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Bringing Generations Closer *Jerry Zucker Middle School Students Adopt a Grandparent*

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Students in Dr. Laura Saunders', Ms. Tricia Delice's, and Ms. Iris Gethers-Fields' reading classes at Jerry Zucker Middle School are participating in an Adopt-A-Grandparent project in partnership with Agape Assisted Living in North Charleston. During their first visit on Tuesday, December 16, 2015, the students delivered treat bags and handmade Christmas cards to residents, including one who had just celebrated her 107th birthday! They also played Bingo with the residents. The students will be visiting Agape Assisted Living twice a month.

Jerry Zucker Middle School's Adopt-A-Grandparent project was coordinated by assistant principal Elizabeth Wheless. The project is just one of the many ways students at the school are giving back to their community.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.

About the Charleston County School District

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 of coastal lands. CCSD serves more than 48,000 students in 84 schools and several specialized programs. CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options—including neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools—and is divided into early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, "Innovation Zone" and Promise Neighborhood Learning Communities, each led by an associate or assistant associate superintendent. With approximately 6,000 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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