

## **Students at Andrew Buchanan participate in an Ocean Themed Reading Incentive Program**

“Throughout the year, we ask the students to complete a certain amount of at-home reading, and if each class meets their goal (each grade level sets their own reading goal), students are rewarded throughout the year with fun activities,” said Kelly Hurley, Title 1 intervention specialist.

“Our theme this year is the ocean, and Buchanan’s faculty met at the beginning of the year and decided that the students’ rewards will be the Ocean Olympics. These Olympics will consist of ocean-themed minute-to-win-it-like games in which both faculty and students will have the chance to participate. Students get to watch their progress toward these rewards by looking at our “Keep on Reading...” bulletin board in the hall,” Mrs. Hurley explained.

The events began on September 15<sup>th</sup> when Buchanan teachers and students participated in the Opening Ceremony of our Ocean Olympics. This 30-minute assembly started with each class filing in to the multi-purpose room carrying their class flag. These flags were student-designed. Following the parade of flags, students were excited to watch their teachers compete in the first Ocean Olympics game – the Bubble Race. Grade level teachers competed against each other by seeing who could be the first one to blow a bubble and then carefully blow that bubble through a hula hoop being held in the air about 15 feet away.

More Ocean Olympic Games will follow this year as students continue to meet their at-home reading goals, Mrs. Hurley noted.





