

# Charter Day School



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## **Charter Day School Fun Day Benefits Injured Student**

Charter Day School students pitch in to help one of their own.

Leland: The Booster Club of Charter Day School sponsors an annual Fun Day each year as the climax to National Charter School Week. Parents, students, staff and visitors come together to enjoy a full day of outdoor events such the trampoline room, giant slide, dunking booth, and a medieval jousting tournament.

In addition to the fun, frolics, and food, the Booster Club sponsors several fund-raising events during the day such as a raffle for prizes donated by local merchants, a quarter-mile-long spirit chain with links purchased by sponsors, and a walk-a-thon for students sponsored by parents and friends.

This year's Fun Day, attended by over 390 students in grades K-5 and their parents, brought in nearly \$4,000 that will help support extra-curricular activities such as the Cub Scout Pack 705, The Roger Bacon Twirlettes baton team, and The Roger Bacon Chorus. Also this year, a substantial check will go to first grade student Daniel Hines who suffered a severe leg injury in an accident at his home and has had substantial medical bills. "The school has been wonderful in supporting us during this critical time," said Daniel's mother, Ms. Brandi Hines. "We miss Daniel, and hope he can get back to school soon," said classmate Will Britt.

Charter Day School is operated by The Roger Bacon Academy and features a direct instruction, traditional curriculum with emphasis on reading and math in the early grades. "Our kindergarteners are typically reading at a first grade level by their third quarter of class work," stated Mark Cramer, Headmaster. "There is an Academy pledge and each student wears the Academy's uniform to emphasize that they are part of the academic team," he added.

"Each charter school is formed for its own specific, local purpose. We try to serve a niche for those who desire a caring, but disciplined, approach to traditional direct instruction for their children," Mr. Cramer said. "By giving parents a choice, we view ourselves as complementing the local systems, not competing with them," he said.

More than 3,000 charter public schools with their 735,000 students across America celebrated their achievements and positive impact on the country's education reform efforts during the fifth annual National Charter Schools Week, May 3-7, 2004.

As a tuition-free, tax-supported school, Charter Day School has grown from an enrollment of 65 students in 2000 to an enrollment of 520 for 2004-2005 with waiting lists in each grade, K-6. Students from five counties attend the school. Interested parents can call the school at 655-1214 or come by the campus on Highway 87S just south of the new traffic light on Highway 74-76 fourteen minutes west of Wilmington.