



**Edmund A. Burns**  
Elementary School

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## Media Release

### **Burns Beats the Field at 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CPN Social Studies Bowl**

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**North Charleston, SC** – Scholars from Edmund A. Burns Elementary School captured the 2019 Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN) Social Studies Bowl title Thursday, March 7, 2019 at the Charleston Museum.

Burns not only took the overall championship but also earned wins in the 3rd- and 5th-grade levels; James Simons Elementary School finished first in 2nd grade and Mary Ford Elementary School won in the 4th grade round. Chicora Elementary School and Sanders-Clyde Elementary School also participated in the event.

“When Burns was announced as the winner, I was so proud of our scholars,” explained Jonathan Dugan, Burns’ math interventionist who serves as the coach of the Social Studies Bowl team. “They were dedicated to doing what it took to prepare for the bowl, and with the support of our teachers and school staff, together we all were able to make this victory happen!”

Dugan worked with students for several weeks and said the hard work paid off. One of those students, 5th-grader David Turner, helped lead the Bears to victory.

“This win was for my mom, my teachers, and my school,” said Turner. “I feel so good.”

The CPN Social Studies Bowl gives students an opportunity to showcase what they have learned in school when it comes to history, government, geography, and sociology.

The following students participated in the CPN Social Studies Bowl for Burns:

3rd Grade – Taniyah Blake and Cha’Nique Jackson

4th Grade – Promise Delesline and Shamyra Frasier

5th Grade – Keyonna Johnson and David Turner

Alternates – Malashia Riley-Pinckney, Daniel Prioleau, Kyron Jackson, Ayden Wilson, and Myron Myers-Roberts

The competition is sponsored by CPN in partnership with Charleston County School District, Charleston Museum, and Historic Charleston Foundation.

For information about the CPN Social Studies Bowl victory for Burns, contact Interim Principal Marvin Taylor at (843) 745-7113.

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#### **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 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.

#### **About Charleston Promise Neighborhood**

Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN) is a nonprofit organization incorporated in May 2010, whose vision and purpose is to transform the "Neighborhood" within a generation. The CPN Neighborhood, home to just under 27,000 residents—4,300 of whom are children under the age of 18—is a 5.6 square mile area of Charleston County that straddles portions of the cities of Charleston and North Charleston, and coincides with the attendance zones of four CCSD elementary schools with high concentrations of children living in poverty: Chicora, James Simons, Mary Ford and Sanders-Clyde. CPN's current focus areas include education, healthcare, parenting engagement, and community engagement. For more information, visit [www.charlestonpromise.org](http://www.charlestonpromise.org).