

Accelerated Reader Field Trip

On Monday April 15th, Roma's hosted over 155 students from Essex Intermediate School who met or exceeded their Accelerated Reader goal. This was a very wonderful thing for Roma's to do, especially since they are normally closed on Mondays. Accelerated Reader is a literacy program that encourages students to read books of interest, then earn points by taking a short comprehension quiz on the book. In this case, the points added up to a huge reward. When approached by EIS Librarian, Latanya Weeden, the owner of Roma's, Johnny Giambanco, expressed, "Anything for the students. Let's make it happen." And so it happened. Students rode school buses to the restaurant where they were served pizza, sides and drinks. School administrators, teachers, members of the Essex County School Board and central office staff, including acting ECPS Superintendent, Dr. Tara Roane, were on hand to congratulate the hard working students and also pitched in to serve pizza and drinks. Dr. Roane congratulated them and checked in with each student to make sure that they were having a good time. Before heading back to school, students enjoyed treats including cupcakes and cookies and expressed their thanks to Mr. Giambanco for making this a very special field trip!



Left: Fourth grade EIS students with Principal Doranda Scott (left), Mr. Giambanco, (center) and Dr. Tara Roane. (far right)



Fifth grade students are excited to celebrate with pizza at Roma's in Tappahannock.