

BITS & PIECES

A Newsletter from the Superintendent

May 31, 2019

MSE TAG Takes Walking Trip of City

Main Street Elementary School Gifted and Talented students, along with TAG teacher Brenda Woods and instructional assistant Shondra McFadden went on a walking trip around the city of Lake City in search of the beaver with the one eye on Tuesday, May 21.

They were informed about this unusual beaver by reading coach Lisa Williams. Ms. Williams informed the students that she spotted the one-eyed beaver one evening on a routine walk.

The students were determined to find this beaver. They walked down to the lake park to search for the mysterious animal. Excited and inquisitive, they looked in the water and along the banks of the lake and in the trees hoping to spot the beaver and to take a picture of it.

After 30 minutes or more, they did not spot the beaver but they did spot many turtles, fish and both large and small birds. They also noticed the different types of trees that surround the lake.

Some of the students counted their steps as they walked. They enjoyed the scenery of the gazebo and the benches, ducks, geese, swans, fish and turtles of the lake but they were disappointed because they did not get to see the one eye beaver.

They all went to ESSO Ice Cream Shop for lunch and then walked along Main Street and window shopped the various businesses.

The students have not given up on finding the one eye beaver. Some of the students are planning on returning to the lake one evening with their parents in hope to spot the one-eyed beaver.



Senator Sends Video to MSE Students

Corey Johnson, a fourth-grade math teacher at Main Street Elementary School of Arts and Leadership, decided to motivate his students for the 2019 SC Ready Assessments by requesting members from the community, school and state write a letter or note of encouragement to his classes.

The classes received many notes and letters from teachers, administrators and community leaders. One particular United States leader's office contacted the district and sent a video for the students. U.S. Senator Tim Scott's video expressed encouraging words to the FCSD3 students.

The students enjoyed the video and were honored that the U.S. Senator cared enough to make a video for them to help them prepare for their end-of-year assessments.

"I worked on getting this video for our students because I wanted the students to know that there are many people who believe in them and support them and want the best of them," Mr. Johnson said.

Devine Named Principal at LCECCA

Thomas "TJ" Devine has been named principal at Lake City Early Childhood Center of the Arts for the 2019-2020 school year.

Devine has served as the school's assistant principal for the past two years. Prior to LCECCA, Devine taught second grade at Pocalla Elementary School in Sumter School District from 2012-2017. He also was an assistant football coach at Lakewood High School.

Devine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood from Presbyterian College and a Master's degree in Education Administration from the University of Scranton.

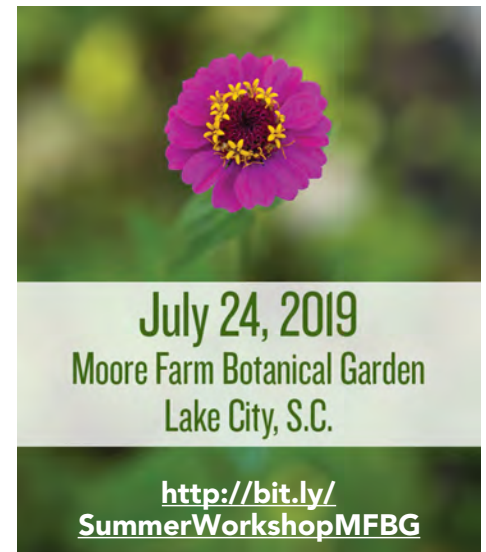
"I'm excited to have the opportunity to continue what Mary Howard started at LCECCA and lay the foundation for Florence County School District Three," Devine said.





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