

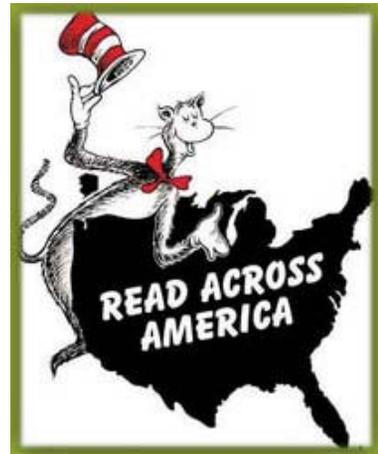


March 2016

## *Classrooms Celebrate Read Across America Day in Florida*

### **Read Across America Day celebrated in honor of Dr. Seuss**

The National Education Association's Read Across America Day was celebrated across the state on Mar. 2, 2016, honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday and promoting reading at an early age. **The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe** encouraged providers to submit classroom photos of how they commemorated the statewide celebration. The top three submissions were awarded gift baskets of Dr. Seuss' famous books to encourage students to continue reading year-round. The **ELC of North Florida** also celebrated as the Cat in the Hat paid a visit to eight child care centers throughout the region. Students participated in fun Dr. Seuss activities and each child received a book to take home.



## N-E-W-S

Early learning highlights from North, East, West and South Florida

### *ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe to Host "Passport to Learning" Event*

#### **Continue promoting early literacy on Mar. 18**

The **ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe** is hosting a pro-literacy event on Friday, Mar. 18, 2016, from 3 to 7 p.m. The event's theme, "Passport to Learning," encourages classrooms and students to continue their love of reading year-round. Join them at the Miami Children's Museum and take part in live guest readings, interactive exhibits and appearances from favorite book characters.



## *Look to the Future at the "Learners to Earners" Education Summit*

### **Discuss education with the Florida Chamber Foundation on June 2**

As a state of constant change, Florida looks to the future to discover ways to help today's students enjoy tomorrow's opportunities. Get involved in this discussion during the Florida Chamber Foundation's "Learners to Earners" Education Summit on June 2, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate. The Florida Office of Early Learning is one of the sponsors.



## *Head to the Children's Services Community Fair this March*

### **Enjoy entertainment, giveaways and more Mar. 26**

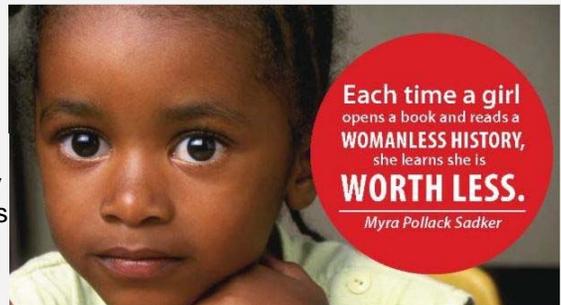
The **ELC of Hillsborough County** invites families and teachers to the annual [Children's Services Community Fair](#). Stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy great food, live entertainment, giveaways and help support service agencies. This event is a great way for families to learn more about why child services are an important part of the community. The event will take place at 3191 Clay Magnum Lane, Tampa, Fla.



## *Celebrate HERstory with the ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe*

### **Be part of Women's History Month at the ELC Lunch Café**

March's ELC Lunch Café honors Women's History Month with a panel of local entrepreneurs, activists and leaders. Join them at 2555 Ponce De Leon, Suite 500, Coral Gables, Fla. from 12 to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 10, 2016. RSVP by contacting [ymartinez@elcmdm.org](mailto:ymartinez@elcmdm.org).



## *Early Learning is Focus for Members of the 2016 AmeriCorps Team*

**Applications to join the team are due by Apr. 7**

AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides opportunities for individuals to serve their communities, using a human capital solution to meet critical needs in the state of Florida. Volunteer Florida is looking for organizations to help recruit and gain support for AmeriCorps volunteers. Applications are due by Apr. 7, 2016. Learn more about the program and sign up [here](#).



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