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Charleston County School District Celebrates Successful Compost Week 2025

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Charleston, SC - In an innovative expansion of Compost Day, Charleston County School District (CCSD) celebrated Compost Week 2025 from May 5–9, engaging students across four schools in daily events emphasizing environmental awareness, sustainability, and the importance of composting.

What began as a simple request from CCSD's Associate of Facilities Management, Steve Hamer, to plan a Compost Day became a week-long celebration led by student initiative and creativity. Events were held at schools that are currently participating in composting programs: Harbor View Elementary School, James Simons Montessori School, Mount Zion Elementary School, and Murray-LaSaine Montessori School.

Compost Week Highlights:

Day 1 – Compost Competition

All four schools competed to compost the most material in a single day. Murray-LaSaine Montessori School was crowned the winner and received \$500 to support their school's sustainability efforts.

Day 2 – Compost Art Competition

Students channeled their creativity into compost-themed art projects, which were integrated into the art curriculum. One winner was selected from each participating school and awarded a trophy and certificate, with their artwork proudly displayed at their respective locations.

Day 3 – Go Green for Composting

Students showed their commitment to the environment by wearing green to support Compost Week and composting initiatives.

Day 4 – Compost Campaign

Sustainability vendors visited each school to educate students on the impact and process of composting:

- Take Action delivered an engaging presentation on waste management at Mount Zion Elementary.

- SMART Recycle hosted an information table at Harbor View Elementary's cafeteria.
- Keep Charleston Beautiful joined James Simons Montessori's morning news program, sharing composting tips and encouraging environmental action.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and schools for embracing Compost Week with such enthusiasm and creativity," said Shanice Mitchell, Plant Operations QA Manager. "This initiative supports our sustainability goals and empowers students to become environmental leaders in their communities."

For more information, please contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all 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; military; dual credit; and many more.