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School Celebrates On-Time Families

Chicora School of Communications

NFLB' Program a Success

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NORTH CHARLESTON— Research has shown that attendance and tardiness problems correlate directly to achievement problems. When students arrive late to school, it not only hurts their learning experience, but also interrupts the learning of the other students in their class. But, when the tardy bell rings at 7:30 in the morning it can be a struggle to get your children to school on time, which is why Chicora School of Communications introduced the 'No Family Left Behind' (NFLB) program to recognize those families that come to school on time every day.

Each nine weeks the school assembles a list of every family that has no tardies and sends them an invitation to a special dinner held at the school. It was a busy night with 37 of the 108 qualifying families in attendance. At the dinner, families received a certificate recognizing them for their achievement and were photographed in order to be featured on the school's 'Community Bulletin Board'. Families also received a chance to win a grand prize at a drawing to be held at the end of the school year. The dinner was provided through donations from local grocery stores: Harris Teeter on East Bay, Piggly Wiggly on Rivers, Piggly Wiggly on Ashley Phosphate, and the Food Lion on Dorchester Road. Chicora staff volunteered time to prepare and serve the food.

When compared to data from the first nine weeks last year, the program seems to be making an impact. Last school year, the average number of tardy days was 2.3 and 34.2% of the students had zero tardies while 18.1% had 5 or more tardies. This school year, the average number of tardy days is 1.6 and 53.9% of the students had zero tardies while 11.5% had 5 or more tardies.

For more information regarding Chicora's NFLB Program, please contact Principal Camille Hendrix or Magnet Coordinator Katy Simison at 746-2210.

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