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## **NEWS RELEASE – “NASCAR RACE CAR STOPS IN AT TWO SCHOOLS”**

Cars and reading – certainly not two things that usually go together. But, students at Mike Davis Elementary (MDE) and Village Oaks Elementary (VOE) schools got a special visit this week from a car that’s all about reading. The Just Read, Florida! NASCAR race car made a pit stop at both schools while on its tour across Florida. Representatives from the Florida Department of Education’s Just Read, Florida! initiative talked to students, and the kids got a chance to see a real NASCAR race car. Some lucky students even got to sit in the driver’s seat!

The Just Read, Florida! NASCAR race car visits are a part of the state’s “Take the Lead and Read” initiative – visiting communities and schools to share books and promote literacy. The race car will be taking a lap around the track at the Daytona 500 on February 26 – no reading behind the wheel, of course.

To learn more, please contact Collier County Public Schools K-5 Language Arts & Reading Coordinator Dianne Faramo at 377-0117.

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Village Oaks Elementary School students receive Pit Passes and get a chance to see the Just Read, Florida! NASCAR race car.



Mike Davis Elementary School students get a chance to sit inside the Just Read, Florida! NASCAR race car.