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### **Ga. Supt. Richard Woods Visits Centerville Elementary Feb. 25**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Georgia Superintendent of Schools Richard Woods will visit Centerville Elementary School on Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m. Supt. Woods is visiting the school with the Rotary Club of Centerville, District 6920, for a “Read United” tutoring session.

In January, the Centerville Rotary Club celebrated its one-year anniversary of providing a reading program to Centerville Elementary. The Club funds the program to help students improve their reading skills. The Rotarians currently tutor 42 students, an increase over the inaugural

year of 16 students.

Read United is an initiative of United Way of Central Georgia to address literacy challenges facing Central Georgia. The program recruits volunteers to tutor kindergarten through third grade students in reading. The volunteers help children increase their reading literacy and become a positive influence in the child’s life, thus improving the overall health and wellness of our community.

Learning to read is critical in the early years of childhood because of the shift that occurs in the schools when the child enters grade four. From kindergarten to third grade, a child *learns to read*. When the child enters grade four, the child *reads to learn*. If a child does not know how to read, essentially he or she cannot efficiently learn, and a downward spiral occurs.

Centerville Elementary School is located at 450 North Houston Lake Boulevard in Centerville. Ruthann Bowden serves as principal and may be reached at [Ruthann.Bowden@hcbe.net](mailto:Ruthann.Bowden@hcbe.net). To learn more about the Rotary Club of Centerville, please contact Walon Smith at 478-397-1927. More information about Read United of the United Way of Central Georgia is available at <https://www.unitedwaycg.org/readunited>.

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