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## **BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me! a Hit at Stone-Robinson Elementary**

**Charlottesville, Virginia (11/7/2017)** – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report another BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me! program in Albemarle County is underway at Stone-Robinson Elementary School. Pre-K kids in Geisha Goodman’s class have had two tennis lessons so far and learned about why QCV’s tennis role models know bananas, apples, carrots and cauliflower are healthy to eat. The first session was led by QCV Board member Barbara Bozsik and Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator, with an assist from Ms. Goodman and her teaching assistant Ruth Parham. Tristan Venables, tennis professional at the Keswick Hall and Golf Club, and PE teacher Tommy Landseadel helped with the second session. The tennis fun for these BrightSTARS will continue as the school was given 24 kid-sized racquets, foam balls, puffer balls, a portable net, and plastic cones, all packed in two plastic bins for easy storage. Thanks go to the Party Parade Fund in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation for funding this equipment.



Going Bananas! with Ms. Goodman, Tristan Venables and Ms. Parham

Harrill says, “Stone-Robinson is our fifth BrightSTARS program in Albemarle County and 11<sup>th</sup> overall. The teachers and kids are totally enthusiastic and engaged. The kids are learning quickly and having a lot of FUN. We really appreciate having Tristan visit the

class and work with the kids. It's so nice to have extra hands, so it frees me up to take lots of photos. I love capturing all the FUN for others to see. FUN is what it's all about!"



Ms. Parham helps with puffer ball relay



Tristan sees double with bounce/catch

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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.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. We currently serve 207 schools with more than 95,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 30 additional schools with 14,000 students in southwestern and eastern central Virginia as part of the Mid-Atlantic Supercharge School Tennis Task Force.

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