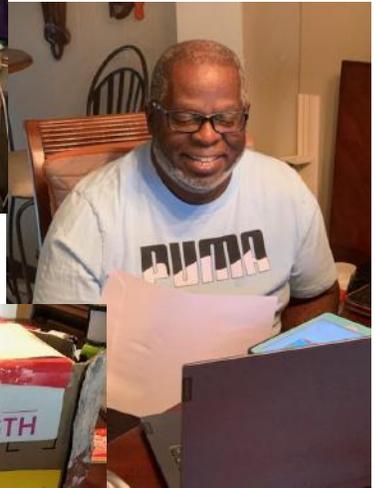
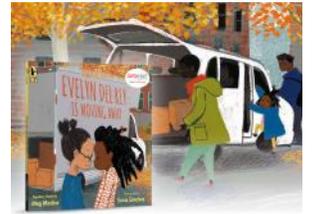
The CEA Reads for the Record!

OCTOBER 29, 2020

To wrap up an epic quarter of CEA literacy initiatives, the CEA Director, alongside our dedicated CEA volunteers participated in the global Jumpstart for Kids "Read for the Record" activity. Volunteers served at all 3 of our CEA elementary schools (Banyan Elementary, Sunland Park Academy, and Walker Elementary) and read "Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away" by Meg Medina.

Part of the national Jumpstart's Read for the Record® campaign, this event mobilizes millions of children and adults to celebrate literacy by participating in the largest shared reading experience. It focuses on raising awareness about the critical importance of early literacy and access to high-quality books. Students, grades pre-K through 3rd grade participated virtually with our volunteers as they read and provided follow up comprehension activities relating to the story.

Feedback from the school staff, students, and volunteers was overwhelmingly positive! To further support reading across the globe, the CEA posted its own virtual read along on our social media pages, which has reached almost 800 viewers!





KIDZ KORNER

Since the implementation of distance learning and virtual worship, the CEA has remained committed to providing weekly Kidz Korner virtual Sunday School lessons, follow up sessions and activities to engage our NMOBC and community youth. Through both our Instagram and Facebook social media pages, students and parents can access mini Bible videos and follow up questions from the lesson every Sunday following the NMOBC 9 am worship service.

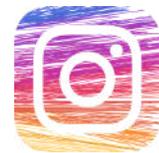
Each Sunday Bible lesson includes an interactive activity that is followed up during the CEA #WednesdayWITNESS session. The Wednesday follow up reviews Sunday's lesson and any questions or activities. Additionally, every Sunday, students and parents receive a text and social media post reminder to join a live Zoom session of the virtual Kidz Korner lesson at 2 pm. This session supports the virtual lesson as it teaches the lesson and engages students from the church and the community.

This quarter's Bible lessons have included stories about Paul's letters to the church, the Fruit of the Spirit, and Heroes of Faith.

Be sure to tune in every Sunday Morning and Wednesday afternoon for our online #KidzKorner and #WednesdayWITNESS as we provide virtual contributions to the NMOBC "Year of Transformation: Transformed through Witnessing."



CEA
ONLINE



Have you joined our social media following? The CEA is full speed ahead with both its Instagram and Facebook pages! Follow, like and share the CEA social media pages and stay tuned for virtual enrichment and community service initiatives geared to both students in our CEA schools and in the community!

Follow the CEA on Instagram:
@communityeducationalliance

Like and Follow the CEA on Facebook:
"Community Education Alliance"



CEA QUARTER 4 ACTIVITIES:

- **CEA GIVES BACK:** Thanksgiving and Christmas Community Giveaways
- **CEA LITERACY FEATURE:** "12 Days of Literacy"
- **ONGOING ONLINE ACTIVITIES:**
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You can access the volunteer application **here**:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NDgyMDplbi1VUw==>

Once cleared through BCPS, select a school near you and create a schedule that fits your availability!

Can't commit to virtual volunteering? Join our CEA "Friends of Culture" and help provide our schools and students an unforgettable CULTURAL experience!



BE A PART OF THE CEA STORY!

The CEA is seeking dedicated volunteers to provide virtual LITERACY, MENTORSHIP and CULTURAL assistance at any of our 6 CEA schools! Retired teachers, community leaders, business professionals and teens seeking service hours are all encouraged to join our team.

All interested CEA volunteers must complete the volunteer application and receive Level 2* background screening clearance through BCPS. Returning CEA volunteers with Level 2 clearance must only complete the online application.



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