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From left: Keith Callaghan, Port Charlotte Middle School student Harmani Severe and Sandi Currier at the open house held the evening before school started on Thursday.

Parents pack PCMS open house

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PORT CHARLOTTE — While Charlotte County Public Schools enrollment is down 51 students this year, Port Charlotte Middle School enrollment actually increased this year to 825 students compared to last year's 800, Assistant Principal Sally Lutz said. With more students enrolled, Lutz said she saw more parents this year at the open house held on

Wednesday evening. The event gave families a chance to meet children's teachers and also pick up free sneakers and receive haircuts. Charlotte Technical Center students provided the free haircuts. Cosmetology Department Program Planner Mary Curby said they offer the haircuts for free because it's good for the students to get the practice. School Social Worker Sandi Currier said Christy Smith runs the Shoes for

Kids program with the support of the Sunrise Kiwanis of Port Charlotte. Lutz said overall, she was pleased with how the open house went, though some parents arrived late due to construction outside

the school on Midway Boulevard. Zondra Watson, a new parent from DeSoto County, said the construction delay was awful, but once she arrived she was treated with care.
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Leon Wesley III gets a free haircut at Port Charlotte Middle School's open house.

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