

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HOST SPECIAL NIGHT; GRAJEDA WINS CCMS SOCER COACHING DEBUT

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The Crockett County School District's three elementary schools – Friendship Elementary, Maury City Elementary, and Gadsden Elementary – all held their annual Math & Literacy Night Thursday to celebrate “Read Across America” Week and to highlight the work of the Save the Children reading initiative that has significantly benefitted students throughout the county.

The schools' reading ambassadors – Ashlee Hall at Friendship, Tammy Womack at Maury City, and Cassie Pearson at Gadsden – coordinate book fairs with the Math & Literacy event to ensure that children throughout the district will continue to be supplied with new books to read and inspired with challenges that help them want to read.

Math & Literacy Night features educational games in various stations that allow the students to have fun while being challenged to demonstrate what they have learned. Maury City featured a “Luau” theme for its event, while Friendship and Gadsden stuck more to the daily emphases they have used throughout “Read Across America” week.

Following a report on Thursday night's middle school soccer game, a photo collection of the sights from the various Math & Literacy Night events will be presented.

**CCMS BOYS SOCCER:** It often takes a sports team a while to adjust to new systems and strategies when a brand new coach is at the helm.

For Crockett County Middle School's boys, that “adjustment time” took about half of one half before they seemed fairly comfortable with the style that new mentor Jonathan Grajeda implemented for his very first outing Thursday night. The result was an 8-2 triumph over Martin Middle School in Grajeda's debut.

The Cavaliers started slowly offensively as they learned Grajeda's system on the fly. Goaltender Henry Mayfield made two early strong saves to keep Martin out of the scoring column, and eventually Crockett broke the ice when Damian Marquez netted the first of four goals he would score in the contest. Lucas Morales, who would collect his own three-goal hat trick in the game, joined the scoring parade shortly thereafter as the Cavs went on to post a 3-0 advantage at the half.

They pushed the margin to 5-0 before Martin finally tallied on a free kick. Crockett's defense of Julian Carcamo, Easten Stephens, Marlon Garcia, and Adrian Amador assisted goalie Mayfield in keeping Martin off the board until Crockett had the game well in hand.

Caleb Ferguson tallied the Cavs' other goal not accounted for by Marquez and Morales, helping Crockett to an 8-1 edge before Martin added its second goal for the final outcome.

CCMS is next scheduled to play Saturday morning at 11:00 at McNairy and then will have a March 13 contest at Milan at 5 p.m.

Photos from “Math & Literacy Night” at the elementary schools Thursday...



**Above:** Friendship's reading ambassador Ashlee Hall. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Friendship set up a "Book Walk" as its gymnasium centerpiece. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** This young man in Gadsden makes his new book selection. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Colorful games were everywhere in the Friendship gymnasium. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Friendship students had to solve a dice roll math problem. (Photo by Ron Barry)

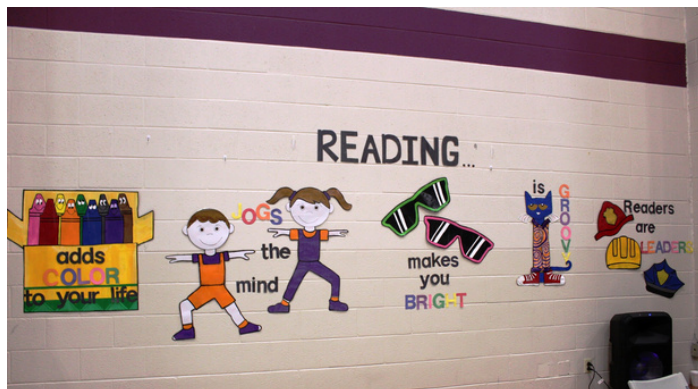


**Right:** Friendship students colored a positive word upon entering the gym. (Photo by Ron Barry)

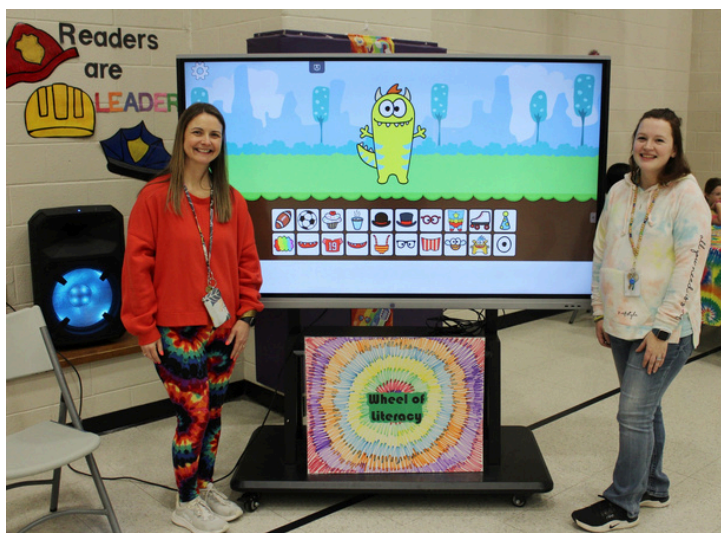


**Left:** Gadsden reading ambassador Cassie Pearson used some of the Save the Children funds to help students create outside stepping stones. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** This Friendship display highlights its daily reading emphases. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Tammy Gordon was ready to help younger Friendship children spy objects in picture books. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Friendship also rolled out its technology board for some literacy quizzes. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Arrivals sign in at the Friendship welcome table. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Tie-dye was the rage at Friendship, because Thursday was "Reading Is Groovy" Day. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Eric Weiss and Chloe Lollar were having fun making Gadsden students laugh. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Gadsden had several stations and lots of goofy hair. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Gadsden featured exhibits of projects students had created or solved. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Gadsden's games featured a jumper slide. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Gadsden administrators Marsha Foust and Lindsey Bradford had goodie bags waiting as students exited. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Clara Haase uses playing cards to challenge these guys with a math game in Gadsden. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** This Gadsden student was intent on making his motorized car take the right path. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Left:** This Gadsden science display featured an actual diseased lung from the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. (Photo by Ron Barry)





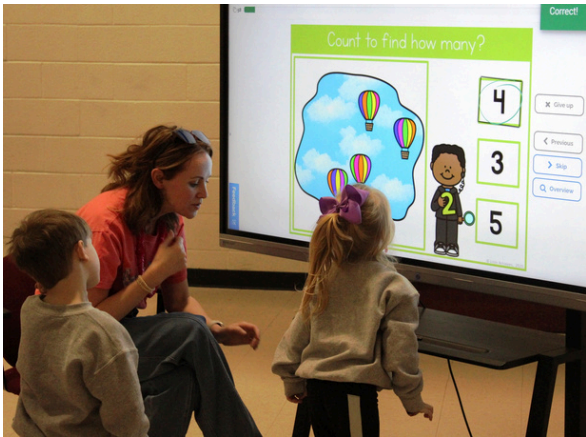


**Above:** "How low can you go?" in Maury City's "Literacy Limbo." (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** The Book Fair was in full flight at Maury City in the library. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Maury City used this technology screen to pose math problems. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** The welcoming decoration at Maury City. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Maury City students often get a burst of Lindsey Massey's high positive energy. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Randa Pratt engages a Maury City youngster with a game of catch. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Maury City's colorful "Luau" stations were coordinated by reading ambassador Tammy Womack. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Maury City hosted a "Word Walk" to Hawaiian music. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Maury City's Madison Webb interacts with a couple of students. (Photo by Ron Barry)

