

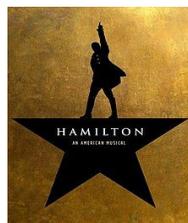


# WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

March 19, 2018

## The Week Ahead:

Monday 3/19	Tuesday 3/20	Wednesday 3/21	Thursday 3/22	Friday 3/23
Portfolio Prep Atelier 3:30-5:30 PM		2nd Grade to Oakcrest 12:40 PM		Volunteer hours due (page 5)
Board Nominations Due (page 6)				



This weekend I saw Hamilton on Broadway. What a phenomenal show! As I sat there, mesmerized by the “hip hopera” that is was, I couldn’t stop thinking about how powerful the format added to the message. Philosopher [Marshall McLuhan](#) coined the phrase, “the medium is the message,” arguing that the medium that carries a message is more important than the message itself. Watching Hamilton, with a cast of mostly people of color, telling the story of our white Founding Fathers in the U.S., through the lens of Hip Hop, made history relevant to today and today relevant to history. I found myself making contemporary connections to a time in which I usually have difficulty connecting. And I became energized about the story they told. THIS is education in its purest (and most expensive) form.

I’m left wondering how we, as educators both in and outside of school, can help find the mediums that convey messages most effectively to our young people. And, more importantly, how our young people can find the mediums that help them convey their messages most effectively. As project studies are underway across the school, I look forward to seeing the various mediums and messages portrayed.

Warmly,  
Shyla.

## Looking Ahead:

**Saturday, 3/24**  
Girls’ Volleyball Tournament  
9 AM-1PM  
Vanguard Middle School

**Monday 3/26 -Friday 3/30**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Spring Break

**Monday, 4/2**  
School Resumes

**Tuesday, 4/10**  
Board Meeting  
6:30 PM

**Wednesday 5/2 thru Friday, 5/4**  
**1 PM DISMISSAL**  
each day  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Monday, 5/7 thru Thursday, 5/10**  
Teacher Appreciation

**Tuesday, 5/8**  
Board Meeting  
6:30 PM

**Thursday, 5/10**  
Student Gallery Night/  
Board Elections  
6:30 PM

**Friday, 5/11**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Staff Professional Development

**Saturday, 5/19**  
Spring Fling!

**Monday, 5/28**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Memorial Day

**Thursday, 6/8**  
8th Grade Graduation  
7 PM

## 100% Giving Campaign

This Wednesday we will begin our Spring push for 100% giving to the school. First will be a phone bank. Next will be a listing of ways that families can give and what you will be supporting with your donations. Remember, any amount will do. With 100% participation in our school, an anonymous donor will give us an addition \$3,000 toward our fundraising goal for the school!

This Wednesday, from 5:30-8 PM we will hold a phone drive. We need your help! If you are able to support the phone drive and can come in for any part or all of Wednesday night, please [sign-up here](#).

Thanks so much!

## CULTURE of CARE Committee Meetings Every 1st Monday of the Month 6-7:30 PM

If you are interested in joining the Culture of Care Committee (CoCC), simply come to our Culture of Care Committee meeting on the 1st Monday of every month, 6 PM in the CNH Cafe.

The next CoCC Meeting will be our first day back from Spring Break, **Monday, April 2**.



## CNH Election Spring 2018

An initiative led by 5th grader Nicholas Bader, our student representative on the Board, CNH is piloting a new Student Voice Association this Spring! Students are campaigning this week. Election day is Thursday in homeroom. Below are the students running for office:

### Homeroom Rep.

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sophia Van Hook, Jasmyne Barnes, Vivienne Howard, Jeremiah Parker, Oscar Guevara, Leighton Finnimore, Payton Spruell, Kriston Leach
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Faerrin Spann, Khalil Day, Liam Finnimore, Khalil Robinson
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Ben Quaerna, Gabe McMahan
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Ben Stull, Wynn Hannigan, Lily Van Hook
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Sukanya Stoute, Autumn Thurman
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Tyler Brandon, Kyran Partlow, Owen Heyward, Kayla Sedlak, Lydia McGuire

### Organizer (Leadership Core Team Member)

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Scott Simons
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Darntrrell Boyd
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Jayden Stewart, Lillian Hyleck
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Barnes, Sadie McMahan

### Facilitator (Leadership Core Team Member)

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Nick Zebeck
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Messiah Jones
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Owen Alioto



This is the time of the year when Baltimore City Public Schools distributes a survey asking you what you think about your child's educational experience. We strongly encourage everyone to participate! Starting today and through April 6, you can access the online survey: [www.K12insight.com/SchoolSurveyParent/SY1718](http://www.K12insight.com/SchoolSurveyParent/SY1718). (For your convenience and to encourage participation, the online survey is now mobile-device compatible.)

- On the first page of the online survey, there is a drop-down menu asking you to select your child's school. Please be sure to select **City Neighbors Hamilton**. Please don't click City Neighbors Charter School by mistake!
- The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Nepali, and Spanish.
- **Paper surveys and postage-paid envelopes** have been sent home with each student. Paper surveys can be completed per instructions and mailed using the included postage-paid envelope. There is no need to submit them to the school. Paper surveys will ask for a three-digit school number. **City Neighbors Hamilton is school #346.**
- Please remember to complete **ONE SURVEY PER FAMILY** even if you have multiple children enrolled at City Neighbors Hamilton.
- In order to create a more complete picture, Maryland State Department of Education will field test a state climate survey of students and school staff in the spring.

Now is the time to submit your volunteer hours so far this school year! We realize the form above may be difficult to read but you can find hard copies in the school lobby to complete and submit by March 23. You can also submit your hours here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckDqipbD2BH1PJOO2nooxTPFqv\\_QtMliV-4mzsavh1cMAjMw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckDqipbD2BH1PJOO2nooxTPFqv_QtMliV-4mzsavh1cMAjMw/viewform)

Submitting and tracking your volunteer hours is very important to our school. Not only does it reap direct benefits to your children, it shows funders that our families are willing to commit their time and energy to their children's school--and often makes them more willing to invest in us, as well. If you have any questions about submitting or tracking your volunteer hours, please contact Director of Family Participation, Monica Benkhedda, at [mbenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:mbenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org).



## Save the Date for Our Earth Day Workday: Saturday, April 21

To honor Earth Day, our big work day will be Saturday, April 21. We will do the usual weeding, mulching, planting, and general spring grounds cleanup. Additionally, we hope to lay some simple pavers to create a level, mud-free path to the playground.

In the fall, a Go-Fund-Me page was created, but we had to postpone the path improvement until now. Our donations so far total \$125 and will go towards the path materials, mulch, and a few plants for the entrance.

<https://www.gofundme.com/city-neighbors-hamilton-playground>

*~Leo Guevara, Facilities Director & Kristin Kasprzak, Parent Volunteer~*

### On the menu...



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**Last week, the kitchen freezer broke. Until the city is able to properly fix it, food will be delivered daily and stored in the refrigerator. This means that the meals will be unpredictable until the freezer is fixed.**

**We apologize for this inconvenience! Keara is working hard to put together proper meals for everyone, although there may not be consistent meat and vegetarian options at this time.**



# FAMILY PARTICIPATION

volunteer and community involvement tracking

Fall/Winter 2017-18 <sup>#</sup>CNH STRONG

## Your participation in City Neighbors Hamilton matters!

Meaningful involvement by parents and family members is one of the core elements of the City Neighbors Hamilton charter and philosophy. We believe that our school is alive and we are stronger when parents, teachers, and staff work together!

Use this form to track your participation in CNH volunteer and school events. Check all the events you attended, tally the total # of hours, and we'll enter everything for you!

Oldest Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	# Hours	How many of these events did you attend		Parents/Family Members in Attendance		Total	Event	# Hours	How many of these events did you attend		Parents/Family Members in Attendance		Total
		#	Times	#	Volunteers				#	Times	#	Volunteers	
Sep 08: Ice cream social + Movie Night	3	x	1	x	_____	_____	Jan 17-19: Parent teacher conference	1	x	1	x	_____	_____
Sep 13: Coffee with Shyla	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Jan 22: Spring Fling - Kickoff Meeting	2	x	1	x	_____	_____
Sep 14: Back to school night	2	x	1	x	_____	_____	Jan 25: Chew and Chat with Dr. Shyla	1	x	1	x	_____	_____
Sep 14: New parent orientation	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Jan 27: Progressive Education Summit	_____	x	1	x	_____	_____
Oct 06: Picture Day	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Feb 10: DIY Bake Sale	_____	x	1	x	_____	_____
Oct 12: Kirwin Commission Hearing	2	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Feb 14: Breakfast With Your Sweetheart	1	x	1	x	_____	_____
Oct 21: CNH Work Day	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Feb 23: Book Club	1.5	x	1	x	_____	_____
Oct 25-27: Parent teacher conference	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Feb 27: New Orleans Fundraiser @ Fit Tribe	1	x	1	x	_____	_____
Oct 29: Walk with Shyla II	1	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Feb 27: Rally in Annapolis for School Funding	4	x	1	x	_____	_____
Nov 02: Screenagers Documentary	2	x	_____	x	_____	_____	CNH Board Meeting(s)	1.5	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Nov 03: CNH Pride Tie-Dye	_____	x	1	x	_____	_____	High school choice meeting(s)	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Nov 12: Walk With Shyla III	1	x	_____	x	_____	_____	NOLA trip meeting(s)	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Nov 20: Parenting the Anxious Child	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Committee Meeting(s)	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Nov 28: Giving Campaign Phone Bank	2	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Classroom Support	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Nov 29: Baltimore Unity Rally @ Barclay Elem	_____	x	1	x	_____	_____	Library Volunteer	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Dec 13: Strong Schools Maryland Video Call	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Field Trip:	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Dec 14: Winter Arts Festival	2	x	1	x	_____	_____	Other: _____	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Dec 20: CNH Flash Zeke's Coffee	1	x	1	x	_____	_____	Other: _____	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____	Other: _____	_____	x	_____	x	_____	_____

Complete this form and return to the front office or to [mchenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:mchenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org) by Friday, March 23

TOTAL

All families are to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the course of the school year.

If you have questions on how your family can be involved, please contact Monica B. Haines Benkhedda @ 410-908-2696 or [mchenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:mchenkhedda@cityneighborshamilton.org)

**#CNH STRONG** The mission of City Neighbors Hamilton is to provide an extraordinary public school education with high academic achievement for all students. Our ultimate goal for our school is that through project-based learning, arts integration, parental involvement and community outreach, the students leave enlivened, with deep awareness of themselves, their families and the outside community, and with the capacity to be good citizens.

# City Neighbors Hamilton 2018 Board Nominations: Due March 19

## Why do we have elections?

The Board of Directors of City Neighbors Hamilton is the governing body of the School and is an elected body. All members of the CNH Community, families, teachers and staff have a say in the makeup of the Board of Directors.

## Who can you nominate?

Any parent/guardian with a child currently enrolled at CNH any staff member and CNH community partners are eligible to run for office. According to our by-laws members of the board directors should either have demonstrated a commitment to the mission and vision of City Neighbors Hamilton, or possess a high level of knowledge and expertise in education, or possess certain skills needed by the Board of Directors. ***You can also nominate more than one person for any office, and you can even nominate yourself if you want to be in the running!***

## Want more information?

Let us know if you are interested and we can share more information. Contact Felicity Knox, Board President at [fknox@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:fknox@cityneighborshamilton.org) or talk with Shyla.

<b>Board President &amp; Chair of the Governance Committee</b>	<b>Director of Family Participation</b>	<b>Director of Facilities</b>
<p>This position works with the Principal and the rest of the Board to protect the mission and the vision in our school’s charter. The President also heads the Governance Committee, which is charged with reviewing school policies, by-laws, and running the Board elections every year. The President also serves as a de facto member of the City Neighbors Foundation Council.</p>	<p>The Family Participation Committee ensures that the volunteer hour expectations are met by each family, as recommended by the City Neighbors Hamilton charter and handbook. The Family Participation Committee supports families by making sure they know about volunteer opportunities, and by tracking hours.</p>	<p>This position supports the internal and outdoor learning environment of City Neighbors Hamilton. Along with the Facilities Committee, this position works with the Operations Manager to maintain a working, beautiful, and safe campus. This includes but is not limited to preparing the campus for the opening of the school year, maintaining landscaping, the fields, and the playground.</p>
<p><b>Nomination for President:</b></p>	<p><b>Nomination for Director of Family Participation:</b></p>	<p><b>Nomination for Director of Facilities:</b></p>

Strand Theater Company Proudly Presents  
***Acting Classes for Young Performers***



**Actors Tool Box I:** Provides an introduction to acting and theatre, focusing on the basic skills and concepts needed to develop fully develop characters, and telling the story of a play. Students work in the areas of Improv acting, movement & physical acting, and voice projection. Students use Creative Drama to devise their own work, which they present to a live audience as their final performance.

**Actors Tool Box II:** This class provides advanced training to students with some theatre experience. This class will help students to improve their skill level, and tackle more challenging works on stage. Students work in the areas of Improv acting, movement & physical acting, and voice projection. Students use Creative Drama to devise their own work, which they present to a live audience as their final performance.

This classes are open to children ages 5-11 years old, or grades K-5.

We are currently forming 2 Classes of up to 12 students each:

**Saturdays March 17 – May 26, 2018** (No class on March 31)

10am - 11am - Actors Tool Box I: grades K-2

11am - 12pm Actors Tool Box I - II: grades 3-5

(Appropriate for students in grades K-2, who have previously taken Actor's Tool Box I)

Classes take place in the lobby of the **Strand Theater - 5426 Harford Road, Baltimore 21214**

**Cost - \$120 for 10 weeks.**

About the Instructor: Lydia James-Harris is the Director of Education at Spotlighters Theatre. Lydia studied at the University of South Carolina, where she graduated with Master of Arts in Theatre Education. Lydia has taught theatre and acting classes to students of a variety of ages, from Pre K - 12th Grades. Her goal is to inspire and guide the interest and involvement of theatre in young people.

Register at [www.strand-theater.org](http://www.strand-theater.org)

Or call 443-874-4917 with any questions