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Malcolm Mitchell visits Troup County Schools

UGA Champion Wide Receiver, NFL Super Bowl Champ and Children's Book Author

LaGrange, Ga., November 9, 2021 – A live magic show, free books and time spent with a Super Bowl Champ, it was a great day for second graders in Troup County Schools.

Malcolm Mitchell visited Callaway, LaGrange and Troup high schools Tuesday, November 9 as part of his "Read with Malcolm" reading rallies to promote literacy. The second graders were transported by bus to one of the three high schools for the event. Mitchell's reading rallies are a key part of his "Read with Malcolm" youth literacy initiative, offered through his nonprofit organization [Share the Magic Foundation](#).

Malcolm was greeted at each school with a band and cheerleaders to hype the crowd eagerly waiting to hear his inspirational story of how reading changed his life.

The children's book author read *The Magician's Hat*, during the reading rallies while the students were able to follow along with their own copy.

"At Clearview we say readers are leaders. So that is something we focus on. Literacy is a lifelong skill that will help them be successful in life," said Debra Brock, Principal at Clearview Elementary.

Mitchell also visited with kids and families at a community event at Southbend Park.

"I am so proud to be with students, teachers, parents and families in Troup County today," said Mitchell. It's been an honor to partner with Troup County Schools for their literacy initiatives and my Foundation's reading programs. Today is a wonderful example of our joint mission to get Troup Reading," said Mitchell.

More than 1,400 books were given out to children during Tuesday's events.

Additionally, Troup County students recently crossed the finish line of Read with Malcolm's 26.2 Day [READMarathon](#), the organization's virtual reading endurance challenge. Students across the district are gearing up to compete in Mitchell's [READBowl 2022](#). The World Championship of Reading. The winning team gets a visit from Mitchell.

The day-long reading celebration called "Read Across Troup County" is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Troup County School System, the Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading grant and the support of the United Way of West Georgia's Magnolia Society and Get Troup Reading.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system has eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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