OPENING SEASON

Twins continue effort promoting reading and Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente's legacies to local schools.

During the months of February and March the Minnesota Twins front office and Twins President Dave St. Peter visited over 20 schools and 3,100 students, kicking off the yearlong "Reading is Powerful" program. The focus of the program is to teach elementary school students the importance of reading, discuss the values of Roberto Clemente and Jackie Robinson, as well as spread a message of anti-bullying. All kids receive a bookmark with Clemente's most famous saying "Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth" or with Jackie Robinson's nine values to live by. As an additional reward, each participating student received four tickets to enjoy a Twins game with their family, as well as a free pizza voucher courtesy of our partner Papa John's.

Earle Brown Elementary Students learn more about Jackie Robinson and Target Field!

On January 31st, in celebration of Jackie Robinson’s 100th birthday, the Twins hosted students from Earle Brown Elementary at Target Field for a special Learning through Baseball program. The program focuses on the legacy of Jackie Robinson, the importance of diversity, inclusion, hard work, and how to apply these concepts to one’s own life and community. Students also received a behind-the-scenes tour of Target Field.

Learn more about the Jackie Robinson-themed tour or other Learning Through Baseball programs at twinsbaseball.com/tours.

PRE-SEASON

Twins Players and Manager support KMOJ at their Soul Bowl Fundraiser.

Braving all the elements an Upper Midwest winter has to offer, Minnesota Twins players, coaches, broadcasters, and alumni hit the road for two weeks in January to visit Twins fans from all corners of Twins Territory. The 2019 Twins Winter Caravan, presented by Case IH, visited more than 40 communities. On January 21st, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Winter Caravan headlined by Twins players Eddie Rosario and Jose Berrios, along with new manager Rocco Baldelli, made a stop at the KMOJ annual Soul Bowl fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATE

Jackie Robinson Day
April 15th
vs. Toronto Blue Jays

SPOTLIGHT

NELSON CRUZ

Name: Nelson Cruz
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On January 2, 2019, the Minnesota Twins announced the signing of designated hitter Nelson Cruz. Born in Las Matas de Santa Cruz, Dominican Republic, Nelson made his Major League debut in 1998. Cruz, who will wear #23, enters the 2019 season with the most home runs in baseball since 2014, and 360 career home runs over 14 major league seasons. In 2010 Cruz started the Boomstock23 Foundation which focuses on making a difference in children’s lives through sport and education.

Welcome to the Minnesota Twins, Nelson!