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Story idea

Puppy love

Students from Polo Ridge Elementary collected items to donate to animal shelters, including blankets, towels, newspapers, treats, toys, litter, food, crates, leashes, collars, bowls and more. The students responded in full force and gathered multiple car loads of gear. Because of the tremendous response from Polo Ridge families and their neighborhood supporters, the donations will go to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care and Control Shelter and two small, rural shelters. For more information contact [Kasia Thompson](#).

Tuesday, January 24

See the light! (Butler High, 1810 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd.) 6:30-7:15 a.m. — A 1,200 light luminary show will be on display by the Butler Dream Team as students share the alarming message that 1,200 people die each day due to tobacco related illness. The Dream Team promotes positive lifestyle choices and living a drug-, alcohol-, tobacco- and violence-free life.

Budget work session (Government Center, Room 267) 3:30 p.m. — The Board of Education will hold the second of three work sessions for the 2012-2013 budget season. Staff will present information on the graduation rate.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education regular meeting (Government Center, Room 267) 6 p.m. — The Board will discuss construction and real estate items, the Project L.I.F.T contract and personnel appointments. They will also review General Counsel's contract and Board member expense accounts. The Board will receive reports on the Talent Effectiveness Project, Community Use of Schools and the Capital Needs Assessment. [View the complete agenda.](#)

Wednesday, January 25

FLASH MOB! No Name-Calling Week kickoff event (Ridge Road Middle School, 7260 Highland Creek Pkwy.) 9:30 a.m. — Students and staff at Ridge Road Middle will dress in black and create a flash mob to show unity and respect for each other. The event is part of National No-Name Calling Week, which launches an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying at schools and in communities.

Media briefing (Performance Learning Center, 1400 N. Graham Street) 10 a.m. — Interim Superintendent Hugh Hattabaugh will discuss the graduation rate and highlight the PLC program, which is a small, non-traditional high school geared toward students who have not been successful in the traditional setting. Students will speak to the media on their experiences at the PLC and the media can film classroom visits.

Spelling out their futures! (Harding University, 2001 Alleghany St.) Preliminaries at 8 a.m., City Bee 10 a.m. — High school juniors and seniors from Charlotte will compete in this year's Exodus National Spelling Bee Tour for scholarships, awards and additional prizes. CMS students will participate in the spell-a-thon against their peers from nearby schools. Students could win up to \$15,000 for college and the student's school could win \$10,000 for academic program improvements.

Thursday, January 26

Building blocks: Pre-K information session (Beatties Ford Road Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road) 5:30 p.m. — Mecklenburg County families interested in placing their child in a Pre-K program can come to the information session to learn about Charlotte-Mecklenburg NC Pre-K, a child-centered, literacy-based program for Mecklenburg County residents who have a child who will be 4 on or before Aug. 31, 2012. Participants will learn of locations and program requirements. They'll also receive an overview of daily operations, including curriculum, meals and transportation.

Montessori madness! (Myers Park High School Auditorium, 2400 Colony Rd.) 6 p.m. — "Montessori Madness" Author Trevor Eissler will visit the families of Park Road Montessori and speak about the "practical side" of being a Montessori parent. Eissler is just one of this year's surprises for Park Road's 20th Anniversary celebrations.

Friday, January 27

Halls of Wonder (Sharon Elementary 4330 Foxcroft Road) K-2 presentations 8:30-9:30 a.m., Grades 3-5 presentations 9:30-10:30 a.m. — From weather systems to body systems, watch students at Sharon Elementary as they incorporate the eight characteristics of multiple intelligence (spatial, intra-personal, inter-personal, naturalist, bodily calisthenics, logical/mathematical, musical and linguistics) into comprehensive projects founded in research and presented with visual displays, songs and poetry.

Monday, January 30

Chefs Move to Sterling (Sterling Elementary, 9601 China Grove Church Road) 9:30 a.m. — Professional chefs will present a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Show to third-grade classes at Sterling with help from their friends, Tommy Tomato and Claudia Cauliflower. The Chefs Move to Schools program, run through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, partners chefs with schools to teach students about nutrition and making healthy choices.

Always Bee Spelling: The CMS Spelling Bee (Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Road) 9:30 a.m. — Five CMS students, the top winner from each zone, will compete in the CMS District Spelling Bee. The winner will represent CMS in the Observer Regional Spelling Bee at ImaginOn's Wachovia Playhouse on Monday, Feb. 20.

Save the date! 2013-2014 calendar process meeting date (Metro School, 405 S. Davidson St.) 4-6 p.m. — The second 2013-2014 calendar committee meeting will take place and the public is invited to observe the process. Watch as a steering committee develops six different calendars, from which a committee of parents, community members, teachers, principals and other CMS staff will choose two calendars. The final two calendars are put to a vote with staff and the community, followed by a presentation and recommendation to the Board of Education by Interim Superintendent Hugh Hattabaugh later this spring.

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