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BrightSTARS Wraps Up Tennis Season at Charles City Elementary

Williamsburg, Virginia (5/21/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) recently celebrated the final session of the 2025/26 school year for 50 enthusiastic preschoolers at Charles City Elementary School. For their last lesson, students practiced topspin forehands, and a few backhands, using traffic cones to master the movement and finish the season with confidence.

To mark the end of a fun and active year, each child received the “WHY do tennis players eat watermelon?” Go Bananas! card, a Go Bananas! poster and two more books to enjoy over the summer: *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* and *Pete the Cat, Too Cool for School*. QCV’s BrightSTARS enrichment program promotes physical activity, healthy eating and early literacy – and the kids have a blast while they learn!



QCV Founder Lynda Harrill says, “The last session of the school year is always bittersweet. It’s wonderful to see how much the kids have grown. They follow instructions, they cooperate beautifully and so many of the kids tell me they’re going to play tennis ‘forever.’ And of course, it’s a leg-hug fest! As a special treat, my husband Roy joined us ‘on court’ to help put the kids through their paces. Still, it’s a little sad -- they’re heading off to kindergarten and leaving us behind.

“A huge thank-you to the preschool teachers and teaching assistants at Charles City. They were awesome this year, and their support made all the difference. We’ll rest up for a couple of months and then start planning for a brand-new group of BrightSTARS in the fall.”



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QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (aka QuickStart Children of 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 Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved and at-risk youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. We leverage the fun of tennis to promote lifelong physical activity, healthy eating/lifestyle habits and a love of reading in the communities we serve. We believe early childhood literacy will solve many socioeconomic problems and produce kids who will succeed in school and in life.

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