



The Week Ahead October 10, 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15
Parent & Family Relations Committee Meeting, Café, 6 PM	Board Meeting 6:30 PM	1 PM Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences	1 PM Dismissal (as usual) Parent-Teacher Conferences	1 PM Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences	Grounds Keeping 8:30 AM - 2 PM (see page 2)

Family-School Communications In service of nurturing our family-school partnerships, I would like to provide some guidelines to keep in mind regarding communications across our community. As a faculty and staff, we are committed to being responsive. As such, you can expect to have an email and/or phone call returned with 48 hours of receipt. This is the case for general as well as special educators, resource specialists, and teaching fellows (classroom assistants). Please keep in mind that staff members are working with students through most of the instructional day, and have limited opportunities to review and respond to emails during the school day. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Skateboards on Campus Please be aware that students are not permitted to bring skateboards for recreational use on campus. Students who use skateboards as a means of transportation are asked to keep them secured in their lockers during the school day.

PARCC Results PARCC results will be coming home this week via USPS.

~Obi~

Parent Info Night--Arts Integration: Limited Space!

What is arts integration? What does it look like in our City Neighbors classrooms? What's the benefit and power? Join us on **Wednesday**, **October 19** for a Parent Information Night on Arts Integration and find out!

The evening will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 9:00 PM. After a brief introduction and overview, parents will experience learning through a variety of the arts — movement, music, drama, poetry, and the visual arts — with five City Neighbors educators: Marilyn Mullen, Shakia Paylor, Tracy Pendred, Kate Seidl, and Mike Chalupa. Our goal is for parents to leave the experience understanding arts integration and having experienced its potential and power. Come ready to participate! No arts experience or background needed.

The event will be held at City Neighbors Hamilton, 5609 Sefton Avenue. Parents and guardians from all City Neighbors schools are welcome. We have 15 spots available per school. CNH parents can sign up by going to: www.eventbrite.com/e/arts-integration-at-city-neighbors-a-parent-experience-tickets-28457854208. This is an adult only event; please secure childcare for the evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Chalupa, Academic Director, at mcha-lupa@cityneighbors.org. We hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, 10/18

Community Conversation (see page 2) 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday, 10/19 Middle School Field Trip 9 AM -3 PM

Wednesday, 10/19
Parent Info Night on
Arts Integration

LIMITED--Pre-registration

Required (see this page)

6:30 - 9 PM

Friday, 10/21 NO SCHOOL

Staff Professional Development

Friday, 10/24
Picture Day

Thursday, 10/27
Tea With Obi

Monday, 11/7 NO SCHOOL

Staff Professional Development

Tuesday, 11/8 NO SCHOOL Election Day

Saturday, 11/12 Progressive Education Summit 8:30 AM - 4:30

> Wednesday, 11/23 1 PM Dismissal Thanksgiving Holiday

Progressive Education Summit: Volunteers Needed



Dear City Neighbors Community,

As you know by now, the 6th Annual Progressive Education Summit is fast approaching and will be held on **Saturday**, **November 12** from 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM. This annual education conference, sponsored by the City Neighbors Foundation, brings together hundreds of educators (throughout the region and now nationally) to examine best practices in progressive education.

Our Keynote this year is Susan Engel, there are forty exciting workshops planned, three exceptional Master Classes and our wine and cheese event closing.

To make this event a success, we are seeking 16 volunteers. Most of the volunteers needs are for early Saturday morning, from 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM). We are in need of the following volunteers:

- Greeters (3)
- Check-In/Registration Participant Table (5)
- Check-In for Workshop Facilitators (2)
- Volunteers to direct guests from the High School entrance to auditorium (2)
- Volunteers to direct facilitators to workshop rooms (2)
- Volunteer floaters (2)

If you are willing and able to volunteer, please email me at <u>gunoko@cityneighbors.org</u>. And please don't forget to register for the Summit at <u>www.cityneighborsfoundation.org</u>.

Thank you so very much! We need & appreciate you!

~Gwendolyn Unoko, Summit Coordinator~

Be Part of the Conversation



The Fund for Educational Excellence, a local nonprofit focused on helping City Schools to improve, is holding community conversations

with parents across the city to hear from them about their experiences with school choice — and they want to hear from you! Please join a group of your peer parents from the community for a discussion about school choice in Baltimore City Public Schools, hosted by City Neighbors and facilitated by the Fund for Educational Excellence on **Tuesday**, **October 18**, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at City Neighbors Hamilton. Please RSVP to Bobbi if you plan to attend or have any questions: bmacdonald@cityneighbors.org

Enrichment Clubs Beginning Soon!



Included in today's Monday Mailer is the Fall Enrichment Club Catalog and sign-up form. We have two clubs on

offer this fall: The Creative Makers and the Confection Club. All club sign-up forms are due by **Wednesday**, **October 12**. If you have any questions about Enrichment Clubs, please contact Jill Cairns-Gallimore at <u>icairns-gallimore@cityneighborshamilton.org</u>.

Grounds Keeping Day at CNH



Our campus grounds need just a little TLC to look its best. The playground needs some sprucing up, the trees need trimming, there's a tiny bit of weeding necessary and planting, and some debris dumping. We have tools and

gloves to lend if needed, and also provide coffee, juice, bagels, fruit, and donuts. No expertise required. So bring the kids, eat, play, and help us get the grounds looking good! **Saturday October 15**, 8:30-2:00. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Kasprzak at kskasprzak@msn.com or 410-961-8310, or Leo Guevara at leonardo guevara2010@comcast.net.

Parent & Family Relations Committee

Please join us on **Monday**, **October 10** at 6 PM in the CNH café for the Parent & Family Relations Committee Meeting. Help make Teacher Appreciation week another week to remember. Bring your ideas for ways to make our teachers feel pampered and special. Let's talk about Room Parent responsibilities and how our committee can help this year. Children welcome. Refreshments served. RSVP to Parent and Family Relations Chair, Maryhelen Plfug at mpflug@cityneighborshamilton.org.