East Mecklenburg High School to Host The Echo Foundation Humanity’s Day on Wed., Feb. 3, from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

What: East Mecklenburg High School will host The Echo Foundation Humanity’s Day on Wed., Feb. 3, to prepare some 650 students and teachers who are participating in the 2010 Voices Against Indifference Initiative featuring the educational premiere of the documentary film, In the Footsteps of Elie Wiesel. As a key component of the initiative, Humanity’s Day is an interactive educational forum that includes a panel discussion with local Holocaust survivor, Susan Cernyak-Spatz and her daughter, Jackie Fishman. Discussion will focus on issues of responsibility, intervention, justice and compassion. Students have been preparing for Humanity’s Day and the March 24 Student Dialogue by studying an extensive curriculum that covers topics relevant to the film. In the Footsteps of Elie Wiesel is a documentary film produced by The Echo Foundation, which traces two parallel stories: that of Nobel Laureate for Peace, Elie Wiesel, and of twelve high school students traveling in his footsteps as they awaken to their responsibility and personal power to make a difference in the world. For more information about the documentary film project, visit www.inthefootstepsofeliewiesel.org.

Who: Students and teachers from the following 14 high schools across the Charlotte region are registered to attend Humanity’s Day: Butler, Cannon School, Carolina International School, Country Day, Charlotte Latin, East Mecklenburg, Gray Stone Day, Independence, Mallard Creek, Myers Park, North Mecklenburg, Providence, South Mecklenburg, and Vance.

When: Wed., Feb. 3, from 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (News media invited to attend any or all of the following events):
   1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Presentation of film trailer and panel discussion with Susan Cernyak-Spatz and Jackie Fishman. (East Meck Auditorium.)
   2:40 p.m. – Small discussion groups in various classrooms TBA at event.

Where: East Mecklenburg High School, 6800 Monroe Road, Charlotte, N.C., 980.343.6430

For the Media: East Mecklenburg HS requests that all visitors register at the main office. Media will then be escorted to event locations. Map available at http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmeck/map.html.

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