



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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The Week Ahead

OCTOBER 17, 2016

Monday 10/17	Tuesday 10/18	Wednesday 10/19	Thursday 10/20	Friday 10/21	Saturday 10/22
Community Conversation 6 -7:30 PM (see page 2)		MS Field Trip 9 AM -3 PM Parent Info Night on Arts Integration Pre-registration Required (see below) 6:30 - 9 PM	SCHOOL IN SESSION <i>Note this is a departure from the BCPS calendar</i>	SCHOOL CLOSED Staff Professional Development	
					



IMPORTANT NOTICE: CNH will be in session on Thursday, October 20, as usual.

Grounds Keeping Workday a Success! Many thanks to the fearless crew of students and families who came out this past sunny Saturday to tend to the City Neighbors Hamilton campus. The playground has never looked better!

City Neighbors Symposium This Friday, our campus will host the 5th City Neighbors Symposium. Teachers and staff from all three school will share best practices and lessons learned. As such, school will be closed for students on **Friday, October 21.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences Thanks to all who were able to attend last week's parent-teacher conferences. If you weren't able to meet with your child's teacher, it's not too late. Contact your child's teacher and they'll work with you to find a mutually agreeable time to meet to discuss your child's transition into the new school year as well as his/her academic, social emotional, and behavioral progress.

~Obi~

Parent Info Night--Arts Integration: Spaces Available!

What is arts integration? What does it look like in our City Neighbors classrooms? What's the benefit and power? Join us this **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. 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. 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 adults-only event; please secure childcare for the evening.** If you have any questions, contact Mike Chalupa, Academic Director, at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org. We hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

Monday, 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

Thursday, 11/24
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/25
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, 12/9
Hearing & Vision Screening
Grades K, 1, & 8
9 AM



Progressive Education Summit: Volunteers Needed



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 gunoko@cityneighbors.org. And please don't forget to register for the Summit at www.cityneighborsfoundation.org. 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

Halloween Creature Double Feature!

Join us for our first fundraiser of the season! On **Friday, October 28**, we'll have two all-ages-friendly Halloween-themed movies along with snacks and refreshments! Keep an eye out for more information to come! Contact Fundraising Chair, Liz Spann, with any question or to help out: lspann@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Holidays

While CNH encourages discussion of cultural and family traditions, we do not celebrate or sanction any specific holidays. Some classes may create activities, but each teacher makes these decisions independently. Consult your child's teacher before making any plans or assumptions about celebrating holidays in the classroom.

Policy Review: Attendance/Tardiness

The following is excerpted, in part, from the School Handbook: It is imperative that students are at school, in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:15 AM. A student's tardiness impacts the learning and day of the students. Not only does tardiness disrupt the classroom, it does not allow students the necessary time to begin their day calmly; it can set a rushed or strained tone for their day. Therefore, if a student is late:

- Parent/Accompanying adult must escort the tardy child to his/her classroom. YOU are your child's late pass. Students will not be allowed into their classrooms without being accompanied by a parent or the adult who brought them to school.
- Students who are late more than three times in a trimester will be required to meet with the principal to discuss intervention strategies.

If your child will be significantly late (9 AM or later) or absent, please contact your child's homeroom teacher (an email is acceptable). If you know in advance your child will be absent or significantly late, please send a note in advance to your child's teacher, so that he/she can plan accordingly.