



City Neighbors Hamilton

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The Week Ahead

| Monday 5/15 | Tuesday 5/16 | Wednesday 5/17 | Thursday 5/18 | Friday 5/19 | Saturday 5/20 |
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| | 2nd Grade to Oakcrest | Open Mic Rehearsal 3:15 - 5 PM | Town Hall with City Schools CEO, Dr. Santelises CNH Auditorium (see page 2) | 1st Grade to Oakcrest All School: Open Mic 2:20 PM Memorial for Obi 6:30 - 8:30 PM | Spring Fling 11 - 3 |



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/>

Spring Fling! Please join us this **Saturday, May 20** between 11-3 for our annual Spring Fling! This year is the first year that the event will be sponsored by all three City Neighbors schools. Come join us for Open Mic performances, the CNCS Band, and the CNHS Step Team. Come for carnival games, the moon bounce, and the dunk tank. Check out our K-12 Book Fair. And, there will be good grilling and carnival food along the way. We also still need volunteers for the event. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. For those of you who have not yet signed up, please consider dedicating an hour. Sign up here to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aafa722a5f58-spring1>

Board Elections—Voting Still Open! Attached to this Monday Mailer is the voting ballot for the 2017-2018 CNH Board Elections. Many of you voted at last Thursday night's Gallery Night, but we want to make sure that everyone gets a chance to vote. Please return one ballot for each child that attends CNH. While there is only one candidate per position, your endorsement matters. We are excited to have John, Jellema, and Maryhelen join or continue on the Board for another three years – as they are ready to work to take our school into the future. Completed ballots can be dropped in the ballot box located in the school lobby by **Friday, May 19**.

Summer Camp Filling Up City Neighbors Children's Summer Camp has just a few openings remaining. This camp is designed for City Neighbors rising first through fourth graders. Submit your application before slots fill up! Camp runs from July 10 through August 4, 9 AM -3 PM. Before and aftercare available onsite for a reasonable fee. If you have any questions, contact Program Director, Nadiyah Herrera, at herre-ra@cityneighbors.org.

Homestretch

Monday, 5/29

SCHOOL CLOSED

Memorial Day

Tuesday, 5/30

2nd Grade to Oakcrest (final)

3rd Grade FT

Baltimore Museum of Industry

2018 NOLA Info Session for

Current 7th Graders

6:30 PM

Ms. Armstrong's Room

Friday, 6/2

Field Day

1st Grade to Oakcrest, 1 PM

Tuesday, 6/6

8th Grade FT

Double Rock Park

Wednesday, 6/7

4th/5th Grade Premier

6 –8 PM, UMBC

Thursday, 6/8

8th Grade Graduation

7– 9 PM, Auditorium

Friday, 6/9

Final Report Cards Mailed

5th Grade FT, North Point

Monday, 6/12

1 PM DISMISSAL

Tuesday, 6/13

Last Day of School

1 PM DISMISSAL

Open Mic All-School Please join us for our Open Mic All-School this **Friday, May 19** and check out the talent of students from Kindergarten through eighth grade. All-School begins at 2:20 in the Auditorium! Thank you to Ms. Novak for her work in organizing the Open Mic.

Field Day: Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 2** as the City Neighbors Hamilton Field Day. More information to come!

PARCC Testing Continues This Week PARCC testing begins winding down for us here at City Neighbors Hamilton. 3rd grade finishes up testing today and the rest of the week will be primarily dedicated to make-up testing.

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.

Town Hall at City Neighbors Hamilton Join Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance and The Baltimore Education Coalition for a Town Hall discussion with Baltimore City Public Schools CEO, Dr. Sonja Santelises. On the heels of closing a \$130 million budget shortfall, hear directly from Dr. Santelises about what's next to ensure that City Schools are adequately funded in the years to come. Hear her vision for city schools, voice your concerns and praises! Welcome reception for DBFA membership from 5:30-6:00 with Elizabeth Mount, Executive Director of DBFA (and other guests soon to be announced). Childcare provided for \$5. Register for childcare at: https://www.flipcause.com/widget/widget_home/MTU5OTk=

The 2016-2017 CNH Yearbook is Still Available to Purchase! This year, the CNH yearbook was co-designed by students. They had a hand in laying out some of the pages and taking photos. The yearbook highlights the amazing work happening in classrooms, fun field work, performances like Open Mic and Winter Arts Festival, Buddy Days, the smiling and silly faces of our community, and much more! This yearbook is dedicated to Ms. Okobi. The yearbooks are priced at \$22. Online sales are closed, but you may still order a yearbook by turning in an order form (see attached) and payment to Miss Cohen. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about purchasing a yearbook: hcohen@cityneighborshamilton.org.

~Miss Cohen, Atelierista~

Presentations of Learning (POLs) in Middle School Each year, as part of our increasingly rigorous Middle School program, each student is required to complete an end-of-year Presentation of Learning (POL). During the months of April and May, students collect exemplars of their work, construct a series of reflections on their year, and organize a portfolio. During the week of May 22, each student will have 30 minutes to speak in front of their faculty advisor, their parents or guardians, an invited guest, and other teachers about their year – their growth, their struggles, their learnings, and their goals going forward. Middle-school students are deep in the mix of preparations now. Parents and guardians should have received an invitation to sign up for a time for the week of the May 22. We, on staff, look forward to seeing our middle school students step up this middle school challenge.

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.

