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Rockfish River Kindergartners Get Scholastic Books and Giveaways

Charlottesville, Virginia (4/2/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report 50 kindergartners at Rockfish River Elementary School in Nelson County recently received Scholastic Book Club books and FUN giveaways thanks to the generosity of the Smyth Foundation Fund.





Courtney Truslow, who coordinated the project at Rockfish River, says, "On behalf of our kindergarten teachers and students, we want to give you a big THANK YOU for the scholastic books donations. We were able to purchase four books, *Pete the Cat and the Tip-Top Tree House, Pete the Cat and the Great Leprechaun Chase, Fly Guy presents Sharks, and Fly Guy presents Weird Animals*. We passed out the books to our students with your Go Bananas! cards, duckies, bookmarks, and stickers. It is people like you that make a huge difference in our student's lives. Your continued support and partnership with our school is greatly appreciated."

QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "We love to get photos of the kids and find out what books have been distributed. Rockfish River was one of our very first schools back in 2009, so it's nice that we are continuing to help their students a dozen years and 249 schools later. If someone had told me back then we'd have gotten tennis in PE for more than 115,000 kids, I wouldn't have believed it. Add to that the 20,000+ kids we've reached with Go Bananas! over the years and now the 1,780 kids we've reached with Racquets for Reading!!! since the end of October, it all seems a bit unreal. We are so happy we can have a positive impact on kids, especially the ones who could use a boost the most. QuickStart Tennis steps up for kids in any way we can!"

Please visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners

through our Racquets for Reading!!! initiative during COVID. More than 1,780 kids reached with over 13,000 books!!!

Want to be a great adult? Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!! Be a QuickStart kid!

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville, plus under a special arrangement, King George County. We currently serve 212 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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