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## Summit students exchange games, more with Ghana students

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Last week, some students at Summit Charter School learned a few new games.

Nothing new for a typical school day, except for the fact the games were taught by students from EP Primary School in Ghana, West Africa.

This past September, through the “Children Inspiring Hope” program, Summit Charter School sixth, seventh and eighth graders sent the Ghana students a few games to learn, including “Hacky Sack,” “Capture the Flag,” “Four Square,” and “Rock, Paper, Scissors.”

Directions to the games, including materials needed for the games, were sent via Children Inspiring Hope Founder and President, Amy Gaylor. She delivered the games and in-



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**Summit Charter School students review instructions for games that students in Ghana, West Africa play.**

structions, and in return, gathered up some games and instructions from the Ghana students to return

to the Summit Charter School students.

Games sent to Summit from the Ghana students

included “Ampe,” “Hopscotch,” “Pilolo,” and “Jack Where Are You?”

The process was photo-

graphed and videotaped on both ends and shown to the students.

And it will continue, as the next go round of projects to be exchanged won’t involve games but how to be better stewards of the earth.

“The main thing is that the kids at Summit are interacting with the students in Ghana,” said Gaylor, who found Summit Charter School through a friend, part time Cashiers resident Lori Amerson.

Summit is not the only U.S. school to interact with the West African students.

“This last trip, we worked with over 600 children, primarily in the southeastern United States and some in Canada and Colorado,” added Gaylor. “We connected with approximately 1,300 kids in Ghana, so overall

about 2,000 students were involved.”

Summit art teacher Leslie Rosenberg assisted with the project as well, as art was exchanged between the two schools as well, to help explain the games to be learned.

“The neat thing is this project has become a part of their life,” said Amerson. “It’s really amazing. I heard about it and immediately thought of this school.”

Third grade students at Summit also participated in the exchange and had a program on Friday at Summit. The sixth, seventh and eighth grader program was last Thursday.

For more information on the project and to see photos from both Summit Charter School and West Ghana, visit [www.childreninspiringchildren.org](http://www.childreninspiringchildren.org).

WCU's fall commencement set for Dec. 19 at Ramsev Center

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