



MEDIA RELEASE

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Story ideas

An eco-friendly, financially smart lesson!

Garinger High students will create a community garden by reviving an already on-site greenhouse. Plans include students selling their produce at a new market at Eastway and Shamrock Drives. The first garden workday will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Garinger (1100 Eastway Dr.) Contact Stacy1.Sneed@cms.k12.nc.us

The winning word is ...

Harding University 11th-grader Khadiga Konsouh recently won the city-wide Exodus National Spelling Bee Tour! In April, she will travel to Atlanta where she will compete against nine students nationwide. Khadiga has already won \$1,000, but has a chance to win the grand prize of a \$15,000 scholarship. If Khadiga wins the competition, Harding University will receive \$10,000 for academic program improvements. Contact Stacy1.Sneed@cms.k12.nc.us

Music of the heart

Butler High students Natalie Jones, Aubrey Young, Cameron Van Sickle, Casey Daniel, Torrence Clark and Ben Thompson were selected to sing in the 64th Annual J. Elwood Roberts – Mars Hill College Choral Festival, Feb. 3-4. Students from across the state were eligible to audition for a place in the chorus. The students will perform in a concert on Feb. 4 at 4 p.m., under the direction of Dr. Sandra Snow from Michigan State University. The festival, established in 1949, has grown into one of the premiere choral festivals in North Carolina and, is known as, the longest, continuously-running festival of its type in the southeast. Each year, more than 700 students from approximately 100 high schools audition for the Festival Choir. Contact Katherinef.Thompson@cms.k12.nc.us

Announcement

Open house at Independence High School!

Rising ninth-grade students who will attend Independence High School (1967 Patriot Dr.) are welcome to attend the "Patriots on Parade" open house event from 6-7:30 p.m. Students and parents will visit various booth displays to see all that Independence has to offer. Each department and organization will be represented. A second open house will be held on Feb. 23 for students already in attendance at Independence. The event will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. and be an opportunity for parents to drop-in and meet their child's second semester teachers. Contact Stacy1.Sneed@cms.k12.nc.us

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Getting pumped for college sports! (Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology, 1430 Alleghany St.) 1:30 p.m. — Four seniors are on their way to playing college sports at the schools of their choice! Gerome Hopper will play for Clemson University, Cameron Hudson will attend East Carolina University, Nick Dawson will go to the University of Louisville and Kedrick Davis will sign to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At an assembly, students will sign their letter of intent to play sports at the collegiate level. The students will be recognized for achieving scholarships, hard work, leadership, self-discipline and dedication.

Shine those pearly whites! (Cornelius Elementary, 2116 Catawba Ave.) 1:10, 1:45 and 2:20 p.m. — It's important to have a healthy and beautiful smile, so Cornelius is rounding up their first-grade students to learn how they can care for their new permanent teeth! A dental hygienist will give a 30-minute hands-on lesson with tips to last a lifetime. Each grade will receive dental education throughout the months of February and March, with lessons about cavities, flossing and trips to the dentist.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Interested in learning more about CATO? (CATO Middle College High School, 8120 Grier Rd.) 10-11 a.m. — CATO Principal Joey Burch will hold an open house and orientation session for parents wanting to know more about the high school. Parents can learn about the application process, classroom instruction, college classes and so much more! Presentations will be held.

Marine shares his path from war to peace. (Military & Global Leadership Academy at Marie G. Davis, 3351 Griffith St.) 8-10 a.m. — ROTC Global Studies presents "It Happened on the Way to War: A Marine's Path to Peace" book study breakfast. The keynote speaker will be author Rye Barcott. He will discuss life in the military and as a civilian.

Diversity begins with understanding! (Hopewell High School Media Center, 11530 Beatties Ford Rd.) 6-8 p.m. — Parent University will hold a Gay, Lesbian, Transgender Questioning Session. The session will allow families to speak openly and have questions answered about alternative lifestyles.

Friday, Feb. 3

Twenty-year volunteer turns 90! (Briarwood Elementary, 1001 Wilann Dr.) 9:15 a.m. — Students and staff will celebrate Julian Underwood's birthday to show appreciation for his years of service to CMS. He has a giving heart, donates two \$500 savings bonds to students each year, was instrumental in building a park in Shannon Park and has won the 9Who Cares award along with many other accolades. More than 100 people are expected at the reception.

Mentoring partnership at Morgan School (700 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) 2 p.m. — University of North Carolina Charlotte Kappa Fraternity members partner with the counseling department to provide mentor group with high school students. Fraternity members give advice on how to prepare for life outside high school and how to prepare for life in college.

Saturday, Feb. 4

2012 Regional Science & Engineering Fair (University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Cone University Center) 9:15 a.m. — Student interviews with judges, 9:30-11:30; Awards ceremony, 3:30 p.m. — Students from across CMS will present their self-prepared scientific projects at this year's science fair. The 2012 Regional Science and Engineering Fair works to create enthusiasm in science and technology, while encouraging project-based inquiry. Students with winning research projects will compete in the 2012 North Carolina Science and

Engineering Fair, March 23-24, in Raleigh, which gives students the chance to compete for college scholarships, awards, honors programs and other exciting prizes.

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