

**The 2nd & 7 Foundation** is a non-profit organization located in Columbus, Ohio developed around the idea of giving back to the community. This idea was formulated by three former Ohio State University student-athletes who played football for the Buckeyes. Mike Vrabel, Ryan Miller, and Luke Fickell were involved in various community activities while at OSU and shared a passion for helping those less fortunate.

Upon graduation, the former Buckeyes felt an obligation to continue their service in the community and help influence kids to practice the basic skill of reading in order to become successful in the future. For the past 11 years, The 2nd & 7 Foundation has been reading and giving away books to kids in the inner-city. This year, the goal is to reach over 25,000 children with this program.

# "Tackling Illiteracy" 2008-2009 | Annual Report



## 2008-2009 Elementary Schools

- 1. Alpine
- 2. Arlington Park
- 3. Avalon
- 4. Avondale
- 5. Beatty Park
- 6. Berwick Alternative
- 7 Rinns
- 8. Broadleigh
- 9. Burroughs @ Clairfield
- 10. Cassady Alternative
- 11. Cedarwood Alternative
- 12. Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy
- 13. Como
- 14. Devonshire Alternative
- 15. East Franklin
- 16. Easthaven
- 17. Fairmoor
- 18. FCI Academy
- 19. Forest Park
- 20. Hamilton Alternativ
- 21. Huy @ Gladstone
- 22. Imagine Great Western Academy
- 23. Innis
- 24. Leawood
- 26 Lincoln Dar
- 27. Literature Based Alternative School at Hubbard\*
- 28. Maize
- 29. Maybury
- 30 North Linder
- 31 Northtown
- 32 Oakmon
- 33. Olde Orchard Alternativ
- 34. Parkmoor
- 35. Parsons
- 36. Prairie Lincoln
- 37. Prairie Norto
- oo. Salem
- 39. Scottwood40. Shady Lane
- 41 Sieher
- 42. South Mifflin
- 43. Southwood @ Reeb
- 44. Stewart Alternative
- 45. Stiles
- 46. Sullivant Ave Community School
- 47. Sullivant
- 48. Trevitt
- 49. Valleyview
- 50. Weinland Park
- 51 West Broad
- 52. Westgate Alternative
- 53. Woodcrest
- \* Multiple visits

# By The Numbers

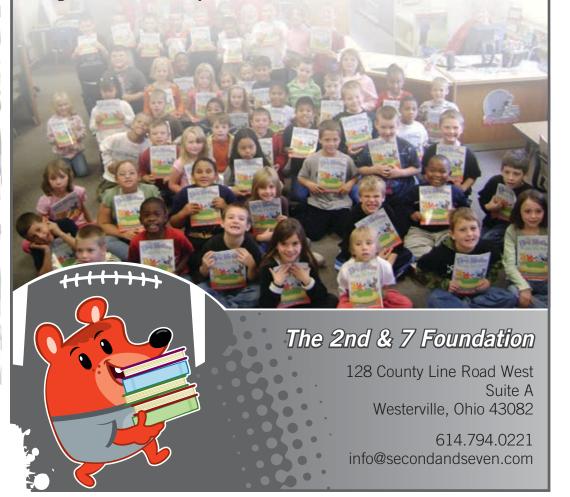
This past school year, we were fortunate enough to spread our message of "Tackling Illiteracy" by visiting approximately **4,000** children from **53** different schools in and around Central Ohio. We were also able to share our book, *The Hog Mollies and The Pickle Pie Party*, with nearly **12,000** additional children across the country!

Here is a breakdown of our visits each month:

| Month     | Schools | Students |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| September | 1       | 100      |
| October   | 11      | 685      |
| November  | 6       | 380      |
| December  | 5       | 345      |
| January   | 5       | 315      |
| February  | 8       | 667      |
| March     | 7       | 560      |
| April     | 5       | 385      |
| May       | 8       | 565      |

#### **Reaching Kids Across the Nation**

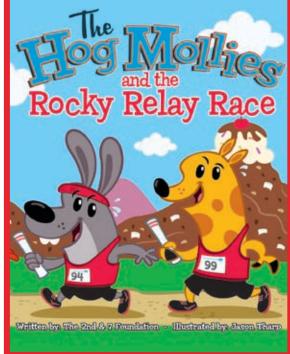
As the 2nd and 7 Foundation has grown this past decade, it has been able to respond to the needs of students all across the country. During the 2008-09 school year, we provided books to children from Florida to Michigan and even watched as other universities adopted our "Tackling Illiteracy" program, most notably Notre Dame, North Carolina, Toledo and Wisconsin. This is one competition among schools where everyone wins.



### **OSU Involvement**

Every Thursday and Friday throughout the school year, Ohio State student athletes took the time out of their day to read to 2nd graders in our community and talk to them about the importance of reading.

| Sport           | # of Visits |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Baseball        | 1           |
| Cheerleading    | 1           |
| Football        | 17          |
| M Fencing       | 1           |
| M Golf          | 1           |
| M Soccer        | 14          |
| M Swimming      | 3           |
| M Tennis        | 3           |
| Rowing          | 4           |
| W Gymnastics    | 4           |
| W Ice Hockey    | 5           |
| W Lacrosse      | 10          |
| W Track & Field | 9           |
| Wrestling       | 14          |
| Total           | 87          |







# Happy Anniversary!

The 2nd and 7 Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year! The co-founders are looking forward to sharing the second edition in their children's book series, *The Hog Mollies and The Rocky Relay Race*. Just as last year's book focused on teamwork, this year's book will remind children to always try their best. As Sprout, Harley, Hoppy and Duke continue their adventures, they are reminded that winning is not always the most important thing.

For more information on the Hog Mollies or to learn more about our "Tackling Illiteracy" program, please visit our website at www.secondandseven.com.



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader"- Margaret Fuller