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Here's Your Charlotte NEXT Update!

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Charlotte NEXT Blast!

Introducing the new...Charlotte NEXT Blast! Here is where you will find out the latest information about Charlotte NEXT. MeckEd is dedicated to providing quality out-of-school time programs and resources through our initiative: Charlotte NEXT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

School Partnership Grantees



We are excited to announce the distribution of \$110,000 in funding (thanks to the generous donation from the Gambrell Foundation) to five nonprofit Out-of-School Time (OST) programs:

- Girls on the Run
- Let Me Run
- Firm Foundations
- Shakespeare in a Chair
- Soy Latino Como Tu

These organizations will be implementing their programs in the following middle schools this fall:

- Sedgefield Middle
- Albemarle Middle
- James Martin Middle

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Mini Grant Opportunity



We are thrilled to release the application for our Mini Grant funding opportunity!

We are requesting proposals for our Mini Grant funding path to support the quality and growth of Out-of-School Time programs serving middle school students attending a Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) middle school. The Mini Grant path is designed to help current and emerging Out-of-School Time providers test innovative ideas within their programs. A total of \$30,000 of funds will be made available through individual grants to non-profit organizations of up to \$3,000.

Please read the [guidelines](#) to find out more information about how to apply.

Required Document: [Project Budget](#).

[Apply Now!](#)

## Capstone Day



Congratulations to our 14 OST providers who presented during our Capstone Day!

Behailu Academy  
Firm Foundations  
Freedom School Partners  
Girl Aspyre  
Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council  
Girls on the Run Charlotte  
Greater Enrichment Program  
McClintock Partners in Education  
New Outreach Christian Center  
Spiritual Inheritance Ministries  
Sugar Creek Charter School  
Trips for Kids Charlotte  
Winners PLUS Inc.  
Youth Empowerment Services

This was the last pre-requisite in order to receive a \$1,000 stipend to fund their program and recognition on The Locator!

To see more pictures, click [here](#). To read more about the event and to find out how you can join the next series, click [here](#).

## RESOURCES

### STARTALK

*Free Summer Chinese language immersion program*



**Program Specifics** <https://pdsstartalk.weebly.com/student-program.html>

#### Dates & Times

July 9, 2018 – July 27, 2018

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

(Drop Off: 8:30-8:55 AM/Pick Up: 3:05-3:30 PM)

#### Location

Providence Day School, [5800 Sardis Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270](#)

#### Eligibility & Credit

This program is open to all students entering into 6th through 13th grades (first year in college) in the fall of 2018. Students should have less than 2 years of experience learning Chinese (Mandarin)--this includes both students who might have studied Chinese in formal contexts (school, including weekend Chinese schools and previous STARTALK Chinese programs) or in informal contexts (at home, traveling, etc.). Students may have experience studying other foreign languages. No academic language credit will be awarded to students participating in this program.

#### Costs

Participation in the program is free to all student participants. All participants are responsible for their own transportation and meals, though snack will be provided daily. As this is a non-residential program, housing will not be provided to participants.

#### Teacher Recommendation

The recommendation form must be completed and emailed to [pds.startalk@gmail.com](mailto:pds.startalk@gmail.com) by a teacher who has taught the student applicant in the 2017-2018 school year. The student application will not be considered complete until the teacher recommendation has been received.

#### MeckEd Support

If you want a transportation quote, please contact Transportation Recommendation - <http://www.momstransportation.com>

### NSLA

*Free Webinar: Summer Learning Program Recruitment, Messaging & Marketing*



## **national summer learning association**

The National Summer Learning Association encourages communities to develop strategies that will build awareness of the need and the availability of summer resources and opportunities. Join them for a free webinar on Thursday, May 24, at 3:30 PM EDT, to learn effective strategies for recruiting and messaging program information to parents and families. They will discuss some of the keys to successful recruitment campaigns.

The CEO and Founder of [InPlay](#), Rod Hsiao, will be joining the webinar to share how InPlay's online search platform can help support parents in accessing comprehensive listings of local and affordable enrichment programs in their community. InPlay is a non-profit that partners with schools to connect children and youth with out-of-school programs to ignite their individual interests and talents.

Click [here](#) to register!

*Want MeckEd to share your upcoming event or program? Have questions about how MeckEd can support your organization? Please email Tiyana Brown at [tbrown@mecked.org](mailto:tbrown@mecked.org).*



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