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Murray-LaSaine Elementary Neighborhood Planning Team *Asking for Community Input*

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JAMES ISLAND— The Neighborhood Planning Team at Murray-LaSaine Elementary is asking for your ideas and input to develop a plan for becoming a partial magnet school. Murray-LaSaine is a Pre-K to 5th grade neighborhood public school located at 691 Riverland Drive, James Island.

A survey has been developed to elicit feedback for developing a theme around which to build the Charleston County School District's Coherent Curriculum. The following themes are being considered:

Arts Infused: An arts infused theme would use visual as well as performing arts to teach the CCSD Coherent Curriculum.

Montessori: An approach where the child's development is self-directed and the teacher serves as a guide through the educational process.

Museum Studies: Working together with area museums, teachers build lessons around purposeful "field-work", replacing the one-day field trip. Museum visits are followed by classroom work that entails research, story and letter writing, interviewing, creating models that expand on what was introduced at the museum.

Physical Fitness/Interactive: Students work on in-depth projects requiring the use of technology, research, analytical, communication and physical fitness.

The survey can be found at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XPFCM9Z>

The survey will be open until March 17, 2010.

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