



# WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

September 25, 2017

## The Week Ahead:

Monday 9/25	Tuesday 9/26	Wednesday 9/27	Thursday 9/28	Friday 9/29	Saturday 9/30	Sunday 9/31
7:30-8:30 pm Communications Committee		3-5:00 Balt. Arts Ed Initiative Launch				

On Sunday, the Ravens may have lost the game, but they reminded us that we can each take a stand (or a knee) for what we believe. Whether we agree with why they took a knee or not, it made me think about the 234 students in our school. It is important for us to remind our young people that they each have the power to effect change in their worlds, in big and small ways, and where they deem necessary. Right now, we have a number of students exercising their right to be a change agent at CNH: a group of students protesting the Friday Song during All-School; some sixth grade students are proposing a musical that they want to facilitate; other students are advocating for a school store for their peers. I am so excited to see students exercising their voices and speaking their truths. If your child has an idea, suggestion, or question, please support them in reaching out to their teacher(s) or to me via email. I'm happy to meet with students and hear their thoughts.

Warmly,  
Shyla.

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### Did you attend Movie Night, Coffee with Shyla, or Walk with Shyla?

Your hours count! Log them today!  
Click on this link: [CNH-HOURS](#)

Recording volunteer hours helps with funding! The more we show how families are involved, the more valuable an investment we are to potential donors!

**Looking Ahead:**

**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**  
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## **Don't forget... School pictures 10/6!!!**

Plan your child's outfit and get a fresh new haircut, because they're gonna be smiling for the camera! Detailed schedule in next week's "What's Good..."

## **PARCC Scores**

As a school that is grounded in the philosophy that the most authentic way to assess learning is through real-world application of knowledge, we see standardized test scores as simply one set of data, of many (running records, teacher-created assessments, formative assessments, student self-reflections, qualitative rubrics, observations, iReady diagnostic tools, and much more), that inform instruction at the school. The aggregated data (scores of each entire class compiled together) placed CNH 10th in Baltimore City for scores and gave us information that we can use to continually improve instruction.

Disaggregated data (student individual scores) will be sent home, via mail, later this week.

## **CNH High School Choice**

At last week's high school choice meeting, a parent recommended that we create a closed facebook group for 8th grade parents to communicate with one another about open houses, high school application deadlines, etc. The name of the facebook group is CNH High School Choice. All you have to do is go there, request access, and Shyla will approve it right away!

## **A note from and for Grades 3, 4, 5 Families**

### **Potluck Ice-breaker**

**Save the Date: Thursday, October 19 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the CNH Cafe!**

We're off to another fantastic academic year with our amazing students, with these three grades working in mixed groups during the year to continue to develop skills and learning in a collaborative setting - a new approach for the 2017-18 school year. In support of this effort, we're inviting all families of these grades to a potluck dinner, where we can all get to know each other a little better.

On Thursday, October 19 from 6-7:30pm, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade families will dine in the CNH Cafe by bringing a family favorite entree, side or dessert to share. We'll also be hosting a couple of "get to know each other" games, so be prepared to have fun and share a meal!

Watch out for Mr. Dietzen's Monday Mailer, Ms. Marilyn's email to all 3rd grade parents, "What's good in the Neighborhood" all school weekly newsletter, and the CNH Facebook page for updates and details on how to sign up - we'll send out a Sign-Up Genius link - and help make this a great evening. Reach out to Jellema Stewart ([stewarj1028@gmail.com](mailto:stewarj1028@gmail.com)) or Juliana Wood ([julianamwood@juno.com](mailto:julianamwood@juno.com)), 5th grade class parents, with any questions. Hope to see you then!

## Pick-Up and Drop-Off



As a friendly reminder, we are not permitted to stop or park on the right-hand side of Sefton. Parents have explained, to me, that they park on the street, because there isn't any parking in the lot. This picture is one (of three) parts of the parking lot during pick-up last week. I counted the number of cars illegally parked on Sefton, and they would all fit in the parking lot... with spaces to spare! Please do not stop or park on Sefton. Drive around to the back of the building and park in the lot to walk up and get your children or drive around to pick them up in your car at the side of the school. Thank you!

## School Handbook

As many of you heard at Back-to-School Night, the school handbook is uploaded digitally to the website. If you would prefer a paper copy, please email Stephanie at [sking@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:sking@cityneighborshamilton.org).

[Click here](#) to access the School Handbook as a Google Doc. (full link at bottom of document.)

## New security measures at CNH

At the end of the summer, City Neighbors Hamilton and High School experienced two break-ins. Some of Chromebooks, musical equipment, and a bicycle were taken. No one was harmed or in danger during the break-ins, as it happened when the buildings were empty, but we have increased security measures in the school -- We have installed loud sirens in two areas of the school, are installing more cameras both in and outside of the school, and are personally arming the building every evening, rather than having it auto-arm later at night. The building will be armed by 7:30 p.m. weeknight and will be open for teachers with limited hours on Sundays.

## Launch of Baltimore Arts Education Initiative!! Open to all!

### Description

Please join Baltimore City Public Schools and Arts Every Day for the launch of the Baltimore Arts Education Initiative, a collaborative Fine Arts Strategic Planning process to ensure equity and access to arts education for all Baltimore City Public School students.

### About the Baltimore Arts Education Initiative

In partnership with Baltimore City Public Schools, Arts Every Day will convene students, parents, community partners, arts educators, arts organizations, and district stakeholders to create a Strategic Plan to move the Baltimore City Public School District forward in 1) meeting new Maryland State Department of Education Fine Arts Standards and Regulations, 2) equipping school leaders and educators with a roadmap for building arts rich schools, 3) defining guidelines for quality school and community partnerships, out-of-school time and summer arts programming. The planning process will take place over the 2017-18 School

Year.

To register, [click here](#).

## Walk with Shyla



What a lovely walk with four moms around Lake Montebello on Sunday! It was a great opportunity to get to know one another and casually brainstorm ideas for the school as we lapped the lake. Due to the 91 degree heat, the Book Festival, and Ravens game, I received some last minute regrets with the request to do it again. Keep an eye out for dates to meet up with Shyla and other parents in next week's What's Good (including the October monthly calendar for your refrigerators)!

As always, Shyla is happy to meet with you. Use the appointment calendar link at the bottom of her emails ([click here as well](#)). Be sure to write what the meeting is about in the "Description" section, so that she can be prepared for the meeting.

### **Link to Baltimore Arts Education Initiative Launch event:**

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baltimore-arts-education-initiative-launch-tickets-37490779932?utm\\_campaign=event\\_reminder&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_term=eventname](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baltimore-arts-education-initiative-launch-tickets-37490779932?utm_campaign=event_reminder&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb_email&utm_term=eventname)

### **Link to the School Handbook:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dOS0aw\\_uSPO9OaYOfu-fZTubpvEuet2C3ViZqXzYPPU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dOS0aw_uSPO9OaYOfu-fZTubpvEuet2C3ViZqXzYPPU/edit?usp=sharing)

## Buddy Walk/5K

Brian Coughlin, CNH parent, is the organizer of this event that is designed to raise awareness for and promote the inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome. If anyone is interested to join, be sure to sign-up as part of "Amara's Entourage"(fourth grade CNHer)!

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# BUDDY WALK®/5K

OCTOBER 29 | 9AM - NOON  
INNER HARBOR  
RASH FIELD

Live Music by: **MILKSHAKE**

- FOOD ♦ ENTERTAINMENT
- MOON BOUNCE ♦ CRAFTS
- FACE PAINTING ♦ GAMES
- ADVOCACY & RESOURCES

Let's walk together...  
..for the celebration  
and inclusion of  
people of ALL  
abilities.  
We ALL belong.

*Join Us!*

TOGETHER FOR DOWN SYNDROME  
Registration and Sponsor Information:  
[www.baltimorebuddywalk.org](http://www.baltimorebuddywalk.org)

 

[www.cdspg.org](http://www.cdspg.org)  
Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group