

Charter Day School



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Charter Day School Students Score Big For Cystic Fibrosis Students and Parents Credited with Outstanding Results

Led by Ms. Angie Butcher and her class of 22 kindergarten students, a campus-wide fund raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation resulted in \$2,138.89 being collected by the students at Charter Day School in Brunswick County.

“We exceeded our modest \$350 goal by over 600%,” said Ms. Butcher. “The other teachers and I had no idea how hard all 154 students would work to raise the money,” she added.

According to Ms. Butcher, the seven classes each had a goal of \$50 to raise. Each class that meets its goal gets to throw a pie at Headmaster Cramer at the school’s Field Day on June 6. Ms. Butcher said every class quickly met their goal but kept going because each wanted to out-raise the other classes.

“I knew that I would get a couple of pies, but even the day-care group raised over fifty dollars, so it will be an eight pie afternoon for me,” exclaimed Mr. Mark Cramer, Headmaster of the school. “I like it a lot when I get to help a sick person and throw a pie at Mr. Cramer at the same time,” one student remarked.

Ms. Butcher decided to oversee this event as a result of her four-year old nephew being recently diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Her nephew and his parents will attend the Field Day to accept the check along with Foundation personnel. A spokesperson for the Foundation in Bethesda, Maryland, said that they are most grateful for such a large amount from an elementary school and that the children’s efforts are greatly appreciated.

The school used the fund raiser as a basis for a health unit to acquaint the students about respiratory diseases. The role of charitable giving by the nation’s citizens was also stressed in character-building lessons.

The tuition-free charter school open to all North Carolina children free-of-charge, will have its annual Field Day in combination with a Dedication Ceremony for its four new classrooms that have been added to accommodate its expanding enrollment.

Charter Day School has over 264 students in kindergarten through fourth grade enrolled for the upcoming year. “We still have a few openings in first and second grades, so we welcome applications from interested parents,” said Mr. Cramer.

The school, located 14 minutes west of Wilmington, is managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, a North Carolina-based educational management organization which uses the Direct Instruction curriculum for reading and mathematics. “We teach our kindergarteners to read simple story books by January, so they have a big head start over students whose curricula do not start teaching reading until the first or second grade,” explained Mr. Cramer.

Students from Columbus, Pender, Brunswick, and New Hanover counties attend the school. The students wear uniforms and obey the school’s pledge, which governs behavior and character development. Interested parents may call the school at 665-1214 or visit the school’s web site at www.RogerBacon.net.