



## Friends in High Places

Our first graders have friends in high places, like lunch buddy Nolan Ashton who welcomed students to his office on the 34th floor of the Duke Energy building. His team at Cushman & Wakefield offered students a fun college-focused lunch in a conference room which overlooks Bank of America Stadium. Just look at the excitement on their faces. A special thank you to Nolan Ashton for organizing a fun and inspiring lunch visit for our students.

Does this sound like something your team might like to do? Contact [Laura Townsend](#) if so!



## Center City Vision Awards

Brookstone Voices will have the spotlight at the 2017 Vision Awards hosted by Charlotte Center City Partners! After a dazzling performance at the Friend & Fund Raiser, Center City Partners invited our select choir to entertain guests at the award gala that honors those who have made the city a more vibrant urban core. What a grand opportunity this is for students to give back to others through their singing.



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## What's Growing in our Garden



Students harvested a bounty of lettuce, cabbage, kale, radishes and onions this spring! Planting, watering and harvesting teach kids wonderful lessons about caring for creation. They also learn about choosing healthy foods to eat. Several students and staff have even been inspired to plant their own gardens at home!

Would you like to be a part of our gardening team? Email [Casey George](#) for more information!

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## Last Lunch & Learn

Did you know that if YOU bring someone with you to a Lunch & Learn they are *even more likely* to get involved here? In fact, we've seen an increase of new volunteers and Partners who joyfully committed because YOU brought them!

Our last Lunch & Learn of the year is **Tuesday, May 2 from 11am to 12:15pm**. Invite someone on your mind to come and see firsthand the great things happening at Brookstone Schools (and don't forget: you must [REGISTER ONLINE](#) so we can be sure to have a lunch for everyone).

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Staff Appreciation Week:** A chance to show our staff some love and care! Opportunities include lunch for staff (Thursday, May 4 remaining), gift card donations, creating a gift basket for a staff member, flowers for teachers, etc.!

**Testing Proctors:** 8:00am-12pm; May 24-25. We need 10-15 "proctors" to sit and observe students and teachers during standardized testing.

**Monday Library Helpers:** 2x per month from 12pm-3pm; assist students in picking out the perfect book for them! Also, [here's our current library wish list!](#)

**Media/Public Relations Help:** 1x per month on your schedule; help with press releases and media relations to share our great news each month.

**CHAMPS:** April 21; 11:45am. Purchase special treats for our Character Champs each month! This is a great thing for a church, business, bible study group, etc. to "own." Treats typically consist of a something sweet and something salty.

Email [Casey George](#) if you're able to serve in any of these areas!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 7-14 Spring Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)
  - April 20 Brookstone Voices sing at Center City Vision Awards
  - April 21 CHAMPS/Quarterly Awards (11:45am; Chapel)
  - April 27 Talent Show - ALL WELCOME! (6pm; Fellowship Hall)
  - May 1-5 Staff Appreciation Week!
  - May 2 Lunch & Learn (11am; [MUST REGISTER HERE](#))
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