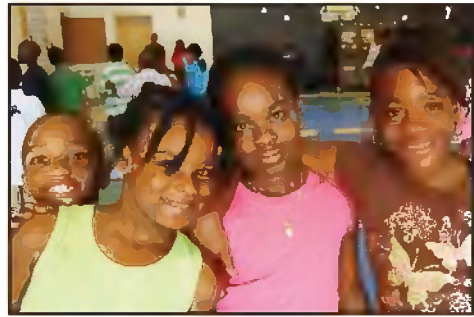


Shalom Park to Sponsor Freedom School Summer 2011

Shalom Park will be the host of the 20th Freedom School in Mecklenburg County, beginning this June. Freedom Schools are a program created by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington and

to establish and build the Shalom Park Freedom School as it will expand the current partnerships with these two CMS schools and create year round learning support to enrich the lives of these scholars.



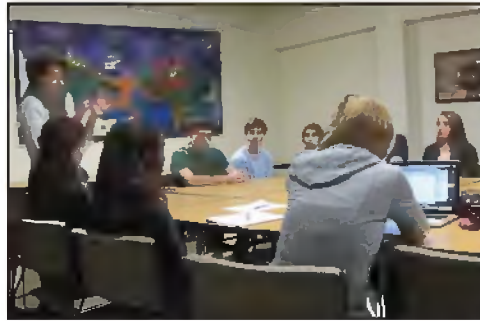
Students are looking forward to attending the Freedom School this summer.

supported by Freedom School Partners in Charlotte. The mission of the Shalom Park Freedom School is to build Jewish identity, pride and community by engaging all segments of the Charlotte Jewish community in a collaborative effort to provide a high-quality, summer educational program for at risk children. The Shalom Park Freedom School will consist of a six week summer program for fifty students from Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School and Sterling Elementary School, two schools with existing partnerships with Temple Israel and Temple Beth El respectively. Deidre Grubb and Shirley Rosen are co-chairing a three year commitment

to establish and build the Shalom Park Freedom School as it will expand the current partnerships with these two CMS schools and create year round learning support to enrich the lives of these scholars. Deidre Grubb believes "This is the perfect vehicle to demonstrate the commitment and strength of the organizations of Shalom Park to the needs of the Charlotte community. This sets a great example for all members of our community as well as for other Jewish communities around the country." The Shalom Park Freedom School is the first Freedom School in

the country to be sponsored solely by Jewish organizations. "I think this says a great deal about the importance of social action within the Charlotte Jewish community and our responsibility to the greater community," added co-chair Shirley Rosen.

The school session will begin June 20 and run through July 29. Classes will be held in the Temple Israel classrooms. Breakfast will be served daily at the Day School, and morning reading sessions will be held in Gorelick Hall with the theater at the Levine Sklut Library creating the opportunity for interactive storytelling. All of the supporting organizations will be involved.



Freedom School teen volunteers meet with Jackie Fishman.

Shalom Park Freedom School is a collaborative effort of Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, the Levine JCC, The Charlotte Jewish Day School, the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center, Jewish Family Services and the Foundation of Shalom Park. All are excited about the opportunity to join such a stellar program as Freedom Schools Partners and make a commitment to the importance of social action and change in the greater Charlotte community. A new component unique to the Shalom Park Freedom School is the addition of a Teen Board which will involve teen volunteers in the daily school activities during the six week program. Teens from across the community will be able to volunteer to partner with some of the scholars and then explore the values of social justice, develop leadership skills, and gain an understanding

of the dynamics of poverty and education in our community. Ian Kutner and Jackie Fishman are working with the teen volunteers on this innovative project.

Volunteers from the community are invited to get involved in various capacities such as readers, field trip chaperones, and shoppers. Collection boxes will be available around the Shalom Park campus for collection of school supplies and other materials. Donation boxes can be found in the Federation office, the Temple Israel/Charlotte Jewish Day School lobby, and Temple Beth El. For more information on the Shalom Park Freedom School and how you can get involved, go to www.SPFreedomschool.org or email shalomparkfreedom-school@yahoo.com.

Contact Gale Osborne for additional information at gosborne@cjdschool.org or 704-366-4558. ✪



FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS
Shalom Park Freedom School

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Child Abuse or Neglect – 704-336-2273

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