



MEDIA RELEASE

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Story idea

Work hard, play harder

DeMarcus Humphries of Mallard Creek High School; Nick Dawson and Gerome Hopper, both of Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology; and Elijah Jett of West Charlotte High School are currently in San Antonio preparing to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Alamodome. Bowl representatives and representatives from the U.S. Army announced the recognition at the player's respective schools in October. The game brings 90 of the nation's top high school football players in an East versus West matchup. While there, players will train with NFL and NCAA coaches and participate in opportunities to give back to the community. A committee of game producers from All American Games, Rivals.com and recruiting analysts selected the U.S. Army All-American Bowl players. Coaches also nominated players for the recognition. Media outlets can meet with the players upon their return. For more information, email [Stacy Sneed](mailto:Stacy.Sneed).

Announcement

Assignment notifications sent home

CMS will send individual assignment notifications home with all current students beginning this week. This mailing includes each student's identification and PIN numbers, as well as directions for online application to the magnet lottery. Students who are new to CMS and students assigned to Title I Choice schools will receive the information in the mail. Only students who participate in the lottery or Title I Choice will receive lottery assignment notifications in February. For more information, email [Kasia Thompson](mailto:Kasia.Thompson).

Tuesday, January 3

Special meeting of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (Government Center, CH-14) 1 p.m. — District 6 applicants will each have the opportunity to give a three-minute presentation to the Board of Education. The Board will discuss and may potentially vote on the appointment.

Wednesday, January 4

A grand gesture (Alexander Graham Middle, 1800 Runnymede Lane) 2:45 p.m. — Seventh-grade students in the academic enrichment program at A.G. will present Susan G. Komen for the Cure with a check for more than \$1,500. The students became interested in breast cancer after researching and doing presentations on the condition. The students raised the funds by selling pink ribbons and collecting donations.

Thursday, January 5

Mamma mia! Pizza garden announcement (Shamrock Gardens Elementary, 3301 Country Club Drive) 10 a.m.-noon — Join us to cover a surprise announcement and pizza party for a class at Shamrock Gardens Elementary. The class is one of 14 across CMS to receive Field to Fork pizza gardens in 2012. The pizza garden concept appeals to children and teens by growing vegetables and herbs to make a healthy pizza. The classes will also receive nutrition and cooking instruction throughout the year. Fuel Pizza Café of Charlotte, the Mecklenburg County Health Department, Mecklenburg County Fruit & Vegetable Coalition, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Charlotte Green sponsor the gardens.

TENTATIVE Special meeting of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (Government Center, 267) 4 p.m. — The Board of Education will continue the selection process at this special meeting if an appointment was not made at the Jan. 3 special meeting.

Friday, January 6

Magnet-lottery application period begins

The first magnet-lottery application period is from Jan. 6 – Feb. 13. Lottery assignment notifications 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.

Saturday, January 7

CMS Magnet Fair (Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology, 1430 Alleghany Street) 9 a.m. -1 p.m. — Representatives from each CMS magnet program will be available at the fair to share information and answer questions. Staff from the English as a second language (ESL) department, career and technical education, study abroad programs, Parent University and student assignment will also be on hand to answer questions. School health workers will be there to provide information on required physical examinations and immunizations. Computers will be available, so families can complete the online student-assignment forms if they would like to participate in the lottery.

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