

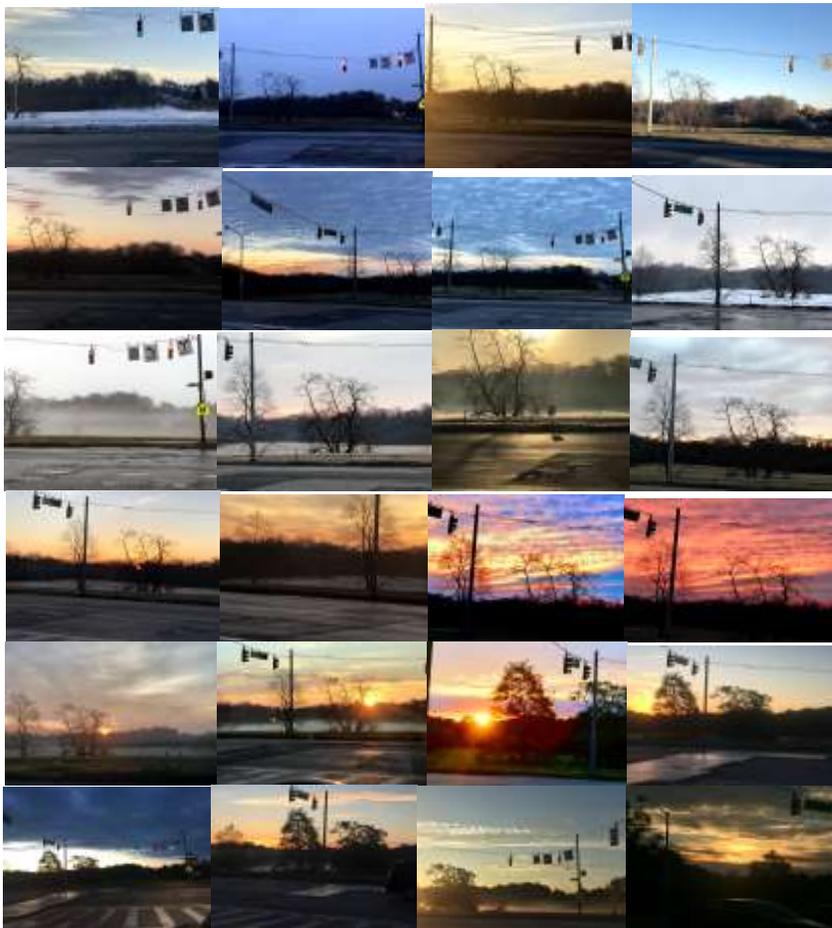


WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

April 16, 2018

The Week Ahead:

Monday 4/16	Tuesday 4/17	Wednesday 4/18	Thursday 4/19	Friday 4/20	Saturday 4/21
6th Grade to North Bay All week		2nd Grade to Oakcrest 12:40 PM			Earth Day Workday 8 AM - 4 PM



Sometimes it's great to stop and notice the same thing every day.
Enjoy your week!

Warmly,

Shyla.

Looking Ahead:

**Wednesday 5/2 thru
Friday, 5/4**

**1 PM DISMISSAL
EACH DAY**

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

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

Teacher Appreciation
Week

Tuesday, 5 /8

Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Thursday, 5/10

Student Gallery
Night/Board
Elections
6:30 - 8 PM

Friday, 5/11

SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Prof Dev

Saturday, 5/19

Spring Fling!
11 AM - 3 PM

Monday, 5/28

SCHOOL CLOSED
Memorial Day

Thursday, 6/7

8th Grade Graduation
7 - 9 PM



Elementary Positions Opening

A beautiful thing about our teachers is that many are also parents and understand children and parenting on a personal level. One challenge with many of our teachers being (and becoming) parents is that sometimes our teachers need to make a decision between the two.

I write a big congratulations to two teachers for different but similar reasons. First-grade teacher, Emily Weber, has made the difficult decision to leave the teaching profession for a few years to fully parent her adorable young children. This is a difficult decision for a dedicated teacher like Emily, and I commend her for choosing to be fully present with her children at this point in their development and using her early childhood training to help raise supported, loved, and dynamic young people who will be ready to enter school in just a few years.

My second congratulations is to Ms. Marilyn who is expecting her second child. She is due the first week in October and is going to take the full year for maternity leave. She will be here, in the fall, to support her year-long maternity replacement, and then will be home with her two little ones for the remainder of the school year.

This leads me to staffing. We are looking for a first and third-grade teacher for next year. There are a number of great candidates who we will be bringing to campus next week and the week after. We would love for you to meet them, if you are interested, and participate in the interview process. Please keep an eye out for an email from me with exact dates and times, once we have them confirmed.

Finally, please join us in congratulating Emily and Marilyn on this next chapter in each of their lives!

Calling all Instruments!



Do you have any instruments that you no longer use, laying around anywhere? No matter the condition, we would love to have your instrument donation! It would be wonderful to have a collection of instruments for student use. Please consider bringing them in, even if they need to be restored. Contact me at lgardner@cityneighborshamilton.org should you have any questions about donating an instrument to the music room. Thank you!

~Ms. LaShawn~



Saturday, April 21 8 AM - 4 PM Playground and Garden Work Day for Earth Day

Come for part or all of the day to help beautify the playground and get our City Neighbors garden ready for a new crop! The more the merrier -- young and old. Please join us! Contact Parent Volunteer, Kristin Kasprzak with any questions at KSKasprzak@msn.com.



Although we're still not fully back, Ms. Keara is able to provide an overview of what is offered again! Thanks again for your patience.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Entrée	spiral rotini/ meat sauce Roll	hamburger	oven fried chicken roll	pizza	chef's choice
Vegetarian	hummus with veggie and chips	veggie wrap	chef salad	PBJ	
Side	corn side salad	sweet potatoes Side Salad	vegetarian beans side salad	side salad	

BOARD NEWS

Dear CNH Community,

Jellema Stewart (parent of Jayden Stewart, Grade 5) has made the hard choice to step down from the Vice President and Director of Diversity and Inclusion position on the CNH Board. It has been a pleasure working with her and we thank her for the time and care she has given to the CNH community.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Board of CNH voted to appoint Raina Wilson (parent of Cameron Wilson, Grade 1) to fill the remaining two years of the VP's term. Here is the information she shared with us:



I'm a graduate of Notre Dame of Maryland University and I've worked for Kennedy Krieger Schools as an Administrative Coordinator for 11 years. In my time with the schools I've worked at the Kennedy Krieger High School and the LEAP Program which serves students with severe autism and behavior challenges. I manage the front desk operations for both schools. I've served on various employee committees within the Institute, and I've presented and helped develop trainings about diversity throughout the years. I'm currently pursuing a Masters of Social Work from University of Maryland School of Social Work. I'm doing an internship that's a pilot for placing social workers in Enoch Pratt Library branches and I facilitate group therapy for sixth-grade boys at a local elementary school.

I'm originally from Alexandria, VA and I've lived in Baltimore for 12 years. I live in Mayfield with my husband Mike and sons, Cameron (1st grade) and Grant (age 3). When I'm not trying to remember what day it is, I like to read, run and hang out with my family and friends. I believe in always having good snacks, random dance parties, and making kids (young and young-at-heart) smile. I religiously sign up to provide "paper products" for any activity or party with a sign-up list, and I'm good for sticking around at the end to help clean up and break down. City Neighbors Hamilton was our family's first choice for school out of all of the area public and private schools. We consider ourselves blessed to be a part of such an awesome school community.

We're very grateful that Raina will join us as we continue our work for CNH!

Felicity Knox, Board President

Elections for 2018-2019 CNH Board

It's that time of year again, time to start voting for who you'd like to represent you on the CNH Board of Directors.

Every year, three positions on the board are open to election of CNH family members.

This year, the open positions are:

- President of the Board of Directors
- Director of Facilities
- Director of Community Relations

Ballots are being sent home with students today. Every family will receive **one ballot per child**. Please drop your completed ballots in the box in the school lobby and mark off that you've voted on the class lists that will be by the box as well.

The last day for voting is May 10 and we'll have the final push for votes at Student Gallery Night.

It's very important that we meet quorum -- a minimum number of votes from the community -- before we can close the election. (Some of you may remember that we had to extend the time for voting last year, and perhaps you were one of the people I approached on the last day of classes trying to meet that minimum! If you were, thank you!)

If you have any questions, please contact me at fknox@cityneighborshamilton.org. And thank you!

Felicity Knox, Board President



Nominee: President

Erika Coughlin has been a board member at City Neighbors Hamilton for the past 3 years as the Community Relations chair. She is the proud parent of Amara in 4th grade and Kieran in 1st grade. Erika is a physical therapist and currently works as the rehabilitation manager at Personal Touch Home Care. She is a graduate of Ithaca College and both she and her husband, Brian, are originally from Rochester, NY. She is active with the local Down Syndrome organization and she is passionate about protecting the rights of people with disabilities. She's a huge sports fan and can frequently be found with her family at one of the local games.

Nominee: Director of Facilities

Hi! My name is **Suranjan Chakraborty** and I am the parent of a current first grader, Ketaki. This is her second year in the school. During this time, I have served in the Library Committee, and also in the Advocacy Committee. I am a faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences at Towson University, and received my PhD in Information Systems from Washington State University. We live in Oakenshawe and feel extremely fortunate to be part of this amazing school community. It is my hope that as the Director of facilities, I shall be able to use my expertise particularly in working develop the technology infrastructure of the school, among other things.



Nominees: Director of Family Participation



My name is **Elisabeth Hyleck** and I'm the mother of Lillian in 5th grade and Theo in 2nd grade. At CNH, I have been a member of the Facilities Committee and have worked on parking and traffic issues around the school. I work at the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers (ABAG), where I manage educational programs and several groups and committees, including our the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. I have my Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Morgan State University and a BA in English and French (and a minor in Women's and Minorities' Studies) from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. In my personal time, I volunteer with my daughter's Girl Scout Troop and help lead a program for pre-schoolers at my church, St. Francis of Assisi. I recently stepped down from the board of Blue Water Baltimore and still like to volunteer with them, too! We

live in Beverly Hills and love our neighborhood and school communities!

Nominees: Director of Family Participation



Georgette Lavetsky (better known as “Juan’s mom”) grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania and moved to Baltimore in 2001. Seventeen years later, she is still trying to figure out how she ended up in a city and appreciates the small, close-knit school community CNH provides, having grown up in a similar-sized school. More importantly, CNH provided her son a fantastic alternative to the conventional school environment, which was just not a good fit for him. Juan transferred to CNH last year as a 5th grader and is currently thriving as a 6th grader. Georgette would love to be more involved at CNH, and being a single working parent, she understands the challenges many

families face in finding opportunities to be involved outside of school hours. Georgette has a Master of Health Science degree in epidemiology and currently coordinates a large health survey for the State of Maryland, managing contracts and budgets, as well as analyzing trends in chronic disease. Georgette’s work experience provides daily opportunities to practice the skills needed to track family participation hours and leverage opportunities for family involvement, making her well qualified to serve in this role on the Board.

CNH invites friends, family and students

To the viewing of the
6th grade play

"Alice Had A Dream"

Opening night: May 25 @ 7:00 pm

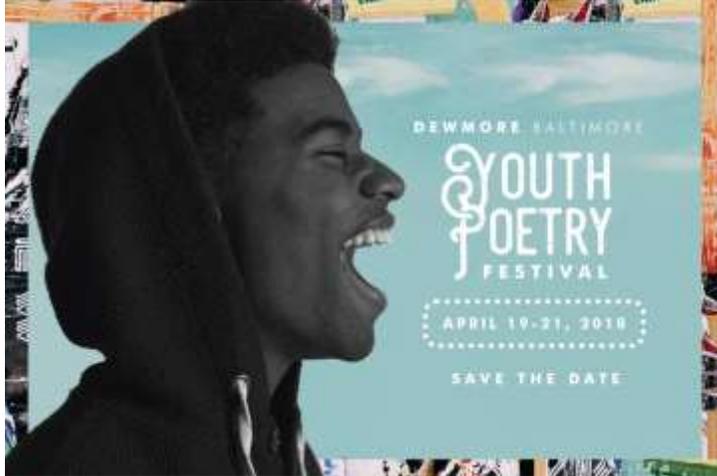
Encore performance

June 1st @ 7:00 pm

CNH Auditorium

\$5 adult \$3 Child

Meet the cast after the show!



**April 19- Youth Poet Laureate 6-8pm
City Hall**

100 Holliday St, Baltimore, MD 21202

Students who submitted applications to be chosen as Baltimore's next youth ambassador of culture via poetry will be competing to find a first place winner. If students from your school will be competing please come support (this event is not otherwise open to the public).

**April 20- Crossing the Street 11am-2pm
Downtown Cultural Arts Center
401 N Howard St, Baltimore, MD 21201**

This event is during school hours. Students from clubs will be bussed from their respective schools to take workshops with other students from around the city about art and social justice facilitated by local artists in Baltimore city. There will also be guest performances and an open mic portion. Schools are allotted 10-15 spots for students plus staff. Lunch & transportation will be provided

**April 21- Poetry Slam- 12- 8pm
Downtown Cultural Arts Center
401 N Howard St, Baltimore, MD 21201**

Students will compete in individual preliminary slams and the top winners will advance onto final stage and compete for the number 1 slot! There will also be a feature performance by Rudy Francisco. We would like to invite your entire school- community as well as friends and family to the is event. Lunch & transportation will be provided.

2017-2018 Yearbook

We are excited to announce that sales are now open for the 2017-2018 Yearbook. The yearbook is a beautiful hardbound book that features each individual student's portrait, class pages, highlights from various school event, and more! The cost per book is \$20.

2 Easy Ways To Order

Credit Card: If you wish to order online using a credit card, please use this link:

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Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity : _____ Yearbook(s) @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

PLEASE ATTACH CHECK OR CASH TO THIS ORDER FORM TO COMPLETE YOUR ORDER.

Are you tech savvy? A photographer? Interested in getting involved with the yearbook next year? Please reach out to kbrandon@cityneighborshamilton.org or hcohen@cityneighborshamilton.org via email. We are looking for parents to help make this beautiful book for next school year!