



What's Good in the Neighborhood?

April 2, 2018

The Week Ahead:

Monday 4/2	Tuesday 4/3	Wednesday 4/4	Thursday 4/5	Friday 4/6
Culture of Care Meeting 6-7:30 PM		2nd Grade to Oakcrest 12:40-2 PM DewMore Poetry Slam 3:30-5:30 PM Final NOLA Meeting 7-8 PM		Alice in Wonderland Play Rehearsal Auditorium 3:30-5:30 PM Deadline to submit School Survey (see page 3)



This Spring Break, I celebrated my parents' "Bicentennial" (50 years of marriage + 80-year old dad + 70-year old mom = 200) as well as a new 8-week old addition to my life (Baxter the Boxer). It's great to celebrate the old and the new, remembering that we are all somewhere in the middle of the cycle of life. Just as I believe breaks from work should be, I was able to be fully focused on family (and new, furry loved ones). In my nine days of break, completely unplugged from work, I was able to gain spaciousness of thoughts and intentions. I reflected on how much CNH has become a central focus in my world, the new people who enter my brain often, and the people I can't wait to get to know better. I missed everyone and couldn't wait to share and listen to stories of everyone's breaks! I hope that your time away from CNH this past nine days was spacious, restorative, and surrounded by those you love.

Warmly,
Shyla.

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, 4/10

Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Saturday, 4/21

Earth Day Workday
(see page 4)

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!



Student Voice Association: Spring 2018 Election Results

SVA Core Team

Organizer: **Jordan Barnes**

Facilitator: **Messiah Jones**

Promoter: **Nicholas Bader**

Members-at-Large: **Lillian Hyleck** and **Owen Alioto**

Homeroom Representatives

2nd: **Oscar Guevara** and **Payton Spruell**

3rd: **Khalil Day**

4th: **Ben Quaerna**

5th: **Wynn Hannigan**

6th: **Autumn Thurman**

7th: **Lydia McGuire**

8th: **Ella Boyce**

A very special thank-you goes to Mr. Johnson for serving as the faculty sponsor of the SVA, and to Nicholas Bader for leading the initiative as the student representative of the Board!

Honoring Obi



April 3 marks one year since we lost our previous principal, Obi Okobi. In order to celebrate all that Ms. Okobi brought to us and the school, the staff has decided to rename and redream the library space. Interested in helping? We will be accepting donations and would love volunteers to assist over the summer as we dedicate a space that is as beautiful and thoughtful as Obi was. Please send donations in an envelope marked Obi Library to your child's homeroom teacher. If you are interested in volunteering over the summer please send an email to ashipley@cityneighborshamilton.org. More details to follow!

On the menu...



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Great news! North Avenue has approved a new, temporary freezer for us starting this week with a complete fix over the summer. This means that, soon, we will be able to offer the daily menu again! Thank you for your patience and thank you to Ms. Keara for advocating for the work to be completed.



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 **THIS FRIDAY, April 6**, you can access the online survey: 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.



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~

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 is **tonight, Monday, April 2.**

