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The Power of Fairy Tales - Guest Author Visits Pinckney Students

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Mount Pleasant, SC – New York Times best-selling Author Liesl Shurtliff visited Charles Pinckney Elementary School Thursday, April 4, 2019. She has written two children's series: Fairly True Tales and Time Castaways.

During her visit to Pinckney, she shared about the books that changed her reading life; many of them were fairy tales. It was an engaging and interactive presentation all about fairy tales - where they come from, how they change, and what they mean to us today.

Shurtliff grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah the fifth of eight children. She had a love of dancing, singing, playing the piano and reading books by Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, and Roald Dahl. She also read Grimms' Fairy Tales, so often she wore through the binding.

When she writes, Shurtliff often wanders back to her childhood and gathers the magic that remains. She hopes to share that magic with children everywhere.

To learn more about author Liesl Shurtliff visit her website at <https://lieslshurtliff.com>. For more information about her visit, call Charles Pinckney Media Specialist Jennifer Thrift at (843) 8556-4585.

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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 that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 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.