



# Family Orientation Night

Thursday, May 28, 2015

5pm-7:30pm

The 658 Center

# Welcome & Introductions

## Leadership Team:

- Vikki-Rose Tunick, Assistant Head of School
- Shelli Merritt, Head of Operations
- Kendra Johnson, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment
- Susannah Lund, Director of Development
- Ricky Singh, Director of Student Services
- Mitch Carraway, Director of Technology
- Meegan Whelan, Guidance Counselor

## Founding Teachers:

- Jim Luft, Quest Lead Teacher
- Lisa Charde, Art
- Denise Glaser-Serrano, Gifted & Talented
- Carey Gates, Spanish
- Mary Ashley Davino
- Maggie Brown
- LaQueita Carter
- Emily Fields
- Mary Royall Byrum, Kindergarten Lead Teacher
- Leto Powell, Spanish/ESL
- Larsee McGowan, Kindergarten Assistant
- LeeJung Liao, Chinese

# Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- State of the School
- Getting Ready: Registration, Lunch, & Transportation
- Getting Involved: Volunteers and Fundraising
- What to Expect
- Preparing for a Smooth Transition

Note: This presentation will be posted on our website for your future reference.

# Introductions

Turn & Talk: Please turn to someone sitting near you – *who you don't already know!* - and introduce yourself.

In 30 seconds, share **ONE** way that you plan to be involved at Charlotte Lab School in the coming year!

# State of the School: Facility

- Closing on \$400k construction loan on Monday
- Construction began last week
- Our General Contractor is Myers & Chapman
- 11-12 week construction period – early August completion
- Updates and progress photos will be provided weekly on Facebook (first pictures are on the website)
- Furniture ordered
- Opportunities to help: decorating, furniture, “Setting Up Our Space Night”

# State of the School: Funding

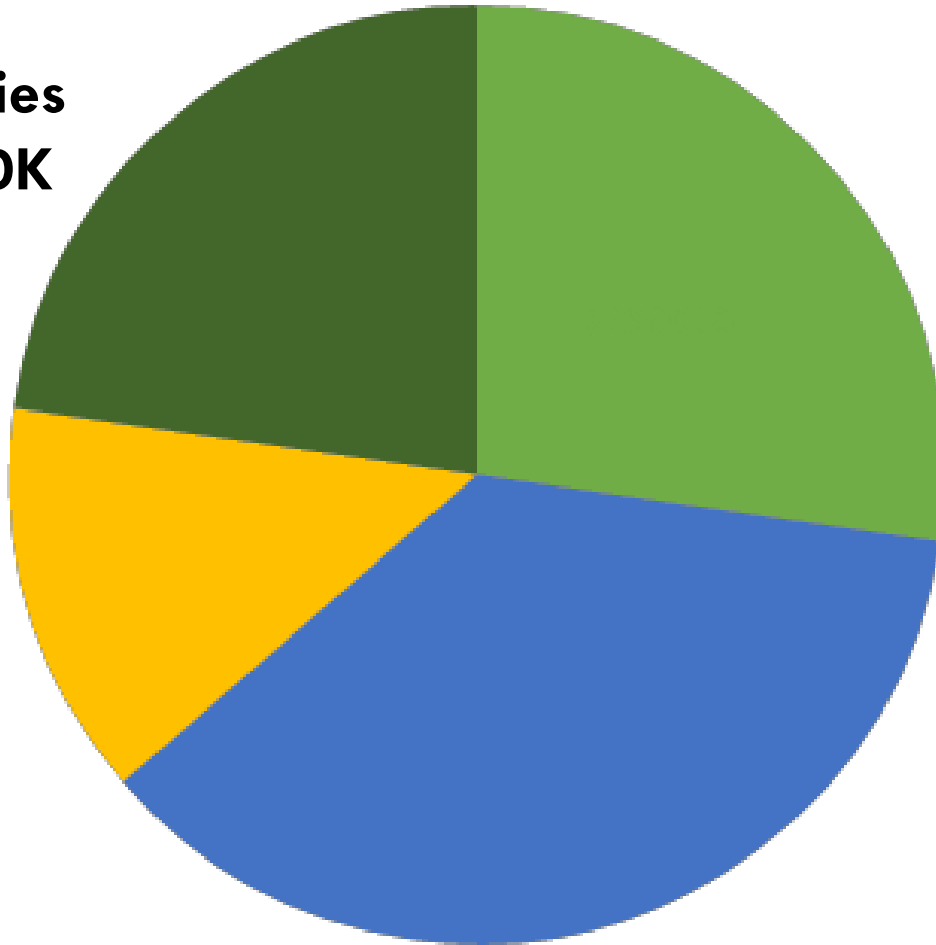
- Funding based on enrollment and **ATTENDANCE DURING THE FIRST 20 DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**
- Funding sources *follow each student*:
  - County: ~\$2000 (\$2262 from CMS)
  - State: ~\$4500 (\$4505 from CMS), in addition to EC
  - Federal: EC, Title I, IDEA
- Operating Budget approx. \$2.2 M
  - Funded primarily through state and county payments, plus grants and annual fundraising.
- Start-up Costs approx. \$1.1 M
  - Currently raised \$850,000 toward the \$1.1 M.

# Start-up funding sources

TOTAL = \$1,100,000

**Founding Families  
Campaign \$250K**

**Grants Already  
Received \$300K**



**Board Donations  
\$150K**

**Loans \$400K**

# State of the School: Faculty

- 25 of 27 positions filled - Bios available in June
- Faculty data – Vikki
  - Degrees: 18 of 25 members hold advanced degrees
  - Certified: 15 of 25 currently certified
  - Average age of teachers: 34 yrs old
  - Average years experience: 7 years
  - Previous schools: CMS, magnets, private, out-of-state
- Curriculum Planning progress overview



# State of the School: Kindergarten Curriculum

## Literacy

- Learning About Ourselves & Our World
- Comparing books on same topic, familiar stories, mixed genres
- Love of Reading
- Main topic, key details
- Features of Print
- F&P Phonics

## Mathematics

- Add/Subtract w/in 10
- Time, Money
- Composing & Decomposing Shapes
- Attributes - Length, Comparison, Volume
- Patterns
- Kathy Richardson
- Investigations

## Science

- Create a Discovery Place Scavenger Hunt
- Weather Station
- Zoo Tour Guide
- Caring for a Garden

## Cultural Studies

- Understanding our World and the World Around Us
- Community
- Change Over Time
- Where We Are in Place & Time
- Diversity

# State of the School: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Literacy

- Learning About the World by Reading/Writing
- Making Connections between people, events, ideas, pieces of info
- Growing and Organizing Ideas
- Reading/Writing
- F&P Phonics

## Mathematics

- Add/Subtract w/in 20
- Time, Money
- Equipartition shapes
- Properties
- Length - Units and tools; Area/Perimeter, Volume; Patterns
- Kathy Richardson
- Investigations

## Science

- Design an Urban Playground
- Build a Planetarium
- Build an Urban Garden
- Field Guide to Wildlife

## Cultural Studies

- Understanding the Importance of Leadership and Culture -
- Order & Security
- Power & Authority
- Tolerance & Appreciation
- People, Places, Environments

# State of the School: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Literacy

- I Want to Know More - Beginning Research
- Goal-Setting
- Intro to Genres: Biographies, Mystery/Social Issues,
- Folktales, Fairy Tales
- Text Features
- F&P Phonics

## Mathematics

- Add/Subtract w/in 100
- Three-digit whole numbers, word problems
- Time, Money
- Equipartitions
- Length - Units & Tools
- Area/Perimeter, Volume
- Data Representation
- Kathy Richardson
- Investigations

## Science

- Recycled Trash Soundgarden
- Design an Urban Garden
- Animal Life Cycle Videos
- Energy Invention Contest

## Cultural Studies

- Understanding How People Change -
- Needs & Wants
- Change & Impact
- Time, Continuity & Change
- Innovation

# State of the School: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Literacy

- Building a Reading/Writing Life
- Goal-Setting
- Understanding the World-Poetry and Traditional Literature
- Info/Biographical Texts
- Testing Genre
- Month-by-Month Phonics

## Mathematics

- Add/Subtract w/in 1000
- Multiplication/Division
- Properties and Facts
- Unit Fractions, Equivalence & Comparison
- Shapes & Properties
- Area/Perimeter, Volume
- Singapore Math
- Everyday Math

## Science

- Design an Ecosystem
- Environmental Problem-Solvers
- The Perfect Cookie
- Urban Garden Tour Guides

## Cultural Studies

- Understanding How the World Changes and People Adapt -
- Adaptation
- Movement
- Production, Distribution, & Consumption
- Active Citizenship

# State of the School: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Literacy

- Digging Deeper Into Interpretation
- Book Clubs
- Author Studies
- High interest Informational texts and Historical Fiction
- Testing Genre
- Month-by-Month Phonics

## Mathematics

- Add/Subtract multi-digit numbers
- Factors & Multiples
- Money
- Equipartitions - Multiple Wholes
- Fraction Equivalence
- Area/Perimeter, Volume
- Singapore Math
- Everyday Math

## Science

- School Lunch 2.0
- Electronic Design
- Super Human Engineering
- My Science Lab/Imagine Your Own Adventure

## Cultural Studies

- Understanding How History Defines Us -
- Unique Culture
- Development & Identity
- Patterns Through Time
- Entrepreneurship

# State of the School: Students

- Meeting students' needs:
  - Personalized instruction: schedule, space & technology
  - Academic support services - Ricky Singh
  - Social/emotional services - Meegan Whelan
- Advisory curriculum & program overview
  - Join us in reading *Mind in the Making* by Ellen Galinsky

# State of the School: Programs

- Enrichment: Art, Music, Drama, Maker Lab
- Partnerships:
  - NEW: Levine Museum of the New School, McColl Center
- Physical Education
- After School Programming
  - Partners & Registration process
- Summer Reading:
  - Mecklenburg County library

# Getting ready: Registration

## TODAY:

- **Income Eligibility Form** (submit via postal mail)
- **Parent Permissions Form** (submit via postal mail)
- **Submit Updated Immunization Record** (via postal mail) **or Letter of Declaration**
- **Submit Copy of Student Birth Certificate** (via postal mail)



# Getting ready: School Records Requests

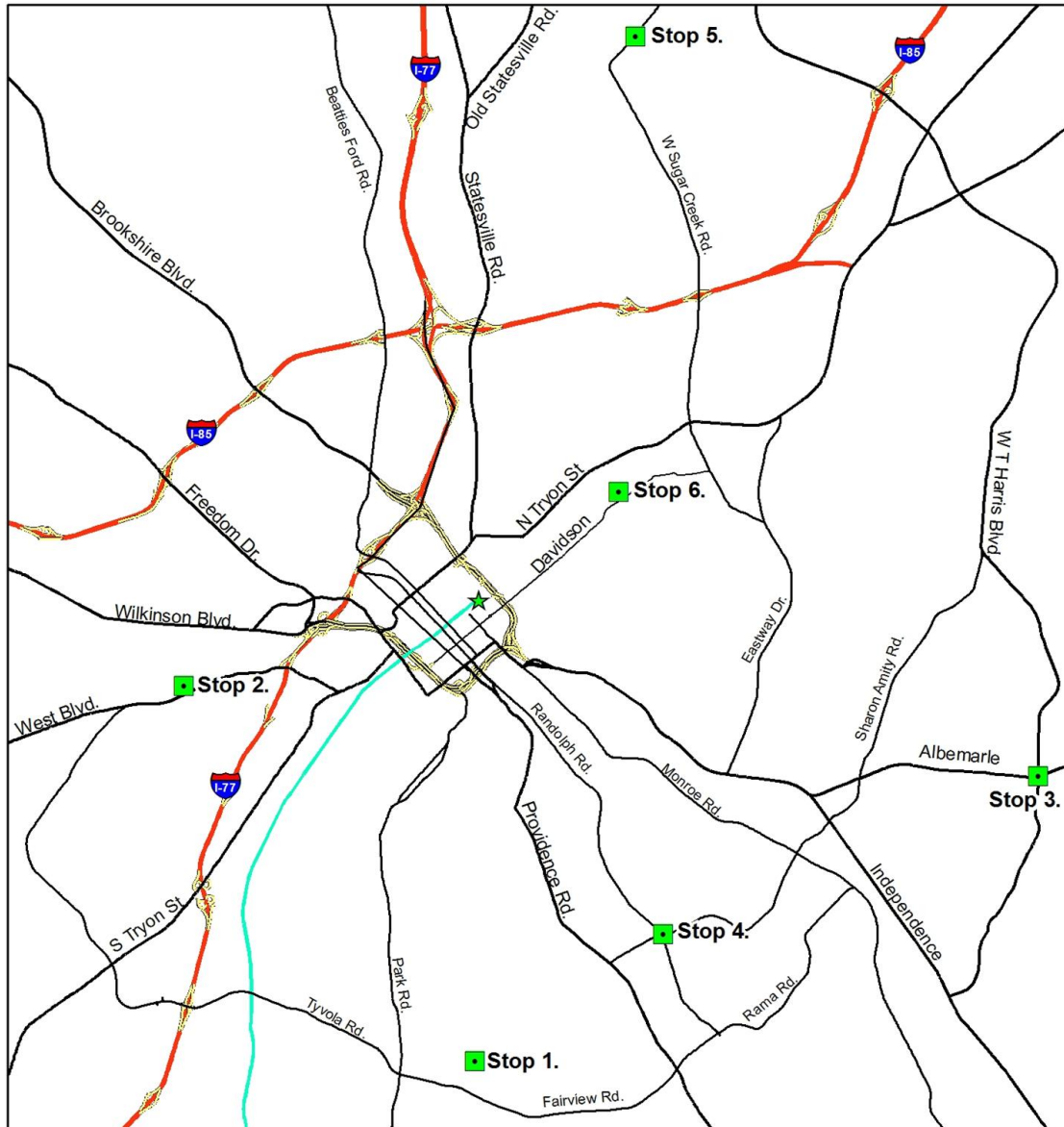
- JUNE 8:
  - Transportation Decision
- JUNE 10 & June 11:
  - School records requests will be sent to ALL schools unless specified by parents
  - Homeschooled parents should mail copies of previous records, evaluations, scores, etc. to **PO Box 30034  
Charlotte, NC 28230**

# Getting ready: Other Related Forms

## SUMMER:

- Student Health Assessment to be completed by a Physician - Kindergarten & Homeschool Families ONLY
- KEEP US POSTED: Enrollment plans, address changes, email address updates

# Getting ready: Transportation Map



Proposed Plan:

6 Potential Stops

~3 school buses

# of students TBD

\*locations are NOT exact

7am & 7:30am

After School Care Stops  
still being determined

# Getting ready: Transportation Next Steps



**Charlotte Lab School Transportation Preference**  
\* Required



Student 1 Last Name \*

- Complete Survey
- Choose Preferred Transportation Method
  - Select Bus Stop Preference
  - Consider making a donation
    - Cost to School:  
~\$500 per student  
\$2.80 per student/day



# Getting Involved: Volunteering

Early volunteers – PTSO Executive Board Members:

- President - Will Merritt
- VP - Bruce Long
- Secretary - Rich Holmes
- Treasurer - Catherine Malone
- Assistant Treasurer - Melissa Hudak
- VP of Student & Staff Support - Tracey Rosenberg
- VP of Fundraising - Kristi Longley
- VP of Parent & Student Events - Tiffani Bacon
- Co-VPs of Community Outreach - Zoe Balsamo and Melissa Anderson
- VP of Marketing & Communication - Leonola McClure
- Co-VPs of Nominating Committee - Trish Moffatt and Patrick Hill

Opportunities for Committee Chairs and Membership Coming Soon <sup>21</sup>

# Getting Involved: Fundraising

## Four Fundraising Committees

- Family Events and Engagement Chair, Mandy French
- Grantwriting Chair, Emily Jenkins
- In-kind Donations and Matching Gifts Chair, Catherine Malone
- Founding Families Capital Campaign Chair, Susannah Lund

## You can Earn \$ for Lab School

- Amazon Smiles
- Harris Teeter Vic Card
- Publix
- Lands' End
- still in progress . . . .Target Red Card

# Founding Families Capital Campaign

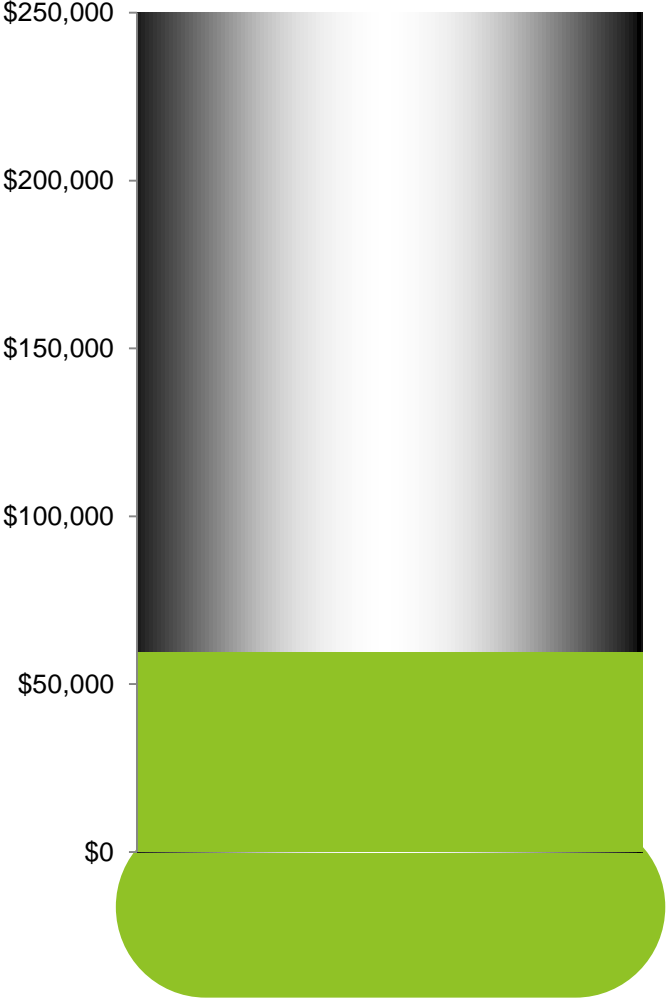
- Goals: Raise \$250,000 by December 1 and achieve 100% participation.
- How you can help:
  - Consider a **tax-deductible** gift, monthly donation or pledge
  - Let us know if your company matches.
  - Help us make connections—other donors, corporate sponsors, family foundations, etc.
- All donors will be recognized on a permanent Founding Families Campaign Wall at the successful conclusion of the campaign

# What your gift will support

- Construct the Maker Lab. Investment = \$50,000
- Create a Learning Commons. Investment = \$25,000
- Outfit a Classroom. Investment = \$10,000
- Provide the Right Technology. Investment = \$5,000
- Love Our Teachers. Investment = \$2,500
- More Cool Stuff. Investment = \$5 - \$999
  - App = \$5
  - eBook = \$10
  - USB drive = \$15
  - Makey Makey kit = \$30
  - magnet set = \$50
  - wiggly stool = \$80
  - iPad = \$500
  - classroom charging station = \$999



# Donations and Pledges Received



# What to expect...

## when you're part of a new school

- Change: systems, policies, your child's feelings
- Imperfection, ambiguity & unpredictability
- Access & Opportunities for input: "Feedback" Email
- Collaboration
- Ups & Downs
- Your Role as a "Lab School Ambassador"
- Ownership
- Communication with/about current school

# Making a smooth transition

## First Week of School Orientation Plans

- Culture: rules & expectations
- Space, movement, transitions & field trips  
(Earning shirts)
- Collaboration: personality style & feedback
- Continue to review CLS A to Z Orientation Guide - coloring book, reading material

# Making a smooth transition

## Tips for transition:

- Importance of structure: schedule, expectations, planned activities
- Retention of learning from previous year: reading, talking
- [www.theteachersguide.com](http://www.theteachersguide.com) for worksheets & activities
- Books will be listed on website for both summer and new school transition
- Other tutoring and counselor recommendations available

## Upcoming events – [see website for details](#)

- Q&A sessions
- Spirit Nights
- Park Playdates
- Setting Up Our Space Night
- Advisory Potluck Picnics
- First Day of School – ATTENDANCE!!
- Other activities: Kindergarten Orientation, Meeting for Families of Children with Special Needs, Transition Meeting for Homeschool Families