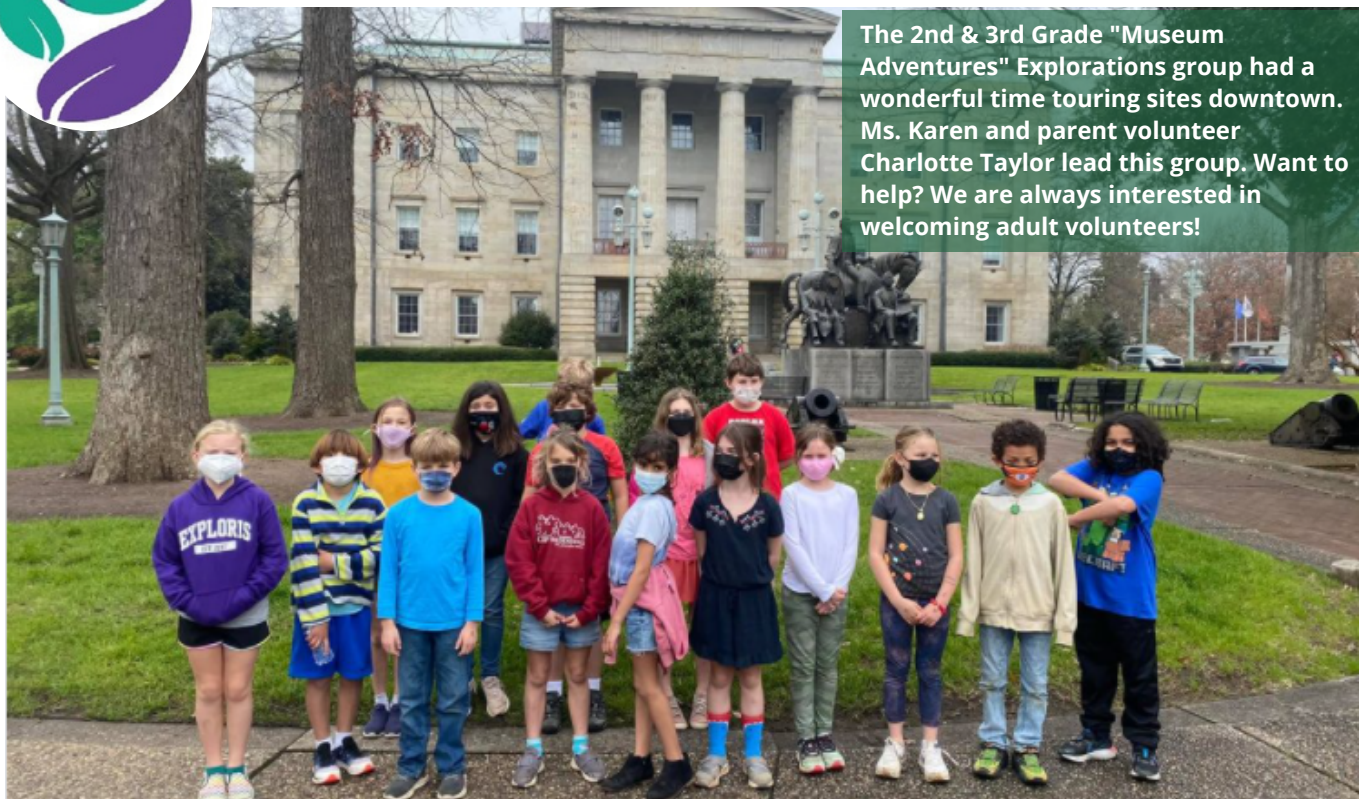




Monthly Newsletter



The 2nd & 3rd Grade "Museum Adventures" Explorations group had a wonderful time touring sites downtown. Ms. Karen and parent volunteer Charlotte Taylor lead this group. Want to help? We are always interested in welcoming adult volunteers!

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LOTTERY UPDATES

On Friday, March 4th, Exploris held our annual lottery at 4:00 pm through a virtual Zoom event. Over 40 families joined us to watch the process, where a 3rd party helps facilitate and manage the automated and random drawing of names. Interest in Exploris remains high, as dozens of families applied for each open seat. Families are notified of their status and position on the wait list through our LotterEase system, and all accepted families are invited to a virtual information night on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. Congratulations to our newest members of the Exploris family!



Exploris Facilities Update



After settling our lawsuit last fall, the Exploris Facilities Committee has narrowed our search to a top choice for a location for a new K-8 campus. Since the final negotiations are close to wrapping up but not yet completed, we are not yet at liberty to announce the new location, but it is not far from the current location of both the elementary and middle school campus, and would allow us to both renovate some of the existing structures on the site and build new. It provides for green space and plenty of parking. We have been working with a development firm for over a year now and have a design as well as bond financing in the works and will be ready to proceed once the final paperwork is completed. We are still on track to move into a new location in time for the 2024-2025 school year, and our leases at our current locations will take us through that additional time to build and develop. We look forward to being able to make a final announcement soon!

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS FOR FAMILIES!

**MARCH 19TH AND
26TH**

SAT. 3/19 AT THE
ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

SAT. 3/26 AT THE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
CAMPUS

9:00AM- 2:00 PM BOTH
DAYS



All Are Invited!

Looking for a fun way to spend time with your kids and help out the school? Come join us for our clean up days! Kids and adults of all ages can help! Elementary work will be mostly outdoors and Middle will be mostly indoors. We need willing hands to help spruce up the place from simple cleaning and organizing to moving furniture and carting away trash! Pick up trucks and extra toolboxes are especially welcome! No need to be "handy," just willing to pitch in and help!

NEWLY ACCEPTED FAMILIES & THE EXPLORIS WAITLIST

FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED A SEAT THROUGH OUR LOTTERY SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES AND PAPERWORK TO ACCEPT THE SEAT. MISSING OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS TRIGGER AN AUTOMATIC LOSS OF THE OFFER.



Waitlisted?

All families who receive an invitation to join Exploris and those who are on the waitlist are encouraged to attend our virtual Information Night for Accepted Families on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. Details and links will be sent through your email. You can also view [recordings of our previous information sessions](#).

On the Wait List? Here's your next steps!

- We often see significant movement on our wait list, especially for grades Kindergarten and 6th
- Check your accounts often (or keep an eye on your email and check your spam folder!)
- Have the paperwork ready so you can move quickly: Once you are offered a seat from the waitlist, the deadline to respond gets shorter as we get closer to the school year.
- Come to the information sessions and be ready to make a quick decision if you get the call! No additional tours will be offered for families coming off the wait list.



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SCREENER

Our school cares about the well-being of all students and has programs designed to support improvement of their social emotional learning (SEL) and mental health competencies. To help monitor our students' SEL development, we periodically conduct school-wide screenings of students using the SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales. This measure can be completed by students, teachers, and/or parents and helps document students' current level of SEL as well as possible areas of emotional behavior concerns (EBC). Please see the resources and links on the next page for how to access and interpret your scholar's results!

COUNSELOR CORNER



Have other counseling needs or questions?

counselor@exploris.org

to go to all counseling support staff.

Michelle Duncan, Lead School Counselor, Lunch Programming Coordinator, McKinney Vento Coordinator, 504 Coordinator

Matt Moreland, School Counselor

Ryan Boney, Counseling Intern

Lori Mauro, Clinical Social Worker

Additional resources for families in Wake County can be found at [this link](#).



THE SEL SCREENER

SEL Screener Data is Available for Parents

Who took the survey and what data is available

Grade	Who took the survey
K-2nd	Parents & Teachers
3rd-5th	Teachers & Students
6th-8th	Students took the survey & some teachers

[Click here for the letter for families](#)

Slide Presentation on how to interpret the results

[Click this link!](#)

Video to go with the slides

[Click this link!](#)

Presentation Video: How to Interpret Your Child's Results
[Click this link!](#)

Reminders

In order to understand the results teachers and parents need to understand what the results mean. Parents may contact counselor@exploris.org for their child's results after viewing the previous slides and watching the videos. If you have any questions please reach out.



NC STATE SUPERINTENDENT CATHERINE TRUITT
ANNOUNCES:

PARENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Parent Advisory Commission

Superintendent Truitt is elevating parent voice in K-12 education by launching a Parent Advisory Commission. Interested applicants may apply through March 31st.

Learn more and apply 

Interested in helping to making sure policymakers hear the voices of families? Consider applying for the new Parent Advisory Commission and representing Exploris! Learn more about this initiative at the [NC DPI website](#) and click on the link to access the application! One Public Charter School representative will be chosed for this commission.

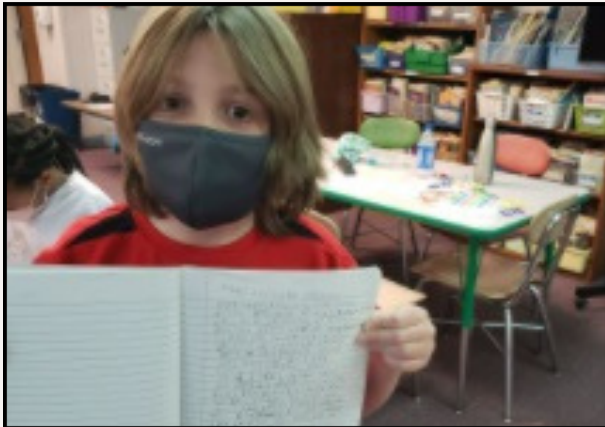


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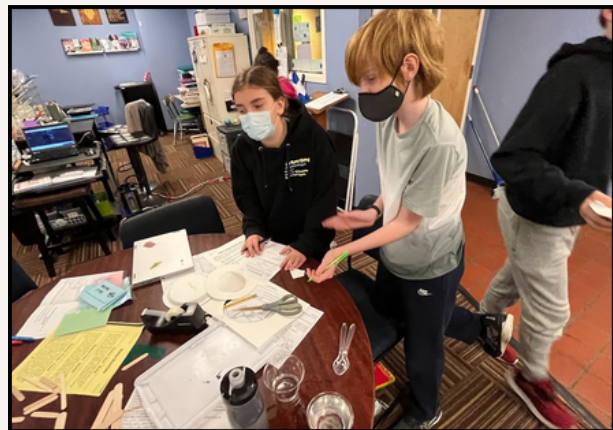
A Peek Inside Our Classrooms



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Featuring Global Arts studies of ballet, mime, and night skies, reviewing high frequency words in kindergarten, cultural traditions & holidays, folktales, fables, myths and Pourquoi tales, human body systems, early civilizations and what it would take to survive outdoors, and the annual recitation of Universal Declaration of Human Rights





CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



MARCH 11TH & 14TH

End of Trimester 2 and Teacher Workdays; no school



MARCH 13TH

Daylight Saving Time Begins!
SPRING your clocks
FORWARD!



MARCH 23RD

Flex Day! Students will be completing work at home while staff members are trained in the final module of our Responsive Classroom studies

**Wishing All Our Exploris
Families a Very Happy
Spring Season!**

