

## 2016-17 FACTS



**A Renewal in Student Education and Evangelism** | **ARISE2Read** is a non-profit organization that facilitates partnerships between Shelby County Schools and evangelical churches and businesses in Memphis to strengthen our second-grade students in literacy. Trained volunteers are paired with students to coach them twice a week. **ARISE2Read's** desire is that all children are reading on grade-level by the time they enter third-grade.

[ARISE2Read.org](http://ARISE2Read.org)

### Education Facts

- According to the 2016 University of Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet, Memphis has the highest child poverty rate in the nation of cities with 1,000,000 in population. 43% of our children live in poverty.
- Students in low-income communities are, on average, three grade levels behind their peers in affluent communities by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Low-income students are five times more likely to drop out of school.
- In middle-income neighborhoods, the ratio of age-appropriate books per child is 13:1. In low-income areas, the ratio is one book for every 300 children.
- Two thirds of students who do not read proficiently by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will wind up either in jail or on welfare.
- **THERE IS HOPE!** Children in poverty who read proficiently by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have an 89% graduation rate.

### ARISE2Read in Memphis

**19**  
SCHOOLS

**822**  
VOLUNTEERS

**853**  
STUDENTS COACHED

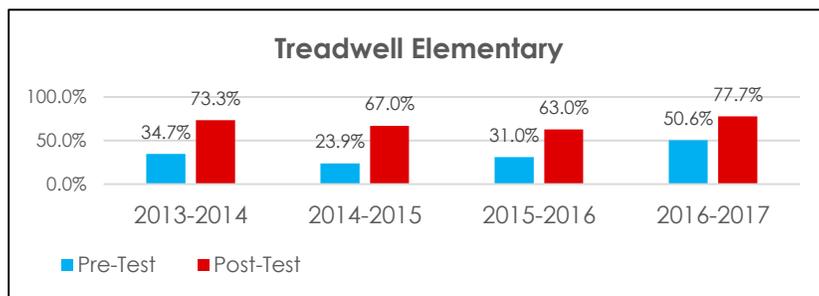
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ADOPTERS

### 2016-17 Results

- Of the 19 A2R schools, pre and post-tests were conducted at 13 and the results demonstrated a **142% average increase** in second graders who read on Fry sight word grade level.
- Those same test results demonstrated an average **gain per student of 274** Fry words memorized.
- Over **7200 books** have been given to elementary students from poverty-level families and **2000 backpacks** containing 2 grade-level books, sight word activity booklets and handouts, a bracelet, pencil, bookmark, and crayons were given away at end of year parties.

### Treadwell Elementary (Pilot School)

- 68.75% increase in overall reading scores on the SAT10 (Achievement test) from 2014-2016
- Progression from Level 2 to Level 5 on the TN State Performance Rating
- Post-test scores - 78% on grade level
- Average word gain of 408 words



### Schools

**Alyc, Carnes, Cordova, Dunbar, Georgian Hills, Getwell, Hawkins Mill, Hickory Ridge, Kate Bond, LaRose, Lucie Campbell, Macon Hall, Sheffield, Scenic Hills, South Park, Spring Hill, Treadwell, Vollentine, Winridge**

### Adopters

**Businesses** - Barnhart Crane, Cummins Mid-South, Diversified Conveyors Inc.

**Non-Profit Organizations** - AGAPE Fellowship, Neighborhood Christian Center

**Churches** - Bellevue Baptist Church, Brinkley Heights Baptist Church, Brown Missionary Baptist Church, Central Church, Eastside Church of the Nazarene Faith Baptist Church, Fisherville First Baptist Church, Germantown Baptist Church, Highland Church of Christ, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Hope Church, Hope Fellowship, Innovation Church, Mississippi Blvd Christian Church Midtown, Mississippi Blvd Christian Church Southwind, New Direction Christian Church, Olivet Fellowship, Praise & Worship Fellowship, Scenic Hills United Methodist, Second Baptist Church, Spring Hill Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church