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Dear Worcester County Public Schools Families,

Every story has the power to inspire, connect, and transform us. This year, as we embrace our theme, *Every Story Matters. Every Child Belongs.*, we are reminded that every child's journey begins with the opportunity to discover themselves in the pages of a book. Reading helps students build knowledge, confidence, empathy, and a lifelong love of learning.

That is why I am excited to announce that once again Worcester County Public Schools has partnered with Pizza Tugos to bring back our *Hooked on Books* reading incentive program! This community partnership celebrates the joy of reading while encouraging students to build strong literacy habits both at school and at home.

From October 5 through November 30, all Worcester County Public Schools students in grades K–12 are invited to participate by meeting their grade-level reading goals. Students will track their progress using the grade-level bookmark provided by their school. Completed bookmarks should be returned to your child's school librarian by November 30. Students who meet their reading goal will receive a coupon, distributed during the week of December 14–18, redeemable for a free 12-inch pizza at the West Ocean City Pizza Tugos location.

This program complements our continued commitment to ensuring every child is known by name, strength, and need. It also aligns with other literacy initiatives, including Books from the Backseat and our network of Little Free Libraries, which help place books directly into the hands of children throughout Worcester County. Whether students are reading in the classroom, at home, or on the go, we hope every book they open helps them discover new ideas, new perspectives, and perhaps even a little more about themselves.

Thank you to Pizza Tugos for once again investing in our students and supporting literacy across our community. Together, we are helping every child write their own success story—one book, one page, and yes, one pizza at a time.

Sincerely,

Annette E. Wallace

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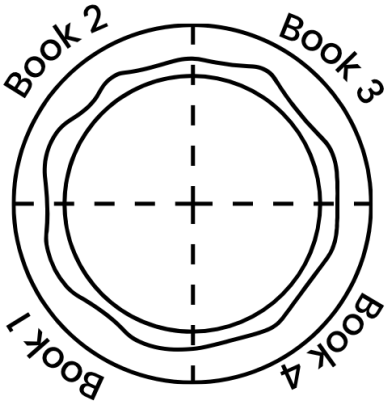

Pizza Tugo supports our WCPS readers! Read 4 books to earn a free 12-inch pizza.



*due by 11/30/26

When completed, return this bookmark to your school librarian.

Student's Name

School

Teacher

Adult Signature