



City Neighbors Hamilton

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### The Week Ahead

Monday 5/1	Tuesday 5/2	Wednesday 5/3	Thursday 5/4	Friday 5/5	Saturday 5/6
	2nd Grade to Oakcrest  3rd Grade Field Trip Baltimore Museum of Industry			<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Staff Professional Development	CNH Paint Night Fundraiser 6 PM Café  Night in the Fab Lab CNF Fundraiser 7 -10 PM (see page 4)

**Join us for Gallery Night** Please join us next **Thursday, May 11** night when our school opens up for Gallery Night. Explore the hallways and classrooms as student art and project work will be displayed. This is a drop-in event, so come any-time between 6:30-8 PM. That night, we will also be holding Board Elections, so come ready to vote for the newest members of the CNH Board of Directors.

**Obi Memorial** The Baltimore memorial for Obi will take place here at CNH on **Friday, May 19**. We will gather at 6:30 PM in the auditorium with Obi's family and the greater Baltimore community for a service and celebration of her life and work that begins at 7 PM. This will be followed by a reception in the CNH cafe. There is an optional after party at The Fork and Wrench. We are asking you to register so that we can plan accordingly: <https://obiokobimemorialbaltimore.eventbrite.com/>

### CNH Principal Hiring Process: An Update & an Invitation

Principal candidate, Shyla Rao, will join us this week – and we invite you to meet with her! Shyla comes to us with a Masters of Arts in Teaching from MICA and a Doctorate of Education from Teachers College at Columbia University. As part of her doctorate, Shyla earned a certificate in Cognitive Intelligence of Organizations and conducted her thesis on sustaining arts integration at an urban elementary/middle school. Shyla is currently the Graduate Director and faculty member at MICA's Masters of Arts in Teaching program. She has previously been a teacher for grades K-12, an arts integration curriculum coach, on the faculty of JHU, Teachers College and other universities, and published numerous works on race, privilege and equity, arts integration, assessment, and many other topics in education.

We invite you to participate in two opportunities to connect with Shyla and provide feedback to the committee. Please join us this **Tuesday, May 2 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM** when Shyla will lead a workshop that helps us vision our future. On **Wednesday, May 3 from 8:30-9:30 AM**, please join us for a Coffee Q & A with Shyla.

We are also excited to invite another candidate back for a second interview – a day-long visit of observations and conversations – on Thursday, May 4. We will keep you posted on the progress of this candidate. The CNH Principal Hiring Committee seeks to make a recommendation to the CNH Board of Directors in mid-May.

### Looking Ahead

**Tuesday, 5/9**

Board Meeting  
6:30 PM

**Wednesday, 5/10**

Open Mic Auditions  
3:15 - 4:15

**Thursday, 5/11**

Student Gallery Night &  
Board Elections  
6:30 - 8 PM

**Wednesday, 5/17**

Open Mic Rehearsal  
3:15 - 4:15

**Friday, 5/19**

All School: Open Mic  
2:20 PM

Memorial for Obi  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
(see attached flyer)

**Saturday, 5/20**

Spring Fling  
11 - 3

**Monday, 5/29**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Memorial Day

**Thursday, 6/8**

8th Grade Graduation  
7– 9 PM  
Auditorium

**All-School: Calling All Performers!** Our final Open Mic of the school year will take place on **Friday, May 19** at 2:20 P.M. Any students interested in performing should return permission slips (attached to this Monday Mailer) to Ms. Novak by Monday, May 8. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, May 10 and there will be a Rehearsal day on Wednesday, May 17. Any questions? Contact Ms. Novak at [anovak@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:anovak@cityneighborshamilton.org).

**PARCC Testing Continues This Week** PARCC (Partnership for Assessment for College and Career Readiness) testing continues this week in schools across the city and state – and here at City Neighbors Hamilton.

This week:

- Grade 6 will take the Language Arts test on Thursday.
- Grade 7 will take the Math test on Monday and Tuesday, and the Language Arts test on Friday.
- Grade 8 will take the Math or Algebra PARCC on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and the Language Arts PARCC on Thursday.

Next week, all grades will test at some point – Grade 3 on Tuesday and Wednesday, Grade 4 on Wednesday and Friday, Grade 5 on Wednesday and Friday, Grade 6 on Monday and Tuesday, Grade 7 on Monday, and Grade 8 on Monday.

You can help your child be ready for testing by:

- Encouraging them to try their very best – using all their time, checking their answers.
- Helping them get a good night's sleep.
- Making sure they have a good, hearty breakfast.
- Minimizing anxiety or any fears they may have about testing.

If you have any questions about PARCC testing, please let us know. Thanks to Hannah Cohen and Tara McGarvey who have done tremendous work in the tricky organization of PARCC testing for our school.

**City Neighbors Summer Camp is Filling Up** The City Neighbors Children's Summer Camp has just a few open slots left for this summer. This camp, now in its third year serving rising first through fourth graders, is designed to create a rich summer experience of arts, gardening, bike riding, field trips, project work, literacy support, creativity, imagination, and friendship. Please submit your application as soon as possible before the slots fill up! CN Summer Camp will run Monday through Friday from July 10 through August 4, 9 AM - 3 PM. Before and aftercare will be available onsite for a reasonable fee. For any specific questions about City Neighbors Summer Camp, contact Program Director, Nadiyah Herrera, at [nherrera@cityneighbors.org](mailto:nherrera@cityneighbors.org).

**The City Neighbors Hamilton Hub** This year, in an effort to help the smooth, forward thinking running of the school, the staff at CNH designed a new structure – The Hub. The Hub is a group of staff members who meet every Thursday at 3 PM, each having a specific support role in the school, who share information, plan ahead, and troubleshoot emerging issues. The Hub is helmed by the School Principal.

This year, The Hub, consists of Damon Harris (School Culture and Discipline), Kim Farley (Middle School Coordination), Amanda Shipley (Special Educator), Lisa Bryant (who handles Daily Coverage), Hannah Cohen (our official Planner-Header), Ashley Novak (Teaching Fellows Representative), and Stephanie King (Office Administrator).

This structure has proven to be a strong and impactful one, helping to make the inner workings of the school a smoother, more proactive, and stronger process. As we transition to a new Principal, The Hub model will remain in place next year, although each year, with the exception of the Office Administrator role, new staff members can apply for any of The Hub positions. Thanks to all The Hub members for their additional and excellent work this year, and to the entire staff who designed and supported this pilot Hub effort.

**Last Day of School and First Day of School** We have recently been notified that the last day of school will be **Tuesday, June 13**. There will be a 1 PM dismissal that day. And in case you are wondering, the first day of school for 2017-18 will be Tuesday, September 5.

**Logging Your Participation Hours** We know how busy you've all been this year, so the Board has created a form to try and capture the volunteer hours you've all done. Please see the attached form. And, as always, if you find it easier, you can add hours online via our Google form: <https://goo.gl/wH4rUQ>. Thanks for all you do! If you have any questions about logging volunteer hours, please contact Board President, Felicity Knox, at [fknox@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:fknox@cityneighborshamilton.org).

**Advocacy Teams** Are you someone who is interested in the bigger picture of schooling? How do we maximize funding for Baltimore City Schools? How do we create the best political and policy environment for innovative schools like City Neighbors Hamilton to thrive? How do we make sure that school quality is determined by much more than standardized testing? How do we ensure that our school has the autonomy and support it needs to thrive in years to come? How do we help create a thriving school system here in Baltimore City?

City Neighbors Hamilton needs two or three dedicated folks to comprise its Advocacy Team. The team meets with colleagues from our other two City Neighbors schools monthly to discuss current issues and engage in advocacy planning. And, when the time comes, this team will connect with Board and School Leadership to mobilize our community.

If you're interested or have questions, email Mike at [mchalupa@cityneighbors.org](mailto:mchalupa@cityneighbors.org).

**You Can Donate to CNH Through our FB Page!** As you know, our Annual Giving campaign is in full swing! And now, we've made it even easier for you to give! If you haven't already, please join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityNeighborsHamilton>. Look for the blue "donate" icon on the upper right hand side of the page. Thank you!

**CNH Workday** Thank you to all of the CNH parents and families who came out to Saturday's workday! Their efforts helped us spruce up the place – including the playground and front entrance. Thanks to Leo Guevara and Kristin Kasprzak for their initiative and organization.



**CNF Night in the Fab Lab Fundraiser** The City Neighbors Foundation is hosting its annual fundraiser, Night in the Fab Lab, on **Saturday, May 6**, from 7-10 PM. The evening will be a unique and eclectic experience of jazz music, oysters, duckpin bowling, great food, and fun Fab Lab activities! This year we will also be showcasing student work from the Fab Lab, and taking a moment to thank some of our Internship hosts.

We are excited to announce that, thanks to a sponsor, we are able to offer 2 tickets for the price of one to any City Neighbors family. Tickets are \$120 (for two people) or \$60 for one.

There are 20 of these two-for-the-price-of-one tickets available and you can purchase them HERE. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-night-in-the-fab-lab-at-city-neighbors-tickets-32021999663>

We hope you will consider joining us for this funky City Neighbors evening!



## Paint Night FUNdraiser

May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the

City Neighbors Hamilton Café

Tickets \$40

Includes: canvas & paint, step-by-step instruction  
*plus*, a glass of wine\* and a small plate of finger food!  
(\*or soda)

*Additional food & beverages will be available.  
Beverages \$4 per glass, \$10 per carafe.  
Cheese, crackers, mini quiche, etc, \$4 per plate*



Deadline to purchase tickets: is **Thursday, May 4.**

Get your tickets at

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cnh-paint-night-tickets-34029689718.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cnh-paint-night-tickets-34029689718)