

MCCU Celebrates March is Reading Month with Local First Graders

Marshall Community Credit Union celebrated March is Reading Month with first graders at Mar Lee School, Gordon, Hughes, Harrington, and Walters Elementary, in Marshall. As well as at Wattles Park Elementary in Battle Creek.

"Due to the pandemic and safety concerns, we haven't been able to go into any of the local schools like we typically do throughout the school year, which includes our in-school student-run branches as well as classroom presentations" said MCCU Financial Education Coordinator, Andrea Tucker. "But what we could do, is still be guest readers in area classrooms ... just virtually," she continued. And this month was the perfect time to do it!

Tucker read the book *Rock, Brock and the Savings Shock* by Shelia Bair, to 13 first grade classrooms during the month of March. In addition, she discussed the money concepts of saving, spending, and sharing and encouraged students to do a provided save, spend and share activity with their parents at home. Finally, every 1st grade student received a copy of the book that was read, to take home and add to their personal library. Funds for the books were donated by MCCU and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.

"Our students love being read to. And when they can hear a book from someone other than their teacher, it's a bonus," said Walters Elementary 1st grade teacher, Michelle Rupp. "We've missed having MCCU in our schools this year, and having Ms. Tucker do these readings and activities with our students this month, was a great alternative to their usual programming," Rupp added.

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