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Greetings Friend of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!

The new school year is officially in full swing! It has been a great start for our students, families, and for CPN! As soon as the bell rang on the first day of school, we began to receive exciting results about our Summer Programs, and last year's Expanded Learning Time (ELT) efforts. I am very pleased and excited to share these results with you! Our ELT programs will begin in September, and we can't wait to see our students there. This school year is going to be a transformative one...and CPN is ready and excited for our students! Join us, and join the Promise to be a part of this transformation!



CPN was proud to have Mayor Tecklenburg and his wife Sandy welcome our Sanders-Clyde students on the first day of school.

CPN Students Beat the "Summer Slide" at Mary Ford

For six weeks this summer, CPN provided resources, materials, and certified teachers for more than 70 students at Mary Ford Elementary, to focus on literacy and prevent summer learning loss. CPN is thrilled to report that at the conclusion of the six week intensive, every student who completed the program made gains or maintained their literacy skills based on the Reading Recovery intervention curriculum and assessment. Funding for the summer program was provided by a 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Bridge grant from the SC Department of Education, and dedicated funding from CPN covered the First Grade Reading Enrichment program. The 21st Century summer program served Kindergarten through 5th graders, and the latter served a specific group of high-risk 1st graders who needed targeted remediation. These students worked hard this summer to beat the summer slide, and we are so proud of their work in preventing summer learning loss!



To read more about the program results, [click here](#).

Charleston Promise Neighborhood
MARY FORD 21ST CENTURY SUMMER ENRICHMENT & FIRST GRADE READING ENRICHMENT

Charleston Promise Neighborhood, in partnership with Metcalf's Promise School, provided literacy enrichment to 71 1st graders this summer at Mary Ford Elementary. CPN additionally provided programming and resources for a separate group of at-risk 1st graders reading below basic literacy comprehension.

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE
 71 students participated in the Summer Enrichment programs, and based on attendance numbers from last year's data, attendance improved 63% this year.
 2015 Attendance: 20%
 2016 Attendance: 83%

STUDENTS ON LEVEL
 Students' progress was measured via the Reading Recovery Intervention program and assessment. 3 out of 4 students participating finished the program reading at or above their grade level.

STUDENTS ABOVE LEVEL
 Of the 71 students who participated, more than 1/5 completed program reading above their grade level.

FLUENT READERS
 Analyzing data results from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, well over half of the students were reading at a fluent level by the end of the program.

CPN 1ST GRADE PROGRAM
 The 1st Grade Reading Enrichment took 13 at-risk rising 2nd graders, and gave them literacy focused intervention.
 92% Each 1st grader developed a 4-point improvement on the Reading Recovery assessment and 50% more read at or above grade level.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
 71 students successfully maintained or gained literacy skills and prevented summer learning loss.

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Mary Ford 21st Century Expanded Learning Time Program Gets Rave Reviews

CPN received fantastic news about the outcomes of our Mary Ford 21st Century Expanded Learning Time programs! Based on the South Carolina Department of Education Monitoring Report for the 2015-16 school year, we learned that our work at Mary Ford is paying off in a big way for our students, teachers, and administration. Results from data collection and interviews demonstrate that students enrolled in our ELT programs at Mary Ford demonstrated significant growth in academic, social, and emotional areas. Attendance increased, literacy skills showed improvements, and participating students attained higher "words per minute" (WPM) scores on reading assessments. Socially, students demonstrated a heightened sense of identity and bolstered self-confidence. Emotionally, students appeared to be happier and showed increases in confidence. A special kudos to Ms. Loretta Hart, Master Reading Teacher and ELT site coordinator at Mary Ford, for her excellent leadership!



Things Heat Up for CPN, Storm Team 2, and GlassPro

CPN was thrilled to be News 2 and Glasspro's 3 Degree Guarantee non-profit for the month of August sponsored by our friends at Glasspro! Thanks to the "Wizard of Weather" Storm Team 2 Chief Meteorologist Rob Fowler, CPN received a \$2,500 donation from Paul Heinauer of Glasspro. The temperatures certainly were high, but our hopes for the Neighborhood are higher and this money will be used to help continue the transformation!



CPN Welcomes New Staff

We sadly said goodbye to our AmeriCorps VISTA, SaShay Butler in mid-August, but were excited to welcome James Vickers shortly after. James is our newest AmeriCorps VISTA and will be our new Parent Engagement Coordinator for the next year. He is a former public school teacher, and a talented DJ. Also, on August 1st, CPN welcomed Abby Walker to the staff as a Program Assistant for Expanded Learning Initiatives. Abby is also a former public school teacher, and has experience in publishing. Finally, in May, Courtney Lorah joined CPN as the Development and Marketing Assistant. Like her newest peers, Courtney is also a former teacher and has experience in social-media marketing.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherrie Snipes-Williams'.

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