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Young Author Shares Book With Peers at A.C. Corcoran

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Charleston, SC – “Please Don’t Touch My Magical Hair” is the latest children’s book from the Chocolate Kid Chronicles, written by the mother and son duo, Dr. Vivian Jolley Bea and Charles Bea, Jr.

They were invited to A.C. Corcoran Elementary by Principal Quenetta G. White, to make a guest appearance while on their book tour Friday, February 15, 2019.

Charles is a former student at James Simons Elementary School where at the time, White was his principal. The family has since moved out of state but the third-grader loves to read and is a rising star in the tennis world.

According to Dr. Bea, children seek to understand their place in the world.

“The Chocolate Kid Chronicles shares stories that are unique to children of color while celebrating the beauty and uniqueness of their experiences,” said Bea. “This assurance gives them a sense of pride and confirmation that their stories matter.”

“Please Don’t Touch my Magical Hair” is the first picture book of the series and aims to teach the importance of respecting one’s space while encouraging self-love and confidence. The book features an imaginative and courageous boy named Champ with big, brown eyes whose mission is to share his experiences with the world.

Understanding the importance of education and early childhood literacy, this mother and son team decided to create a diverse picture book series of stories relatable to all children.

Dr. Bea is a Board Certified General Surgeon, specializing in Breast Surgical Oncology. She is also an author, speaker, educator, community activist, and mother of two boys, Caden and Charles. She remains passionate about her community and is the founder of a youth mentorship program.

"This book is a contribution to the literary world from a young African American boy's perspective," said Bea. "It changes the narrative in children's literature and tells young African-Americans that their stories actually matter."

To learn more about the book, visit chocolatekidbooks.com.

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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.