



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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JANUARY 30, 2017

The Week Ahead

Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1	Thursday 2/2	Friday 2/3	Saturday 2/4
Fundraising Committee Meeting 6 PM Café	BEC Legislative Night (see page 2)	Intro to Middle School 5- 6 PM Family Tech Talk 6 - 7:30 PM Café (see page 2)	Enrollment Open House 9 AM		
Advocacy Team Meeting 6:30 PM (see page 2)					

Last Call! 2017-18 Sibling Enrollment We are currently accepting enrollment applications for 2017-18. If you wish to enroll a sibling of a current student for 2017-18, you **MUST** complete and submit an enrollment application. If the sibling has a different last name than the current CNH student, please note the current student's name on the application. Applications can be downloaded from our website: www.cityneighborshamilton.org or you can pick up a hard copy in the office during regular school hours. Sibling applications are due by **January 30 (TODAY!)**. Siblings of current students will not be entered into the lottery, however we **MUST** receive an application by the deadline in order to consider him/her for enrollment. Current students do not need to reapply but we must receive an Intent to Return form from them.

Open House Volunteers If you would like to be an Open House volunteer, please go to this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/BZPyaq3RqDmYhaiU2>. Remaining Open Houses are scheduled for February 2 at 9 AM and February 8 at 6:30 PM. Thank you!

CNH Climate Survey: Let Your Voice be Heard! Baltimore City Public Schools wants to know how you feel about your child's school. Please take a few minutes to tell them what you think by completing this anonymous survey. You can take the survey online! The parent survey is now mobile device compatible! www.k12insight.com/SchoolSurveyParent/SY1617. If you prefer something more low-tech, a paper copy of the survey will be sent home with students. Just complete the form and drop in the mail in the prepaid postage envelope. Your opinion is important! In order to get a more complete picture, students and staff will be submitting surveys designed for them. The deadline for submitting your survey is **Friday, February 24**. If you have survey questions, please contact Survey Coordinator, Clara Walter, at cwalter@cityneighborshamilton.org Thank you for your time and participation!

Newest CNH Member We are delighted to welcome the newest member of our CNH family: Owen Haruki Peter Weber, born at 8:31 AM on January 29. Mom, first-grade teacher, Emily Weber, is doing well, and Dad and sister, Zilla, are excited. Please note that Owen allowed this mama to complete her parent-teacher conferences and to say goodbye to her students before arriving. A thoughtful boy!

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 2/8

Enrollment Open House
6:30 PM

Saturday, 2/11

DIY Bake Sale
1 - 4 PM
(see attachment)

Tuesday, 2/14

Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Thursday, 2/16

Enrollment Lottery
1 PM

Friday, 2/17

SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Professional Development

Monday, 2/20

SCHOOL CLOSED
Presidents Day

Friday, 2/24

CNH Book Club
6:30 PM
Café
Details TBA

Saturday, 3/4

Paint Night Fundraiser
Details TBA

Friday, 3/10

Report Cards Mailed

Introduction to CNH Middle School Please join us on **Wednesday, February 1** from 5 - 6 PM to learn more about the City Neighbors Hamilton middle-school program. Students are encouraged to join their families for this evening.

Family Tech Talk Night Living in 2017 means living at a time when there is an overabundance of information, and access to larger audiences than there has ever been before. What's a parent who grew up with a Commodore 64 or an Apple 2E in their classroom supposed to do?

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 1** from 6-7:30 PM in the CNH Café as we discuss what your children are doing online and what we need to do--in partnership--in order to support them to become smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. On Tech Night, you'll learn about:

- the importance of learning about the sites and apps your children use
- how kids are using mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, and e-readers
- social networking sites and how to help your child use them wisely
- the importance of teaching your child to find a healthy balance with technology use, and your role in helping keep an ongoing conversation going about internet safety.

Please contact School Culture Adviser, Damon Harris, at dharris@cityneighborshamilton.org if you have any questions.

Cultivating Positive Racial Identity in Schools On January 26 and 27, CNH staff entered a conversation with Ali Michael and Alethea White to learn more about the key factors in cultivating cultural competence and confidence in order to support positive academic outcomes for all students. Ali Michael is the Director of Professional Development at the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Alethea White is the Director of Multicultural Affairs at the Meadowbrook School of Weston, MA. This learning opportunity was made possible through a grant received from Fund For Educational Excellence. As part of the grant, each classroom will receive funds to purchase resources for increased awareness of issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Stay tuned for more information about how this important work will be shared with the community at large.

Impact the Policy Makers: Advocacy at City Neighbors Tomorrow, **Tuesday, January 31**, a team from the City Neighbors schools will be attending the Baltimore Education Coalition's (BEC) Legislative Preview Night – an evening designed to learn about the possible impact of legislative actions in Annapolis and to organize Baltimore educators and activists in preparation to respond. The event takes place at William Pinderhughes Elementary School, 701 Gold Street from 5:30 to 8 PM. If you have not signed up and are interested in attending, please contact Mike Chalupa, Academic Director, at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org.

Also, please tentatively mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 23** – as we organize to participate in BEC's rally in Annapolis to push the Governor and legislature to fully fund Baltimore City Schools for 2017-2018. Families, friends, children, and neighbors are all welcome to join in! Official sign-ups will be available next week.

Finally, each City Neighbors schools is organizing a small Advocacy Team. These teams will be the organizing hub at each school if and when our communities need to get into action to support our schools, public education, or Baltimore. The first meeting of these teams is this Wednesday evening, **February 1** at 6:30 PM at City Neighbors High School, located on the Hamilton campus. If you are interested in becoming a dedicated member of the Advocacy Team, please contact Obi at ookobi@cityneighborshamilton.org. Thank you!

WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING **The Fundraising Committee Needs You!** Tonight, **Monday, January 30** at 6 PM in the Café, we'll be meeting (over pizza!) to plan our events for the rest of the school year, including the DIY Bakesale, Annual Giving Campaign, Spaghetti Dinner, Trivia Night, Restaurant Nights, Paint Night, and Spring Fling. We need YOUR help! All are welcome! If you haven't gotten in any volunteer hours yet, here's a great way to get started! Please contact Fundraising Chair, Liz Spann, if you have any questions about the Fundraising Committee: lspann@cityneighborshamilton.org.



An Update from the Principal Hiring Committee

Dear City Neighbors Hamilton Community,

We want to update you on the work of the Principal Hiring Committee. We will continue to update you throughout our process.

The CNH Principal Hiring Committee is now fully formed. This committee is charged with conducting the search and interview process and making a hiring recommendation to the City Neighbors Hamilton Board of Directors.

Members of the committee are: Odessa Armstrong (MS teacher), Laurie Brandon (Parent), Lisa Bryant (K teacher), Hannah Cohen (Atelierista), Bob Dietzen (4/5 teacher), Kim Farley (Special Educator), John Henderson (Parent), Ausha Johnson (Parent), Stephanie King (Office Administrator), Felicity Knox (Parent and Board President), Maryhelen Pflug (Parent and Board Member), Jellema Stewart (Parent and Board Vice-President), Bobbi Macdonald (Executive Director), and Mike Chalupa (Academic Director).

The committee met last Wednesday evening to launch our work. We began considering search criteria, developing the search process, and setting out timelines and dates for hiring. We are scheduled to meet again on February 9 to finalize all of those elements.

Meanwhile, the position has been posted. We have started receiving resumes and we will begin vetting candidates next week.

Over the next months, we will share updates with you about the process – where we are, the state of the candidate pool, and upcoming visits or efforts. While committee members can also discuss these status updates, we have asked committee members not to share details about specific candidates or about anything said in the committee's deliberations; this level of confidentiality is essential to ensure a vigorous, functional debate and process.

In the short-term, we can use your help:

If you have hopes or specific strengths you'd like to see in the next school leader, please email those thoughts to Mike Chalupa, Academic Director, at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org no later than **Monday, February 6**. These suggestions will be considered as we create the search criteria. We would like input from as many people as possible!

Additionally, if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas about our search for the next school leader, please email Mike at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org.

Thank you.

CNH Principal Hiring Committee