



WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

November 27, 2017

The Week Ahead:

Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30	Friday 12/1	Saturday 12/2	Sunday 12/3
After-School Clubs Begin	Phone Bank for Annual Giving Campaign 6-8 PM	Mtg for NOLA chaperones 6 PM BEC Unity Rally 6:30 PM Mtg for NOLA students and parents 7 PM				



On an early morning walk, Sunday morning, I turned around to find the warm, fiery glow of the sun, peaking sideways through the trees as it rose from the horizon. It caught my breath, and reminded me of the importance of intuitively changing directions, so that we can capture special moments otherwise lost behind us.

As we return from Thanksgiving break, I wish for you to allow intuition to cause you to turn, so that you, too, can capture moments otherwise left behind.

Congratulations (in advance) on the completion of Trimester 1 on Friday! I look forward to embarking on the next trimester with vigor and enthusiasm together!

Warmly,

Shyla

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, 12/12
Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Wednesday, 12/13
[Culture of Care Committee Meeting](#)
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Conference Room

Thursday, 12/14
Winter Creative Arts Festival
6:30 PM

Friday, 12/15
Report Cards Mailed

Friday, 12/22
1 PM DISMISSAL
Winter Break Begins

Monday, 12/25 - Monday 1/1
SCHOOL CLOSED
Winter Break

Tuesday, 1/2
School Resumes



Like to party? We need you!

The Fundraising Committee is planning a parent date night with food, dancing, and other festivities! We are looking for people who love to throw a good party to help plan this event. Might that be you?

If interested, please email Fundraising Committee chair, Liz Spann, lspann@cityneighborshamilton.org and Shyla srao@cityneighborshamilton.org.

We hope to hear from you!



Bringing More Science to CNH!

The Science Guy brings engaging science activities to children, grades K-5, for in-school and after-school activities. Are any parents interested in helping to plan science event(s) for the school? If so, please contact Shyla at srao@cityneighborshamilton.org

STRENGTH in Numbers

We Need You to Turnout!
Baltimore Unity Rally for Education
November 29, 6:30 PM
Barclay School

This Wednesday, City Neighbors will be participating in the **Baltimore Education Coalition's Unity Rally** – an event that will host Mayor Pugh, Dr. Santelises, and numerous local legislators – in an attempt to make clear our priorities for the upcoming legislative session including increased school-based funding.

The event will take place on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM at the Barclay School, 2900 Barclay St, Baltimore, MD 21218.

For these kinds of events, turnout is everything! We need to show that City Neighbors and Baltimore City parents, students, and educators care and will show up to expect the advocacy and support of our city's leaders.

We are looking for twenty people from City Neighbors Hamilton to attend! If you will attend, or have any questions, please email Shyla at srao@cityneighborshamilton.org

~City Neighbors Hamilton Advocacy Team~



Annual Giving Campaign

Soon we will be launching our Annual Giving Campaign. This year, instead of spelling out a specific dollar amount for this campaign, **our goal is 100% family participation.**

What does the Annual Giving Campaign fund?

- Fieldwork and cultural visits
- Arts programming
- Technology for our classrooms
- Professional Development for teachers
- Guest educators
- After-school opportunities

Here's the thing: Any dollar amount counts! While we will count everything from change to bills to checks, our hope is that families choose to give a monthly pledge via PayPal. **If 100 families pledge just \$5 per month, we would raise \$6,000!** But it gets better: If we reach our goal of 100% participation, a benefactor will give us \$3,000 grant!

The school budget relies on our fundraising efforts to bring \$10,000 to the school. Without fundraising, we would need to cut out some of the arts and activities that make CNH the school we love!

If you are interested in helping the fundraising committee with this effort--especially with a phone bank we'll host on November 28--please email fundraising chair, Liz Spann, at lspann@cityneighborshamilton.org.



2018-19 Enrollment Season in Full Swing!

City Neighbors Hamilton is accepting enrollment applications for 2018-19 now through 3 PM on February 2, 2018. Spread the word!

Our enrollment Open House dates are: January 11, 9:00 AM, January 20, 1:00 PM, January 24, 6:30 PM, February 1, 6:30 PM

We are unable to give personal tours, so please encourage any interested families or friends to attend an open house.

Current CNH students do not need to reapply. HOWEVER, if you have a sibling of a current CNH student who you want to enroll for 2018-19, you **MUST** complete and submit an application by January 29. Siblings are not entered into the general lottery, but an application must be on file by the deadline in order for them to be considered in our Sibling Preference Policy. See Stephanie for an application or download one from our website: www.cityneighborshamilton.org.

Culture of Care Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 13
5:30-6:30 PM
CNH Conference Room

As children begin to develop their own identities and play around with what makes them who they are, they often find themselves trying on different values with each persona. Sometimes we find young people acting in ways that we couldn't even imagine. "We didn't raise him/her to be like that," we often think.

At the same time of trying on personas, students are also developing their sexual identities. Often the personas include sexual actions or language. Although this is all developmentally appropriate, the behaviors and language are often inappropriate and can create an emotionally or physically unsafe environment for other learners. Behaviors, if repeated or targeted, can become bullying behaviors. If the behaviors include sexual content, it can become sexual harassment. We would like to work together to help our young people participate in a culture of care, rather than of bullying or harassment.

What with the Culture of Care committee do?

The Culture of Care committee will meet to brainstorm strategies for educating our young people about BaSH (Bullying and Sexual Harassment) behaviors, how to become an upstander and advocate, and strategies for developing a culture of care. We will also brainstorm professional development opportunities for adults (staff and families). With collective wisdom in the room, who knows what else we might develop!

Is this only for middle school?

This all looks differently in 2nd grade versus 7th grade; however, the progression is often predictable. When we tell a 2nd grader to ignore Johnny who's blowing kisses at them, we are teaching them that they shouldn't speak up. We are telling them to hold in their discomfort and walk away. This can manifest into the 7th grader who witnesses an inappropriate action and not speak up or take action to change the situation.

How to Join:

Complete the [Google Form \(link here\)](#) as well as pasted at the bottom of this newsletter) to either show interest and/or to RSVP for the meeting. If you are completing the form on paper, please return it to your child's homeroom teacher. This way, we know who is interested in follow-up emails and/or meetings.

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