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Greetings Friend of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!

**September has been a busy month for CPN students!** Expanded Learning Time (ELT) launched right after Labor Day, co-sponsored by CPN and Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Office of Expanded Learning and Community Education, to offer 500 students robust afterschool programming at Chicora, Mary Ford and Sanders-Clyde schools. We received promising results from CCSD's data analysis of our 2015-16 ELT programs, that helps us hone our focus on academic remediation during the 2016-17 programming year. Finally, thanks to a generous gift from Blackbaud, 50 CPN students attended the September 24th Charleston Symphony Orchestra Cirque De La Symphonie Family Concert at the Gaillard Center. Before the performance, students participated in a "petting zoo" where they handled classical instruments under the guidance of professional musicians. Our students have the first month of school under their belt, and we look forward to seeing them grow over the next eight!



Students test instruments at the "petting zoo" this past Saturday at the Gaillard Center.

## CPN Students Show Gains in Math in ELT Data Outcomes

**Academic achievement is at the forefront of CPN's mission to ensure our students are on track for success.** One way CPN is ensuring students have the opportunity to be successful academically is through Expanded Learning Time (ELT). Serving 400+ students at 3 schools last year, we are happy to report that CCSD's analysis of our daily afterschool program data indicates that the majority of students participating in ELT programs: 1) improved their performance in



mathematics, 2) experienced less "out of school suspensions", and 3) improved their school day attendance, as compared to their peers not participating in ELT. In addition, CPN partnered with Reading Partners in a pilot program where 47 K-2nd grade ELT students at Sanders-Clyde received an additional 2 hours per week with a volunteer reading tutor during the 2015-16 afterschool program. Results from this pilot program indicate growth in reading and literacy levels that surpassed national norms by upwards of 25%. We look to expand this pilot and achieve even greater results this year!

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## Expanded Learning Time Programs in Full Swing

**The 2016-17 Expanded Learning Time (ELT) programs are underway!** Nearly 500 students have enrolled at Chicora, Mary Ford, and Sanders-Clyde in afterschool programs where they receive academic supports, participate in extracurricular enrichment, and receive dinner each weekday after school. Many thanks to our amazing site coordinators who keep ELT a well-oiled machine that runs smoothly and effectively. We also have a great slate of Enrichment Providers working with ELT students this school year! To read more about why ELT is important, and to view a list of this year's providers, [click here](#).

EXPANDED LEARNING TIME A partnership with CCSD	ENRICHMENT	DINNER
<b>ACADEMIC</b>  STUDENTS RECEIVE HELP FROM A CERTIFIED TEACHER WHO PROVIDES HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE AND ADDITIONAL MATH SUPPORTS THROUGH APPLICATION PRACTICE	STEM RELATED STUDIES ARTS ENRICHMENT PROJECT BASED LEARNING	<b>100%</b> OF STUDENTS RECEIVE HEARTY, NUTRITIOUS DINNER

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## Two CPN Staff Members Selected for Leadership Charleston

Congratulations are in order for our Community Engagement Program Manager, **Radia Heyward**, and our Director of Expanded Learning Initiatives, **Katie McCabe**, who were both selected to participate in the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's 2016-17 Leadership Charleston Class. Leadership Charleston is a 10-month program for professionals offering an intensive and up-close look at various issues impacting our region. The program features prominent and stimulating speakers who encourage discussion and participation along with visits to various community assets, including schools, hospitals, the Port of Charleston, military facilities, and a trip to the S.C. Statehouse. Each session examines leadership roles in political, social and economic affairs.



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## CPN Walks With Eastside Residents to "Stop the Violence"

On Saturday, September 17th, CPN rallied with Eastside residents at the "Stop the Violence Unity Day" event. The day began with a walk around Philip Simmons Park, to bring Eastside neighborhood residents together with local businesses and concerned citizens, and focus on decreasing acts of violence throughout our communities. After the walk, local vendors, including CPN, had tables for residents to visit and learn about their offerings.



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