

# THIS WEEK

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## CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION! Challenger Learning Center Anniversary

Richland One marked the 20th anniversary of the Challenger Learning Center with a special celebration at the center February 11. The program included a special video message from NASA



Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr., a graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, and a presentation by three W.J. Keenan High School students whose experiment has been selected to be conducted by astronauts aboard the International Space Station this spring. Guests also had an opportunity to tour the facility and enjoy a piece of the anniversary cake. Richland One's Challenger Learning Center is the only one of its kind in South Carolina. Since it opened its doors on February 11, 1996, more than 110,000 people have visited the center.



*Shown are (from left) Board Vice Chairman Vince Ford; Commissioner Beatrice King; Dr. Carolyn Donelan, lead flight director at the center; Commissioner Jamie Devine, holding proclamations from the City of Columbia and the Governor's Office; Chairwoman Cheryl Harris; and Superintendent Dr. Craig Witherspoon.*

## Hall of Fame Induction Gala



Richland One honored the six newest members of the district's Hall of Fame during a gala February 13 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Shown



are (from left) **Harold White**, **Gerald Floyd**, **Yvonne Donald**, **Jean Margaret Smith Card**, **Violet Fetner** (widow of inductee **Charlie Fetner**) and **Dr. Raymond Bynoe**. **Meaghan Norman** from WIS TV served as the mistress of ceremonies for the gala. Musical entertainment was provided by **Saxophonist Dante Lewis' Band**, the **Watkins-Nance Elementary School Boys Choir** (above) and vocalists **Cameron Wesley, Jr.** and **Alexandra DuBose**, both 2015 graduates of Dreher High School. Seventy men and women have been inducted into the Richland One Hall of Fame since it was established in 2004.

# Happening This Week

## February 17

2016-2017 general fund budget input session for elementary, middle and high school principals – Stevenson Administration Building (room 206), 3:30 p.m.

## February 18

Together We Can Read – School board members, City Council members, other elected officials, local celebrities and community volunteers will read to third-grade students across the district as part of the annual Together We Can Read initiative, which is held in partnership between Richland One and the City of Columbia.

## February 22

Public budget input session – Burnside Elementary School media center, 6 p.m.

## February 23

Public hearing on redrawing of school board voting districts, 5:15-6 p.m. at Horrell Hill Elementary School – Click here for details: [www.bit.ly/1S3EveC](http://www.bit.ly/1S3EveC)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### CATE Month event at Heyward

Parents & District Day will be held Tuesday, February 23 at Heyward Career and Technology Center as part of the observance of CATE (Career and Technical Education) Month. Parents and district employees are invited to visit Heyward from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and from 12:30-3:00 p.m. to see the many learning experiences that students are engaged in on a daily basis. For more information, call 735-3343.

### HealthWorks assessments at A.C. Moore

A.C. Moore Elementary School will host HealthWorks for Prevention Partners Comprehensive Health Assessments on February 25 beginning at 6:50 a.m. The assessment is free for employees, retirees and covered spouses whose primary insurance coverage is the State Health Plan (Standard or Savings Plan). Participants without the State Health Plan as their primary insurance may get the comprehensive screening for \$55. The assessment includes a full blood chemistry panel and complete blood count (hemogram). Anyone interested in registering for the assessment can contact Carolyn Duff, school nurse at A. C. Moore, at [carolyn.duff@richlandone.org](mailto:carolyn.duff@richlandone.org).

### Nominations for conservation awards

Richland County Conservation Department has is seeking nominations for Richland County Conservation Teacher and Principal of the Year. Richland County educators can submit nominations through April 8. Click on the link for more details: <http://bit.ly/1P3DzmR>

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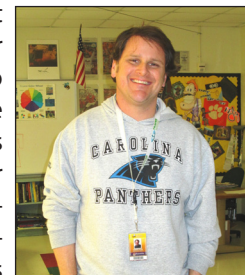
The deadline to submit items for the following week's edition is by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. For more information, call the Communications Office at 231-7504.

# NEWS & NOTES



The Board of School Commissioners and Superintendent Dr. Craig Witherspoon honored the district's **15 newest National Board-certified teachers** at the February 9 school board meeting. National Board certification is the highest credential available in the teaching profession. Richland One is ranked among the top 30 districts nationally in the number of National Board-certified teachers. Richland One also led the state with the most teachers earning National Board certification this year.

**Brock Allen** (right), art teacher at Bradley Elementary School, and other employees across the district got into the Super Bowl spirit by wearing attire representing their favorite NFL teams on February 5 in celebration of Super Bowl 50 and as part of the district's participation in the Souper Bowl of Car-ing Campaign. Richland One schools and administrative buildings collected nearly 10,000 canned goods which were donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank to help feed individuals and families in need in our community. W.G. Sanders Middle



School **Principal Andrenna Smith** (above) proudly displays some of the 500 canned goods collected by her school.



Also on February 5, Richland One students and employees helped bring awareness to the prevalence of heart disease among women by participating in National Wear Red Day/Go Red for Women. Employees participating in the observance included C.A. Johnson High School Health Sciences Magnet teachers. February is designated as American Heart Month.

