



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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The Week Ahead

Monday 2/6	Tuesday 2/7	Wednesday 2/8	Thursday 2/9	Friday 2/10	Saturday 2/11
	2nd Grade to Oakcrest 1:15-2:45	Enrollment Open House 6:30 PM			DIY Bake Sale & Flower Arrangements 1 - 4 PM CNH Café
	8th Grade Field Trip National Museum of Africa-American History				

Parent Information Night: How Do We Learn To Read at City Neighbors?

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 15** from 6:30-7:30 PM at the City Neighbors Hamilton for our third Parent Information Night of the year - "How Do We Learn to Read at City Neighbors?" Facilitated by Kate Seidl, Principal of City Neighbors Charter School, and Nadiyah Herrera, Literacy Specialist at City Neighbors Charter School, you will get insight into how children learn to read, how we approach reading instruction, and how you can best support your children, whether they are brand-new readers or working to be better readers. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-do-we-learn-to-read-at-city-neighbors-tickets-31754769370>. Childcare available for school-aged children.

Join Us To Demand Full Funding for Baltimore City Schools!

We need your help in fighting for the resources needed to run our schools. Governor Larry Logan is preparing to withhold nearly \$42 million dollars of funding to Baltimore City Schools at a time when other districts are received *increased* funding. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, February 23** as we take buses to Annapolis to participate in Baltimore Education Coalition's rally 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! Our goal is to fill one school bus on behalf of our children. Buses leaves from the Hamilton campus at 5 PM and will return around 8 PM. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/city-neighbors-hamilton-advocacy-team-12821289148>

Principal Hiring 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 **Tuesday, February 7**. These suggestions will be considered as we create the search criteria. We would like input from as many people as possible! If you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas about our search for the next school leader, please email Mike at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org.

Open House Volunteers If you would like to be an Open House volunteer, please go to this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/BZPyag3RqDmYhaiU2>. Our final Open House of this year is February 8 at 6:30 PM. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, 2/15**
Parent Info Night:
How do we learn to read at City Neighbors?
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Registration required
- Thursday, 2/16**
Enrollment Lottery
1 PM, Library
- Tuesday, 2/16**
Board Meeting
6:30 PM
- Friday, 2/17**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Professional Development
- Monday, 2/20**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Presidents Day
- Thursday, 2/23**
Education Rally in Annapolis
- Friday, 2/24**
CNH Book Club
6:30 PM
Café
- Friday, 2/24**
Deadline to Submit School Climate Survey
- Saturday, 3/4**
Paint Night Fundraiser
Details TBA



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 has been 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!

WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING

- CNH will be hosting our annual DIY Bake Sale on **Saturday, February 11** from 1– 4 PM in the café. Purchase a baked good for \$1 or \$2, then let the kids go wild with decorating! ADDED: DIY flower arrangements! We have a limited number so get there early! The arrangements will be in a heart-shaped glass container as a keepsake which the kids can decorate. Arrangements will range between \$12 and \$15 dollars, will last about a week, and be adorable. Parents and/or kids can make them! Please contact Lori Smutek at giasmommy18@gmail.com for with questions.
- The Fundraising Committee is recruiting help for the Spaghetti Dinner on March 25. Come out, lend a hand, have a blast, and get in some volunteering hours! Contact Fundraising Chair, Liz Spann, at lspann@cityneighborshamilton.org or Paul Anderson at paulanderson@gmail.com for more details!
- Mark your calendars for the next Fundraising Committee meeting on **Wednesday, March 1** at 6 PM in the café.



CNH Book Club: All American Boys City Neighbors Hamilton Committee Relations Committee will be hosting their next book club event on **Friday, February 24** at 6:30 PM in the café. This year, we'll be discussing All American Boys, the 2016 *One Maryland, One Book* selection by local authors, Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely. This young-adult book is for ages 12 and up, so we'd love to have some middle-school students join us in the discussion!

You can read more about the book and the authors, and even listen to the beginning of the book at this site: <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/2016-one-maryland-one-book/>

The book is available at libraries and bookstores, and we have a limited number to give away. If you need a copy of the book, please contact Community Relations Chair, Erika Coughlin, at ecoughlin@cityneighborshamilton.org Please RSVP your attendance to her at that address, as well. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mindfulness Seminar The Northeast Schools Alliance, a partnership of City Neighbors, Hamilton Elementary Middle School, and St Francis of Assisi School, is holding a Mindfulness Seminar on **Wednesday, February 22** from 6:30 - 8 PM at The Strand Theatre at 5426 Harford Road in Hamilton. This is the second in a speaker series for the families of Northeast Baltimore brought to you by the Northeast Schools Alliance through a grant from the Goldseker Foundation. Please join us! Register at <http://bit.ly/2kyoPmD> See the attached flyer for more information.

Traffic Committee Update Last week, the traffic committee reconvened to discuss possible solutions for the persistent traffic and safety concerns that arise during daily pick-up and drop-off of students. We are deeply committed to ensuring that these busy times of day continue to reflect our values as part of the City Neighbors community.

Please review the attached diagram of drop-off/pick-up areas. We encourage everyone to follow these expectations, as City Schools Police will be present more consistently to enforce the posted traffic signs. Owners of unattended and/or traffic-impeding cars may receive a parking citation of \$250 for illegal parking. We do not want this to happen to members of our school community! Thank you, in advance, for your continued efforts to ensure that all City Neighbors Hamilton community members are safe at the beginning and end of the day.

ARRIVAL: 7:45[- Breakfast served in café, 8- School doors open, 8:15 - Instruction begins in classrooms

Our day begins with the CNH Breakfast Club (free breakfasts) for all CNH students from 7:45 to 8 AM in the café. School doors open at 8 AM; any student arriving between 8 and 8:15 AM, should report directly to his/her classroom.

Please note: Any student arriving before 7:45 AM will not be supervised by CNH staff. CNH will not be responsible for student safety prior to 7:45 AM.

- Students may be dropped off in an orderly fashion by driving “The Loop” surrounding the school and dropping them off at the outdoor stage.
- Students should exit vehicles on the sidewalk side of the street—never in the middle of the street.
- Children and adults must obey the directions of the crossing guard at all times. If you must park on Sefton or adjacent streets, be sure to park legally without blocking driveways, crosswalks, or fire hydrants.
- There is no parking allowed on the east side of Sefton Avenue (the side closest to the school).

DISMISSAL: 3:15-3:30PM

- Students in K-5 are dismissed on the front lawn (near the stage), and students in grades 6-8 are dismissed from Sefton Avenue
- During this especially busy time, we ask that you keep the crosswalk clear of vehicles so that people can cross Sefton and/or Evergreen Avenues safely. The school side of Sefton is a ‘NO PARKING/STANDING’ zone, and cars cannot be left unattended. Cars found in this area may be ticketed by Baltimore City Schools Police.
- Inclement weather: In the event of heavy rain or snow, or in extreme cold, students will be dismissed from the café.

Fundraiser for Our 8th Grade Students Going to New Orleans

Dear City Neighbors Families,

I am the brewer at Gordon Biersch Baltimore, located at 1000 Lancaster Street in the Harbor East neighborhood of Baltimore. When we tap a new beer, we host a party to introduce people to it. We always try to team up with a charity partner who will benefit from the sales of the new beer that evening. Since my daughter, Indigo, is in the 8th grade and they really need to raise money to pay for their trip to New Orleans this spring, we have agreed to use the funds raised for this purpose.

Here’s how it works: Starting at 6 PM on **Thursday, February 16**, we will officially tap a full keg of the new beer at the bar. This keg has been filled separately, and has a spigot on its side, allowing it to be dispensed without CO2 or any other equipment. All sales of the beer in this keg will go to the 8th grade class for their field trip. The more people who show up to try the beer, the more money we raise! During the course of the party, we are allowed to do any other activity we can think of to raise money for the charity—auctions, raffles, etc. Appropriately, the beer will be “1815 ESB”- a British-style ale named for the year of the Battle of New Orleans, a great American victory over British forces at the end of the War of 1812.

Thank you and hope to see you all there!

Chris Cashell