

Sussex Avenue Elementary School

The Duct Tape Reading Challenge

Sussex Avenue students' voracious appetite for reading may have been nourished in part by a desire to have some fun with Principal Peter Fazzano. Sussex students gobbled up thousands of pages over several hundred hours during a school-wide challenge that would allow the winning class to tape Principal Fazzano to the gym wall.

Sussex Avenue School Media Specialist Christine Kelly knew Mr. Fazzano to be a good sport, so she had no problem enlisting him as the reward for the reading challenge.

More than 130 students signed on for the project and over the course of a month they had logged nearly a thousand hours of combined reading time. Coming out on top – with 26,000 minutes (433 hours!) were Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Devlin's 4th grade class.

In addition to having the honor of taping Mr. Fazzano to the wall, the winning class was treated to a pizza lunch. Best of all, they learned how delicious books can be.

