



WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

September 18, 2017

The Week Ahead:

Monday 9/18	Tuesday 9/19	Wednesday 9/20	Thursday 9/21	Friday 9/22	Saturday 9/23	Sunday 9/24
		6:30-7:30 Advocacy Team mtg	6:00-7:00 New Orleans and HS choice mtg	All day MS visits Book Festival		2:00 Walk with Shyla

Can you believe we're meeting with the first day of Fall this Friday, September 22nd? Yes, the Autumn Equinox arrives at 4:02 on Friday. Even though this week will feel closer to summer, you might want to shake the dust off of your jackets and air out your scarves, because the days are getting shorter and the mornings are getting colder day-by-day. As we look toward the Fall season, let's remember to hold onto the feeling of spaciousness we had in the summertime and find ways to spend time with family as much as possible outside of school.

A big thank you goes out to the Board for organizing Back-to-School night last week. Parents were met with food for their bellies, with cookies and water, and food for the soul, with a move to action sponsored by the Baltimore Education Coalition. If anyone would like to continue their civic action and support the Advocacy Committee, please reach out to me. There will be plenty of advocacy needs to go around!

I look forward to high-fiving every student, as they arrive on-time and ready to learn before 8:15 this week! Let's aim for 100% attendance without any tardies!

Warmly,
Shyla.

p.s. Stephanie is out this week, so my apologies for the less-than stellar formatting and reduced content of this document. She will upload the What's Good onto the website when she returns on September 26th.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, 9/24
Walk with Shyla

Monday, 9/25
Communications
Committee Meeting

Friday, 10/6
Picture Day

Tuesday, 10/10
Board Meeting

Friday, 10/20
NO SCHOOL
Staff Professional
Development Day

Wednesday, 10/25
1 PM Dismissal
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

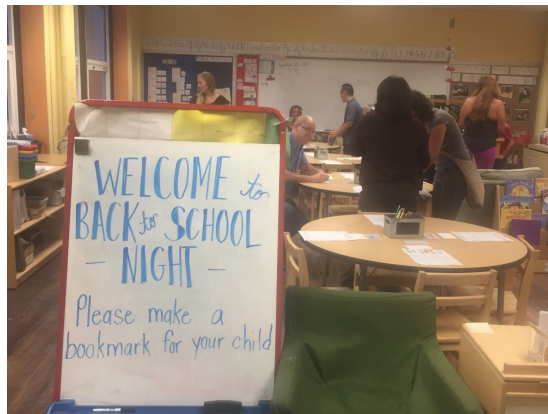
Thursday, 10/26
1 PM Dismissal
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Friday, 10/27
1 PM Dismissal
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

<p>Lateness Policy</p> <p>This is friendly reminder that, starting today, September 18th, any family who arrives at 8:15 or after will need to sign the “You Are Late” book at the front door for each child by grade level.</p> <p>To ensure that your child does not miss instructional time, please be sure to have them arrive prior to 8:15. The teachers design time from 8:00-8:15 for students to settle and get ready to learn, so that they can begin promptly at 8:15. If your child arrives at or after 8:15, they lose instructional time by getting settled after instruction begins. They lose even more time, if they arrive after 8:15, because they will be confused, trying to figure out what they missed before they can engage with the lesson at hand. Please be sure your child does not lose instructional time due to arriving right at 8:15 or later.</p>	<p>New Orleans and High School Choice meeting Thursday, 6-7pm, Cafe</p> <p>We’re catching two birds with one meeting! Learn about the process for applying for the various high schools in Baltimore City as well as about the process for signing up and fundraising for the New Orleans trip in the spring.</p>
<p>Walk with Shyla Sunday Sep 24, 2:00</p> <p>Join families and friends in a walk with Shyla! We will meet at the playground by the elementary school and walk together around the lake. If it rains, I’ll be cookies, and we can chat under the pavilion. There is no agenda other than to move our feet and chat with one another! Bring your kids and let’s have a ball!</p>	<p>Advocacy Committee</p> <p>Parents, teachers, and administrators, from all three City Neighbors schools, will be meeting once per month to learn about issues of equity with Baltimore City schools in relation to state legislation. The team will be sure to share advocacy efforts with the larger community, so stay tuned!</p> <p>Communications Committee Mon. Sep 25, 7:30</p> <p>All are welcome to attend a brainstorming session with the Communications Committee for creating deeper and richer connections between parents, students, teachers, and the community.</p> <p>Please join and share your great ideas!</p>
<p>Parent Lounge (and opportunity to volunteer)</p> <p>We are redesigning a space for parents to congregate and catch up with one another in the mornings. The seated sofa area, by the entrance of the cafe, is for you! This is also a place to meet for Coffees with Shyla, committee meetings, and who knows what other ideas you conjure up! We are bringing in cushy pillows and would love help redesigning the space. If this is up your alley, and you’d like to earn volunteer hours, send Shyla an email saying you’d like to help (srao@cityneighborshamilton.org)</p>	

Moments from the Week:

We had approximately 90 families attend Back-to-School night, with a total of almost 140 people meeting with teachers around the school. Each teacher embodied a different aspect of the City Neighbors Way, whether it was the workshop model in Ms. Walters' room, celebrations of each individual in Mr. O's room, or open discussions in Mr. Smooth's room. We appreciated the conversations and hope to continue them throughout the school year!



After school, during pick-up, sometimes teachers and students simply need to unwind together! Here, Mr. Smooth tosses the football with students who are waiting for their rides. You are invited to visit with teachers and other students, as long as you park in the parking lot. (Parking or stopping your car on Sefton Ave is prohibited during drop-off and pick-up.)



5th graders in Phys Ed learning how to utilize rotating stations for self-directed learning. From stretching to basketball, jump rope to volleyball, the students were getting quite a workout!

