



MORNINGSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Morningside Scholars Serving Others

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North Charleston, SC – Students at Morningside Middle School have a variety of options when it comes to clubs. One of them, the Adopt-a-Grandparent Club, is dedicated to community service. Scholars and sponsors in this group make an effort to brighten the lives of seniors living at Ashley Landing Assisted Living.

Started by Dr. Laura Saunders, who is a reading interventionist at Morningside, the Adopt-a-Grandparent Club visits the residents of Ashley Landing once a month. Before their trips, they create cards and put together goody bags to celebrate an upcoming holiday. Then, when the students and staff go to the retirement home, they give the seniors their gifts as well as play Bingo, sing, paint nails, and craft jewelry.

“The residents are so appreciative, and I’m hoping my students are learning to put others first and bring joy and kindness into the world,” explained Saunders. “This project is one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had in the District!”

“I think the people [at the retirement home] appreciate us coming to visit because they seem very lonely,” added 7th grader Kayla Whaley.

The school paid for the first round of goody bags at the beginning of the school year and Dr. Saunders wrote a Donors Choose project to help collect funding to pay for materials for the rest of the school year.

For more information about Morningside’s Adopt-a-Grandparent Club, please contact Dr. Laura Sanders at (843) 745-2000. To donate, click on this [link](#) for their DonorsChoose.org page.

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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;

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