

Read across America/Read on Santa Cruz County Week

Once again, the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office and School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez, celebrated, along with 35 Preschools and Elementary Schools within our county, National Read across America/Read on Santa Cruz County Week.

With the coordination of Ms. Patricia Barraza-Preciado (Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's office), we had over 102 volunteers from all across Santa Cruz County, read to each and every classroom in our educational community.

The main goal of this event is to encourage our children to read and to love reading at an early age. It's one of the most important things we can do as parents and as a community. It sets the foundation for a lifetime of success.

Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez and Ms. Patricia Barraza-Preciado would like to thank each and every volunteer who volunteered a couple of hours of their busy day to participate in this wonderful event. The children of Santa Cruz County, THANK YOU as well.

A very special thanks to the following Volunteers:

Mr. George Silva (County Attorney and sponsor)
 Ms. LeAnn Richards (McDonald's sponsor)
 Mr. James Quinet (McDonald's sponsor)
 Ms. Jennifer St. John (County Manager)
 Mr. Rudy Molera (County Supervisor)
 Mr. Manuel Ruiz (County Supervisor)
 Mr. Bruce Bracker (County Supervisor)
 Judge Thomas Fink (Superior Court)
 Judge Kimberly Corsaro (Superior Court Judge Pro-Tempore)
 Judge Emilio Velásquez (Justice of the Peace)
 Ms. Liz Gutfahr (County Treasurer)
 Ms. Suzie Sainz (County Recorder)
 Mr. Juan Pablo Guzman (County Clerk)
 Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada
 Lt. Gerry Castillo and Lt. Raoul Rodriguez
 Detective Raul Rodriguez
 Detective William Ybarra
 Ms. Denisse Melendez
 Ms. Maya Donnelly
 Ms. Terri Sprigg
 Mr. Chris Young

Rio Rico High School Athletes

Coach Jonathan Chavez and his athletes

Border Patrol (Nogales sector)

Agent Novotny, Agent Blanco and fellow agents

Arizona Department of Safety

Captain Kafton, Officers Ibarra and Enciso

Nogales Police Department

Asst. Chief of Police Roy Bermudez

Lt. Hernandez, Lt. Morell, Officer Andrade

Rio Rico Fire Department

Fire Chief Les Caid, Firefighter Flores

Nogales Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Mckearny, Firefighters Larriva and Hammond

Nogales Rotary Club

Mr. Abelardo Duran-President, Mr. Jorge Leon, Mr. Nohe Garcia,

Mr. Fernando Sandoval, Mr. Gus Benavides,

Mr. Rudy Peña, Mr. Mike Scott, Mr. Paul Hathaway,

Ms. Diane Scott and Mr. Bobby Astengo

Nogales Woman's Club

Ms. Martha Valenzuela, Ms. Adeline Cripe, Ms. Cecy Kory,

Ms. Linda Rushton, Ms. Kate Johndrow and Ms. Janice Johnson

School Administrators

Mr. David Verdugo (Superintendent #35)

Mr. Fernando Parra (Superintendent #1)

Dr. Stella Perez (Santa Cruz Community College)

District Governing School Board Members and District Staff

Mr. John Hays, Ms. Barbara Mendoza, Ms. Maria Nueman,

Ms. Cynthia Matus Morriss, Ms. Janet Winans, Mr. Joel Kramer and

Mr. Manuel Huerta (Dist. #28 Business Manager)

Other members of the community

Mr. Dean Davis

Ms. Danitza Lopez

Ms. Julie Holman

Ms. Maria Martinez

Ms. Chris Bachelier

Mr. Art Petersen

Also, including all other volunteers contacted directly by the schools



Santa Cruz County
 School Superintendent
 Alfredo I. Velásquez



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

