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Story idea

National Geographic Giant Traveling Map comes to CMS

CMS students will dive into the wonders of the Pacific Ocean with one of the world's largest maps of the world's largest ocean. The map, which measures 26 x 35 feet, will give student explorers a fun, interactive experience through rich content and exciting activities that ignite an interest in geography. The map will be in the area through April 20. For more information, email [Kasia Thompson](mailto:Kasia.Thompson@cms.k12.nc.us).

Announcement

Magnet-lottery application deadline

The first magnet-lottery application period will end on Feb. 13. The magnet lottery is an online process, open daily from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. CMS will provide free computer access at the Family Application Center (700 Marsh Rd.) and at all zone offices. Computers at these locations will be available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lottery assignment notification letters will be sent to families in February. The letters give assignments through the lottery process and provide information on how to ask for reassignment. Students new to CMS in the 2012-2013 school year must have enrolled in the system by Dec. 2 to be eligible for the first magnet lottery. Students who enrolled after Dec. 2 will be eligible for the second magnet lottery, which runs from March 14 to June 4. For more information, email [Kasia Thompson](mailto:Kasia.Thompson@cms.k12.nc.us).

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Taking the right steps to prepare for college (Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology, 1430 Alleghany St.) 12-2 p.m. – The National Academy Foundation (NAF) is a leader in the movement to prepare young people for college and career success. NAF visitors will provide students with guidance, tips and expertise in the industries of finance, hospitality and tourism, information technology, and engineering.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Interest in science explodes at Highland Creek's first Math and Science Night (Highland Creek Elementary, 7242 Highland Creek Parkway) 5:30-8:30 p.m. – Families will participate in more than 20 hands-on activities that will test laws of physics, chemistry and math. The evening will use magic, mystery and live animals to bring families together and celebrate scientific creativity.

Friday, Feb. 10

Hear this! (Cotswold Elementary, 300 Greenwich Road) 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – Tune-in to the sounds around us with the Discovery Place exhibit “Sound is Vibration.” Cotswold second graders will have an opportunity to learn about different sounds emotionally, physically and in their environment. A hands-on technique will give students a chance to put different materials together and hear various sounds such as mechanical launches, sounds in space, wind tunnels and much more.

ESPN Content of Character panel discussion (South Mecklenburg High, 8900 Park Road) 1-2 p.m. – ESPN has invited a guest panel of local and national broadcast journalists to discuss education, equality and leadership. The panel is part of ESPN’s commitment to recognize and celebrate martin Luther King, Jr.’s message and Black History Month.

Drop Everything and Read (South Charlotte Middle, 8040 Strawberry Lane) 1:09-1:54 p.m. – Staff at South Charlotte Middle have recognized that their students are part of a growing trend of children who don’t read for pleasure. In response, the school will hold their first “Drop Everything and Read” event, where students can read whatever they choose for 30 minutes. The staff hopes that this will foster a culture of reading and maybe even form a few good reading habits. The staff will also lead by example by displaying the title and author of books they are reading on their doors.

Saturday, Feb. 11

The writing is on the wall (MLK Middle, 500 Bilmark Ave.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Students and staff at MLK Middle will join forces with Elevation Church and Hands on Charlotte to fill the school’s main hallway with quotes from Dr. King. The intent is to leave a reminder of the shared responsibility we each have to fulfill his dream. The group will also put finishing touches on the school’s peace garden. The service project will kick-off a week of nonviolence and bullying prevention activities at the school.

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