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# Media Advisory

## *Mary Ford preparing for holiday season with Literacy Night for families*

**Who:** Media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**What:** Staff members at Mary Ford Early Learning and Family Center and representatives from Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN) are hosting a Literacy Night for families at the school. Dinner will be provided as the staff unveils a Holiday Keepsake Booklet.

Families will use the booklet in conjunction with a trip to the James Island Festival of Lights this holiday season. CPN is providing the tickets to the festival at no charge to the families. Once they arrive at the James Island County Park, parents and guardians can engage their students with the booklet as they go through the light displays, and read the nursery rhymes depicted in the scenes.

The booklet contains additional activities and ideas to promote family bonding and literacy.

**When:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (please arrive by 4:45 p.m.)

**Where:** Mary Ford Early Learning and Family Center, Gymnasium, 3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29405

For more information, contact Principal Ruth Taylor at (843) 745-7131.

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**About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.