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Mitchell Elementary and Burke High team up for annual literacy carnival

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Charleston, SC – Julian Mitchell Elementary School observed Read Across America Week a little early. While most of the schools in the area are participating this week, the Super Sharks celebrated the annual literacy initiative last week with a “Universe of Stories” theme.

Students and staff focused on influential African-Americans, especially scientists, inventors, and astronauts. Activities included daily trivia, daily dress-up themes, a door decorating contest and a character parade.

The main highlight of the event, the literacy carnival, was actually held on the Burke High School campus Friday, February 28, 2020. Pre-Kindergarten through second grade students enjoyed their trip down to the campus and participated in a variety of activities led by students and teachers from Burke and Simmons-Pinckney Middle School.

Activities included music time in the middle school fine arts building, face painting, a jump castle, story time in the Burke media center, a galaxy lesson, bookmark making, “astronaut training,” and story time from the International Space Station.

Mitchell’s teacher-librarian, Kellyanne Burbage, said several staff members from all three schools were involved in setting up and running this program.

“This year’s event was a collaboration between the librarians from Mitchell, Burke and Simmons-Pinckney to plan the event,” said Burbage. “We were fortunate to have honor roll students and teacher cadet students from Burke and Simmons-Pinckney assist with the effort as well.”

The literacy carnival has been a part of the Mitchell and Burke partnership for the past six years. Mitchell’s principal, Debbie Smith, explained how this program gives her students and teachers a chance to connect with their feeder pattern schools.

“The students get to see their siblings, cousins, and neighbors leading the stations,” Smith said. “Our teachers get to see how well our former students are doing. Now that we have been doing for this several years, we will soon have students who went to the carnival leading the stations. It is a great team effort,

efficiently organized by our own Kellyanne Burbage. It is one of the major highlights of our school year!"

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