



City Neighbors Hamilton

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The Week Ahead

Monday 5/22	Tuesday 5/23	Wednesday 5/24	Thursday 5/25	Friday 5/26	Saturday 5/27
	1st Grade Walking Trip to Enoch Pratt Free Library, Hamilton Branch				

Spring Fling! Saturday's Spring Fling was a great success. For the first time, all three City Neighbors schools came together to plan this wonderful family day as a festival of fun and food. Hundreds of people came out, and everywhere you looked there were children of all ages playing together, laughing, winning prizes, drinking lemonade, and so much more. There were so many lovely moments of community and connection, we just can't describe them all here.

The old-fashioned carnival games were made by parents and by the student council. The Cakewalk gave away home-baked cakes to every winner—and there were lots of cakes—while cool prizes were being won under the bingo tent. Our school leaders braved the dunk tank, which led to lots of fun for the kids. We enjoyed music and hilarious comedy routines from even the youngest students of City Neighbors Hamilton, and we jammed to the bands and solo performances of our multi-talented City Neighbors Charter School and City Neighbors High School students.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to set up this amazing experience, including the 50 volunteers who helped us throughout the day, and the cleanup crew who stayed late to make sure everything got put away and ensured the campus grounds were ready for school today. We're already looking forward to expanding the Spring Fling next year, so let's all spread the word, and be sure to get in early on the 2018 committees!

~Your Spring Fling Committee~

Staffing Update After three years at City Neighbors Hamilton, Mr. Chambers will be leaving at the end of this school year. Mr. Chambers launched his teaching career here at CNH and has brought a steadiness to our PE program, including creating our great annual Field Days and our afterschool dodge ball tournaments. He has worked to elevate the role and commitment to physical education among our students, our staff, and our community. We wish Mr. Chambers the best of luck as he moves on to the next step in his teaching career.

We will begin the search for our new Physical Education teacher this week. Please share the opening with anyone you may know and look out for opportunities to meet and provide feedback on possible candidates.

Field Day Next Friday, June 2, is Field Day here at CNH. Look out in next Tuesday's Mailer for the schedule of events that will be held throughout the day.

Homestretch

Monday, 5/29

SCHOOL CLOSED

Memorial Day

Tuesday, 5/30

3rd Grade FT

Jewish Museum of Maryland

2018 NOLA Info Session for
Current 7th Graders, 6:30 PM

Ms. Armstrong's Room

Wednesday, 5/31

7th Grade Field Trip to DC

Thursday, 6/1

NOLA Rise Up Gallery Night

6:30 - 8 PM, Atelier

Friday, 6/2

Field Day

Tuesday, 6/6

8th Grade FT Double Rock Park

Wednesday, 6/7

POL Celebration for MS

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

PARCC Testing Continues This Week PARCC testing begins winding down for us here at City Neighbors Hamilton. 3rd grade continues and finishes the last part of testing on Monday and Tuesday. 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.

Presentations of Learning (POLs) in Middle School This week, our Middle School students (grades 6-8) will participate in their end-of-year Presentations of Learning. The Presentation of Learning (POL) asks students to gather important work from their school year and construct a set of written reflections on their learning and growth this year. This week, they gather with their advisor, their parents, and other invited guests to present their work and learning, answer questions, and set goals for the year ahead.

We congratulate our Middle School students on all of their work in preparation for this week, and wish them luck in their presentations. On **Wednesday, June 7**, we will hold a ceremony to celebrate all of our Middle School students who successfully complete their end-of-year POLs.

NOLA Rise Up Gallery We invite all families to join us on **Thursday, June 1** from 6:30-8 PM for our first ever *Rise Up Gallery: A Study of New Orleans and Baltimore*. Over the last three months, 8th grade students have studied how communities exhibit resilience and have examined how communities and individuals rebuild physically, artistically, psychologically, and ecologically. This study included the annual 8th grade trip to New Orleans. Students combined visual art, photography, and writing to share stories of resilience in two urban centers in America. The Gallery will be housed on the second floor, outside of the Atelier and will open at 6:30. At 7 PM, we will premier the 2017 documentary of the New Orleans trip. We hope families and students throughout City Neighbors will join us for this event!

NOLA 2018: An Introductory Meeting for 7th Graders and Their Parents We invite and encourage all 7th graders and their families to join us on **Tuesday, May 30** for an introductory and planning meeting for the Spring 2018 trip to New Orleans. The meeting will review previous trips, look ahead to the Spring trip, discuss next practical steps, and more. Even if you are not sure if you plan to send your child, please come and find out more about this powerful experience for our 8th grade students.

CNHS Graduation Parade Through CNH This Wednesday, June 24, we begin a new tradition at the Hamilton campus. At approximately 9:15 AM, graduating seniors of City Neighbors High School – as part of their Senior Farewell day - will don their caps and gowns and walk through the halls of City Neighbors Hamilton. Our students will gather in the hallways with cheers, signs, and high fives, ready to give them our support as the soon-to-be graduates embark on the next step in their journeys. And we hope our students will be inspired by all of our graduates who achieved their first official marker of educational accomplishment. We look forward to this moment of celebration and support.

Obi's Memorial Last Friday night, City Neighbors held a simple and beautiful tribute to Obi, highlighting the many ways she touched lives here in Baltimore and beyond. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Bobbi Macdonald, Cheyanne Zahrt, and others in our community who drove the coordination of the event. Thanks to Lashawn Gardner, Damon Harris, and Bob Dietzen who represented the CNH staff so eloquently while presenting a warm diploma to Obi. According to her warm diploma, here are some things Obi will be remembered for: *“Her roar of laughter followed by a genuine smile; encouraging and always striving for work/life balance; her glorious vocabulary; connecting people and building networks; always having a book for every topic; her amazing sense of style; those shoes; her misguided Steelers fandom, her techi-ness; always taking notes in her journal; helping to connect people to each other; honoring her own educational journey; facilitating great conversations about race and equity in education; love of travel, museums, and architecture; food is love; speaking her truth”* and encouraging us to speak ours; teaching and learning the progressive way; her commitment to an amazing education for all children everywhere; being our fearless leader at City Neighbors Hamilton for the last five years.”