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## **Buckingham Preschoolers and Kindergartners Receive Books**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (5/24/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that the 70 preschoolers at Buckingham Preschool and 125 kindergartners at Buckingham Primary School in Buckingham County have received Racquets for Reading!!! books to keep, Go Bananas! cards and FUN giveaways, thanks to the generosity of the CAPTRUST Community Foundation and the Energix Group.



Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator, says, "We've been working with Buckingham County since we first started QCV and have found all sorts of ways to provide enrichment activities for kids there – from tennis programming at Ellis Acres to a 'tennis garden' at the elementary school to ongoing support for Zelda Maxie's long-running afterschool program. Now we've had the opportunity to promote childhood literacy thanks to CAPTRUST and Energix. We're also partnering with the local library to start a chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Buckingham. When learning to read is as much FUN as learning to play kid-sized tennis, that's a winning combination. We look forward to seeing school readiness and reading scores in Buckingham reach new highs. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help change lives in Buckingham!"





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 <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> initiative during COVID. More than 2,400 kids reached with more than 20,000 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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