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Buist's "Night at the Museum"

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Charleston, SC - In the year 2003 the National Museum of Iraq was looted and nearly 15,000 artifacts, many of which were priceless artifacts from the earliest Mesopotamian civilizations, were stolen from the museum. While approximately 7,000 artifacts have been recovered, about 8,000 are still missing.

After a unit on Mesopotamian civilizations, sixth graders at Buist Academy carefully "curated" items to replace those lost during the looting. Each student chose an item to be added to the museum and following extensive research, recreated the artifacts and created documents describing them and their historical significance.

On Wednesday, October 30, 2019, social studies teacher Julie Bullard and her students hosted a "Night at the Museum" to allow the public (fellow students, parents, staff members, and community members) to view these artifacts for the first time. In addition to viewing the artifacts and learning about their historical significance, guests were able to go on student-led guided tours of the "museum."

"I am so proud of my students for turning this event into an opportunity to interact as a community and reach out across the globe to help others," said Bullard.

The dedication to detail and information provided by the students had a positive impact. Many guests chose to contribute to the donation box; proceeds will be sent to the Iraq National Museum to help with recovery of the still-missing items.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Assistant Principal Karrie Looney at (843) 724-7750.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.