



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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JANUARY 9, 2017

The Week Ahead

Monday 1/9	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13	Saturday 1/14
Intent to Return Forms Distributed 4th Grade DC field trip	2nd Grade to Oakcrest 1:15-2:45 5th Grade DC field trip		Enrollment Open House 9 AM		

Enrollment 2017-18

- **Intent to Return** Intent to Return forms are coming home with students in grades K-7 today. Please check backpacks! This form asks you to let us know if you intend for your child to return to CNH in 2017-18. This information is critical in order for us to determine how many open seats we will have available at the time of the lottery draw. The form is due back to the office by **Monday, January 30**. Please complete one form per student as these forms go in individual student files.
- **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**. 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 (see above).
- **Open House Volunteers** At this time of year, we hold several Open Houses to give interested families the opportunity to visit our school to learn more about who we are and what makes our community unique. As part of that experience, we need your help as volunteer tour guides and ambassador volunteers. If you are available and interested in sharing your CNH story and guiding folks around our building, kindly complete this interest form linked here: <https://goo.gl/forms/BZPyag3RqDmYhaiU2>. Open Houses are scheduled for January, 12 at 9:00AM; January 24 at 6:30PM; February 2 at 9:00AM; and February at 6:30PM. Ambassadors are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to Open House for an overview/orientation.

Looking Ahead

- Monday, 1/16**
SCHOOL CLOSED
MLK Day
- Wednesday, 1/18**
Family Maker Night
Grades K-3, Fab Lab
Registration Required
- Wednesday, 1/18 thru Friday 1/20**
1 PM DISMISSAL
Parent-Teacher Conferences &
Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday, 1/25**
Enrollment Open House
6:30 PM
- Friday, 1/27**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Professional
Development
- Monday, 1/30**
Deadline for Sibling Enrollment
Applications for 2017-18
Intent to Return Forms Deadline
from current families
- Thursday, 2/2**
Enrollment Open House
9 AM
- Wednesday, 2/8**
Enrollment Open House
6:30 PM

CALENDAR NOTE: SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY, NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 16.



Parent-Teacher Conferences Parent-Teacher Conferences will be taking place on **Wednesday, January 18 through Friday, January 20**. In order to accommodate the conference, school will **dismiss at 1 PM on each of those days**. Please ensure you have secured timely pick up for your child on each of those days.



Scholastic Book Fairs

Scholastic Book Fair This year's first Scholastic Book Fair will take place from **January 17 through 20**. The Book Fair will be open throughout our second trimester parent teacher conferences (see above).

Family Maker Night Our next Family Maker Night will be held on **Wednesday, January 18** from 6 – 7:30 PM, and will be geared towards our youngest students and their families. Kindergarten through third grade students from both City Neighbors Hamilton and City Neighbors Charter School will have the opportunity to get their hands on hammers and nails to create a piece of unique string art. Registration is required and limited. A link to register will be provided later this week in an email and on our FB page. Stay tuned!

Advocates Needed for the BEC Legislative Preview Night As many of you know, City Neighbors is a founding member and current participant in the Baltimore Education Coalition, a coalition of organizations in Baltimore committed to great public education.

We are looking for 5-10 folks who will join us on BEC's big event, the Legislative Preview Night, which is tentatively scheduled for **January 31** from 5:30-8:30 PM (location to be announced). The Legislative Preview is where BEC will present information on what is happening at the State level that will affect our schools. We will discuss the work we will need to engage in with our Maryland lawmakers throughout the session to win on important issues. This event is part of a combined effort to build a strong and persistent voice in Annapolis during the legislative season.

If you are interested and able to attend, please contact Mike Chalupa, Academic Director, at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org.

Late Pickups We acknowledge that school dismissal times can sometime pose a challenge for families. We ask that you pick up or make arrangement to have your child picked up promptly at dismissal -3:15 PM or at 1 PM on Thursdays and every other early dismissal day. Families who are consistently late in picking up students will be connected with available resources, like our after care provider, UEC Corporation, to ensure that your child is supervised once the school day has concluded. School staff are not available to supervise students past 3:30 PM or past 1:15 on Thursdays and every other early dismissal day. If you have any questions, please contact Obi at ookobi@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Parking on Sefton Last week, someone parked on the right side of Sefton Avenue and left their car unattended. This resulted in a traffic jam and frustration on the part of both parents and staff. Please use the left side of Sefton Avenue for parking—or Evergreen Avenue, Bayonne Avenue, or our school parking if you need to leave your vehicle to retrieve your child. Moving forward, school police may be present to issue citations for stopped, and/or standing cars. If you'd like to support our efforts around pick up, please contact Obi at ookobi@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Welcome to the Board We are delighted to welcome Jellema Stewart to the City Neighbors Hamilton Board of Directors. Jellema will serve a special one-year term as Vice President and Chair of Diversity and Inclusion. Jellema is a new parent of fourth-grader, Jaylen, and comes to us with an extensive background in equity and inclusion in higher education. Most recently, Jellema served as Director of Multicultural Affairs at SUNY Fredonia. Welcome, Jellema!

Your Opinion Matters The Fund for Educational Excellence is a local non-profit that helps Baltimore City Public Schools make improvements that benefit our students and their families. This year, the Fund has been conducting a citywide listening campaign about school choice in City Schools. As part of this campaign, the Fund is surveying parents to find out what they are looking for in a school. Please add your voice to this effort by completing the short, two-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BaltimoreSchoolsChoiceSurvey>. Thank you for participating!