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Greetings Friend of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!

**May has been a busy month for our Neighborhood schools!** Students participated in field trips to Blackbaud and Boeing, and the BB&T Banking Bus visited Mary Ford, Sanders-Clyde and other spots in the CPN Neighborhood. CPN partnered with Reading Partners to host a successful Family Literacy Night at Mary Ford, attended by 150+ residents, and students participating in our after school programs showcased their work at CPN's second "Show What You Know" series. A big shout out goes to our generous donors who supported CPN on May 3rd, Lowcountry Giving Day! They helped us raise \$74,457, more than doubling our goal for the day! Summer might be around the corner, but we are still at full speed here at CPN. Follow us on our new Instagram account @CharlestonPromiseNeighborhood, and keep up with us in real-time on our new blog [www.chspromiseblog.wordpress.com](http://www.chspromiseblog.wordpress.com).



**CPN CEO helps Sanders-Clyde 4th grader establish financial savings plan**

## Welcome CPN's Newest Board Member, Clara Fuqua



**After being involved with our organization since 2012, Clara Fuqua has joined the Board of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!** Clara serves as the Vice Chair of the Community Engagement Council and is also the Director of Workforce Development and Outreach at Florence Crittenton. Her involvement in customer-focused roles at Goodwill, Hickok Center for Traumatic Brain Injury, The Center for Disability and Housing Rights, and the Step by Step Program makes her a valuable addition to our Board. Outside of her work in the nonprofit community, she also serves as Customer Service Manager for Walmart. A native of

Baltimore, MD and Rochester, NY, we are happy to have her here in Charleston! Welcome, Clara!

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## Community Olympics 2016

Our second annual Community Olympics was a huge success! CPN students, with some help from Charlie the Riverdog, participated in numerous competitive games on Saturday, May 7th. Many thanks to our sponsors **SunTrust Foundation** and **TD Bank**, who generously donated time, funding, and some pretty awesome gifts and prizes for the students in our Neighborhood. We also had a strong corps of volunteers from **Nucor** and **Cummins** who helped orchestrate this annual community event. The final results of the Olympic Games were as follows: 4th Place-James Simons; 3rd Place-Chicora; 2nd Place-Sanders-Clyde; and a gold medal victory from Mary Ford! A good time was certainly had by all, and we are already planning for next year. Many, many thanks to all who helped make this day possible!



[For more information on The 2016 Community Olympics, click here to read more...](#)

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## Camp Blackbaud: 5th graders Taste and See a STEM-focused Workplace

On May 17th and 18th, CPN 5th graders participated in Camp Blackbaud. This action packed program was an extraordinary experience for students and Blackbaud employees alike. Teamwork was at the forefront of all the activities, and technology integration was an equally large component. Alisha, a software quality analyst at Blackbaud said, "It's amazing to give kids an opportunity to see past their school classrooms and neighborhoods.

There is a whole world of opportunity out there and this is a gateway for them to see it. It's so great for us as employees to experience that with them!". The students and workers teamed up to create their own Ipad Apps, and even got to present them to some managers at the company! The whole building was full of excitement while we were there because plans to build an even bigger building were



announced as our students were upstairs working! We are so excited for Blackbaud and thankful for their continued support. Our students will definitely remember this impactful experience! [Click here to read more about Camp Blackbaud...](#)

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## **Boeing Hosts CPN 4th graders for the DreamLearners Tour**

Throughout the month of May, students at all of our neighborhood schools got the opportunity to take a field trip to Boeing in North Charleston! This unique experience included a background lesson on why we should say, "If it isn't Boeing, I'm not going!". After learning about the impressive features of the 787 Dreamliners, students competed in teams against one another to see who could build the best paper airplane. They were given a budget, airplane designs, and job duties (with a few other rules from the "regulatory agency" thrown in for exciting twists). Then, 15 minutes was put on the clock and the countdown was on! The day ended with a paper airplane distance competition, and after the coronation of the winning team, the students were sent back on the bus full of inspiration to one day work at Boeing! We are very thankful for our partnership with this company, and see some future Boeing leaders in our neighborhood!



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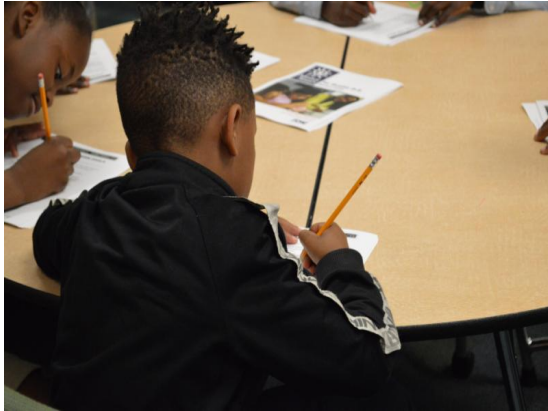
## **BB&T Banking Bus**

**Thursday, May 19th was a busy day in the neighborhood for our friends at BB&T Bank!**

Their Banking Bus began the day bright and early at Sanders-Clyde. Employees of BB&T took students in class-sized groups and worked through a financial literacy packet with them. They talked with the students about short term and long term goals, and the importance of setting them both. BB&T also highlighted life skills like prioritizing, budgeting,

and saving. The interesting aspect of this program was that it was tailor-made for students, so all of the examples were relatable and applicable for 10-13 year olds. After they finished the lesson, another BB&T employee took the students on the Banking Bus where they helped each student set a long term goal of becoming a millionaire! The time frame to save for this to be a possibility was, on average, about 100 years...but we all have to start somewhere!

Later that evening, BB&T took their financial literacy program to the adults at Family Literacy Night at Mary Ford. They offered free credit checks to parents in the neighborhood, and distributed information about saving and its importance. Thanks, BB&T!



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## Special Thanks To Historic Rotary Club of Charleston and Daniel Island Community Fund

We want to thank **The Historic Rotary Club of Charleston** for their generous sponsorship that provided bus transportation for CPN students to travel to Boeing for the DreamLearner Tour! We also want to thank **The Daniel Island Community Fund** for providing bus transportation for the Camp Blackbaud experience.

We are so grateful for supportive partnerships with outstanding citizen groups such as these!



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