



WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

October 23, 2017

The Week Ahead:

Monday 10/23	Tuesday 10/24	Wednesday 10/25	Thursday 10/26	Friday 10/27	Sunday 10/29
	All Day 2nd Grade Fieldwork at the Aquarium	1:00 Early Dismissal Parent- Teacher- Student conferences	1:00 Early Dismissal Parent- Teacher- Student conferences	1:00 Early Dismissal Parent- Teacher- Student conferences	3:00 Walk with Shyla at Lake Montebello



Visual and multimedia artist, [Carrie Mae Weems](#), was inspired by President Obama singing “[Amazing Grace](#),” in 2015. Carrie Mae Weems wrote the performance piece, “[Grace Notes](#)” as a result of this inspiration. In the performance, they discussed Grace as a word that can be a noun, a verb, an adjective, and an adverb. Weems reflects that to give with generosity, even during the most challenging of times, is the ultimate call of grace. I attended the [performance at the Kennedy Center](#) Friday night, experienced the full gamut of emotions, and left feeling full of a hope and a freedom that only grace can bring.

In the video linked to “Grace Notes” above, Carrie Mae Weems stated, “You write something, not because you have the answers. You write something, because you know that you need to work through it.” This 8th week of the school year, let’s consider what we each want to write and work through with grace. I have a personal campaign “Today You Are Beautiful,” because it doesn’t matter what you were yesterday, or how you think you’ll be tomorrow.... TODAY, you are beautiful. And, it’s always today. With compassion, and grace, we will all make this a great week!

Warmly,

Shyla

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, 10/31
3rd Grade to
Aquarium

Wednesday, 11/1
2nd Grade to
Oakcrest

Monday, 11/6
**SCHOOL
CLOSED**
Staff Professional
Development

Friday, 11/10
Hearing and
Vision Screening

**Wednesday,
11/15**
2nd Grade to
Oakcrest

**Wednesday,
11/22**
1 pm dismissal

**Thursday-Friday,
11/23-24**
**SCHOOL
CLOSED**
Thanksgiving
Break!

CNH Facilities Work Day



Over 30 CNHers rolled up their sleeves, dug in the dirt, and had a good time together on Saturday! The team planted bushes by the parking lot, mulched the entire playground, moved tree stumps to the playground for new playing possibilities, planted flowers around the school, moved bushes by the high school, swept the sidewalks, trimmed trees, tilled the land, and laughed along the way. We had students from Kindergarten through 8th grade helping out this weekend. It was a great day!

A special thank-you goes out to Kristin Kasprzak and CNH Facilities Committee Director, Leo Guevara, for organizing and facilitating the day! Kristin shared her expertise in gardening; her organization helped everyone find a job to do, stay on track, and provided us with breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the day. Leo provided the contractor's know-how to organize the details for getting the work done, cleaned up, and ready for school; he arranged for a bobcat to move tree stumps and level ground and for folks to haul away our trimmings, unwanted tree stumps, and waste from the day. Thanks to CNH's Neil Ingram for maneuvering his bobcat in-between our opinions, desires, and tree stumps. It was a special day with special people!

The next Facilities Committee work day will be in the spring. We hope to see you there!

Grades 3-4-5 Potluck



Families joined together in a community-building event Thursday night. It was amazing to see most of the 3rd through 5th grade students attend with their siblings and their adults! The cafe was packed, the food was delicious, and the mood was celebratory.

Special thanks to parents Juliana Wood, Jellema Stewart, and Karen Edsell for organizing the event. And a shout out to our 3-5 grade teachers: Mr. D, Mr. O, Ms. Marilyn, Ms. Celest, Ms. Novak, and special guest appearance from Ms. McGarvey!

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences



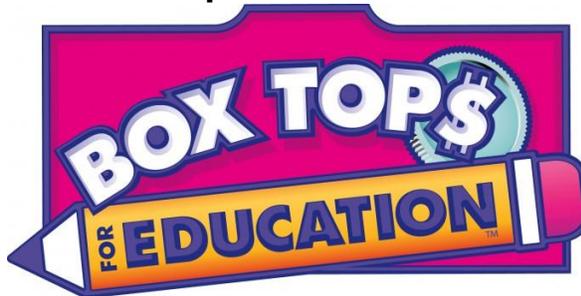
Friendly reminder -- This Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are early release days, so that teachers can meet with each student and their adults. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher, learn about your child's academic achievements so far this year, and support your child's education. Enjoy the time with the teachers!

Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Armstrong's middle school library could use some parent volunteers to help label and shelve new books. Email her for details at: oarmstrong@cityneighborshamilton.org

Run an afterschool class! A 10-week session equals all 40 hours for your family (2 hours of preparation time, 1 hour class, with 30 minutes before and after for set-up and clean-up with each class). 1 class =40 hours

Box Tops for Education!!!



Parents – thank you for clipping and collecting Box Tops all year. IT'S SUBMISSION TIME! Submit your Box Tops by dropping them in the red collection box in the school lobby by **Monday, October 30**. If you remember, our goal this year was to collect 20 Box Tops per student and once submitted that would be \$500 for our kids. Finally, don't forget to award yourself one service hour for every 20 Box Tops you collect!

Box Tops come from more than just cereal and cake mixes! You can collect Box Tops from broccoli, toilet paper, underpants, and celery, to name a few. [Click here](#) to visit the Boxtops website for a complete list of participating products.

Walk with Shyla at Lake Montebello 3:00 THIS SUNDAY!



Come and join Shyla for a walk around Lake Montebello! We will meet in the parking lot by the playground at the lake at 3:00. Topic of conversation for this walk will be after school ideas for your kids at CNH. We look forward to hearing your ideas for children big and small!

Sometimes you need to read the book you wrote yourself. Maybe Gavin is “working through” something with his writing, similar to Carrie Mae Weems!

Screenagers Screening

CNH is joining forces with CNCS for an engaging video and follow-up small group conversation regarding young people, screen time, and unintended consequences.

Our first event will include viewing the movie Screenagers as well as small group dialogues. We will have another event next month, as we extend our understandings about cell phones and teenagers.

Date and time TBA, because we are waiting for confirmation from the company to screen the movie. We are looking to sharing this experience with you! Keep an eye out for an email from Shyla!

