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Crozet Tennis Day 2016

Charlottesville, Virginia (4/18/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is pleased to report the inaugural Crozet Tennis Day was a hit! Tennis was played in PE classes at Brownsville and Crozet Elementary all day. The Western Albemarle High School Girls' Tennis Team logged a victory at home over Louisa County High School in the afternoon. The highlight was the Tennis Festival for Crozet Elementary first-graders on the QuickStart Tennis courts at the school. The event was organized by Crozet PE teacher Dawn Laine and Principal Gwedette Crummie with an assist from QCV. Volunteers for the festival included Dustin Taylor, UVA Men's Assistant Tennis Coach and Harrison Richmond, UVA team member, three members of the WAHS Girls' Team — Lauren Kearns, Savannah Diamond and Molly Servine — and their coach, Ellen Markowitz, QCV President Alina Ackenbom, QCV Treasurer Roy Harrill and QCV Founder Lynda Harrill. Also attending the festivities were Ann Mallek, Board of Supervisors member for the Whitehall District, Jonno Alcaro, At-Large School Board member, Matt Hass, Deputy Superintendent for the Albemarle County Public Schools and Bridget Condon, Sports Reporter/Anchor for the Newsplex. First-grade teachers Sarah Ackenbom, Katie McFarland and Virginia Slechta joined in the FUN on court.



QCV President Alina Ackenbom leads the bean bag toss/catch on court #1 at Crozet Elementary

At the conclusion of the on-court activities, the kids were told they would get to keep the racquets they had been playing with and would be given a bag of balls too.

Lynda Harrill, says, "It was a beautiful spring day to be on the courts at Crozet Elementary with 57 first-graders and officially start them on the tennis pathway. I want to thank everyone involved, especially Bridget Condon of the Newsplex who really captured on [video](#) what we're trying to accomplish by creating 'tennis schools.' It is a

very generous piece of journalism and we feel honored. The best part is hearing the kids scream when we told them the racquets and balls are theirs to keep.”



UVa's Dustin Taylor and Harrison Richmond balance balls with first-graders at Crozet Elementary

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

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