



## Two Simple Ways to Make a Difference at Alexander Elementary

At “JAm Fest” on October 25 when Junior Achievement demonstrated the impact of JA in the community and on our future workforce, the audience met four terrific 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Alexander Elementary. Their principal, Dr. Sonya Campbell, read some sobering statistics about her 405 “scholars,” where 100% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch and 8% are homeless.

We and many in the audience later asked her if there was anything we could do that could make a difference in their lives.

**Here are two opportunities for you and your friends or fellow employees to make an impact:**

- 1) Sit with a student and eat lunch for one hour.**
- 2) Donate a new or gently used book suitable for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**Friday, November 16**

**Be a role model and friend to a student who has no other adult who can attend the Family Feast Thanksgiving Meal**

10:00-11:00 / Kindergarten & 4<sup>th</sup> graders

11:00-12:00 / 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

12:00-1:00 / 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**R.S.V.P.:** [deborah.guion@ja.org](mailto:deborah.guion@ja.org) with your preferred time and if you want to purchase lunch (\$3.80).

\*\*\*Note\*\*\*

Please arrive 10 minutes before lunch time and sign in at the front office (bring your driver’s license).

**By Monday, December 3**

**Donate one or more new or gently-used books appropriate for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders.**

These books will be given to all students (approximately 200) who attend Alexander Elementary’s BINGO for Books night, a family fun literacy night. *(More info on reverse side)*

**R.S.V.P.:** Drop off the books at the school, at our JA office, or email [sarcox@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:sarcox@greenville.k12.sc.us) to arrange for pick-up.

\*\*\*Note\*\*\*

Donate books by December 3<sup>rd</sup> in time for the December 6 event.

**Where:**

Alexander Elementary School, 1601 Bramlett Road, Greenville, SC 29611

(1/2 mile north of intersection of White Horse Rd & Blue Ridge Dr, 10 minutes from downtown Greenville)

Telephone: (864) 355-1000

[www.greenville.k12.sc.us/alexand/](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/alexand/)

# Alexander Elementary School

Embrace, Engage and Empower, Everyone, Everyday!

Date: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

To: Susan Spencer  
Junior Achievement Director of Education and Volunteers

My name is Ms. Sarah Cox, and I am writing you on behalf of the entire faculty at Alexander Elementary. Alexander is a Title I school, located one-mile from White Horse Road, near the West End Arts District. Our students come from low income, high poverty homes and face many challenges. Despite the many challenges our students face, we strive to provide each child with meaningful learning experiences, as well as a nurturing and safe learning environment. We also strive to create a community at AES, through family fun nights, movie nights, literacy events, and awards days!

We will be hosting our first family fun literacy night on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is called BINGO for Books. We are super excited to invite students and parents to play BINGO, fellowship with other families from the community, and win FREE books. Our goal of this event is to promote literacy and remind parents and students the importance of reading both inside and outside of school. ***We want every student who attends the event to leave with a book, regardless if they win or not.***

We are expecting close to 200 students to attend this event, as well as additional family members. For this reason, we are seeking your partnership. We are in need of high interest books ranging from Kindergarten level to Fifth grade level. These books can be new, or gently used.

**We will be collecting books now through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Book donations can be dropped off at the school, or I can make arrangements to pick them up!**

We look forward to a partnership with you and your company. Our joint initiative will increase the access of books for our families, and further the literacy development of our students allowing them to become successful both inside and outside of the classroom.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to reach out by email at sarcox@greenville.k12.sc.us, or by phone at (404)-307-5399.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Cox  
Reading Interventionist  
Alexander Elementary School

