

# Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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## Roll & Read visitors celebrate reading, fitness

Families from five Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 gathered on a rare sunny spring day April 26 to celebrate reading and fitness at a Campus Connection Roll & Read event.

Guest readers including Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager and Miss Woodstock Alondra Flores who read books to children in between laps around the Northwood Middle School track. Children raced each other as some parents pushed the younger ones in strollers.

About 150 people attended from Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center, Northwood, Mary Endres Elementary School, Greenwood Elementary School including football players from Woodstock North High School.

There were food giveaways from Kona Ice, Papa Murphys and Culver's and books for children to take home provided by the schools and Woodstock Public Library.

"The event brought together three favorite activities: Being outside, reading books, and food," Verda Dierzen Principal Trica Boggot said. "It was wonderful to see the smiles on the students' faces from preschool to High School."

This was the second Campus Connection event held by these schools this year designed to build relationships between families and District 200 schools. The first event was held Nov. 1 for residents of the low-income apartment complexes on Sheila Street.

"Our Campus Connection goal is for families to feel supported by the community and school staff," said Cristina Mazzanti, Verda Dierzen parent educator.

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Students and family members from Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 schools spring from the starting line April 26 at a Roll & Read event at Northwood Middle School.