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**Sterling Elementary Receives Full Funding
From its Adopt-A-School Partner Vulcan Materials Company**

(Charlotte, NC) – Sterling Elementary School proudly announces receipt of a \$15,000 contribution from Vulcan Materials Company to fully fund a six week Math & Science Summer Camp for 42 elementary school students.

Ruth Hood, family advocate for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools under the leadership of Sterling Principal Selestine Crowder organized the two- three week summer camps that enhances math and science skills utilizing creative and fun hands-on projects. Each week, the students will take a field trip to visit sites where they can see how math and science is used in the workforce and community. They plan enrich the camp with visits to such places as Vulcan's Pineville Quarry, Historic Reed Gold Mine, Duke Energy Exploirum, the Art Institute's Culinary Department, as well as an onsite forensic lab and a McMullen Creek Environmental Study.

"Students were selected based upon the greatest need and first come-first served basis," says Hood. "The theme for the Camp, "The Community at Work," was chosen because I wanted students to see how math and science operates in the workplace. One of the most exciting things in life is seeing a child experience the light of understanding and because of Vulcan, many students will have this opportunity. They make things happen in a "BIG" way. Vulcan has been totally committed to our school for the past three years and without their support, this camp would not have happened."

"As the principal of Sterling Elementary (Selestine Crowder), I feel that the Math and Science Camp will be both a great opportunity and experience to realistic application into the worlds of science and math." As part of CMS's Strategic Plan 2010, a charter is in the place with the mission and vision to integrate the teaching and learning of math and science in interesting and effective ways. "Sterling is excited in having the opportunity to provide our children with exploratory learning experiences that help promote thinking and exploration in the fields of math and science. "

Adriane Mattocks, a summer camp parent stated, "The camp will provide a great experience for kids including a positive environment during the summer. Math and Science is the gateway to most careers in the medical and engineering fields. Hopefully the kids will realize this wonderful opportunity and have a desire to learn as much as they can."

"Supporting education is a key component to Vulcan's community relations program and a natural extension of our highly successful Adopt-A-School Program," says Denise Hallett, Community Affairs Manager for Southern North Carolina. "This summer camp which will focus on math and science skills is a perfect match for our company . If we can help students become excited about learning math and science by showing them how these important skills are applied in the work environment – we hopefully will create a better trained workforce and give these kids a head start towards a successful career.

Vulcan's Pineville Quarry formally adopted Sterling Elementary in 2004 and has been actively involved in educational support through various activities and projects such as the accelerated reading program, Character Education, Junior Achievement, as well as sponsored their annual Jamfest basketball tournament and field day events. In 2005 Pineville Quarry employees partnered with Sterling parents and staff for a day of caring to build a butterfly garden at the school.

About Vulcan Materials Company

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