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## Media Release

### **Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center celebrates success of 'Week of the Young Child'**

**North Charleston, SC** - Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center proudly celebrated the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) "Week of the Young Child" with a series of engaging activities centered around music, foods, teamwork, the arts, and families. The week, starting on April 15, 2024, kicked off with a special proclamation read by Kim Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood Readiness Programs, emphasizing the importance of early childhood education and community involvement.

The highlight of the week was the vibrant art show, which showcased the artistic talents of young students. Held on "Artsy Thursday" the event drew enthusiastic participation from the school community with over 120 attendees.

Guests were treated to a debut performance by the Mary Ford steel drum band, The Rhythm Readers, enhancing the festive atmosphere. The exhibition, coordinated and curated by the school's art teacher Regina Albaugh, featured a diverse range of student artwork, including captivating 2-D, 3-D, and interactive pieces, demonstrating creativity and skills nurtured in the school's young learners.

Through the success of the art show and other engaging activities throughout the "Week of the Young Child," Mary Ford Early continues to emphasize the value of early childhood education and community collaboration. The funds raised during the art show will support initiatives by the school's parent teacher organization (PTO).

"We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this week a memorable celebration of our students' talents and the importance of early childhood development," said Principal Loretta Hart.

For more information, please contact the school's teacher-librarian, Katherine Freligh, at [Katherine.Freligh@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:Katherine.Freligh@charleston.k12.sc.us).

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military; dual credit; and many more.