



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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The Week Ahead

AUGUST 29, 2016

Monday 8/29	Tuesday 8/30	Wednesday 8/31	Thursday 9/1	Friday 9/2	Saturday 9/3
First Day of School!					

Welcome City Neighbors Hamilton Families!



Welcome back, CNH Families! On behalf of the faculty and staff, I am delighted to kick off the 2016-17 school year with you. We have lots of great things in store, inside and outside of the building.

Thanks so much to everyone to who came out to this weekend's Pancake Breakfast. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it. In the coming weeks, there'll be plenty of opportunities for you to get to know the names and faces

that comprise our family-school cooperative. Our next one being Back-to-School Night on **Thursday, September 15**; stay tuned for details regarding childcare and other important details.

We Need Your Support: Charter Renewal After our overwhelming successful Site Effectiveness Review in March 2016, we are preparing to submit our second charter renewal application to the Office of New Initiatives next Thursday, September 8. You can help support our renewal efforts by sending in a letter of support that will be included in the final document we deliver to Central Office. Stay tuned for more details about how you can share your City Neighbors Hamilton story in the coming days!

Summer Camp City Neighbors Summer Camp had another successful year. This July, we had more CNH students participate than last summer. Shout outs to Damon Harris and Nadiyah Herrera for teaching our students, and to Marilyn Mullen for her stint as a resident dance teacher.

Summer Professional Development Big thanks to those who supported the hiring, math alignment, writing instruction and middle school team retreat work that took place over the last two (2) months. This summer, 96% of all CNH staff will have participated in some type of summer enrichment or professional development, including but not limited to facilitation and/or administration of teaching and learning of students and/or adults. New faculty and staff participated in our 2017 New Staff Institute from August 17-19. New team members from across all three schools convened for three days for a City Neighbors Mission, Vision, Values boot camp to kick start their tenure. This cohort will meet on a bi-weekly basis once the school begins to learn more about project design, the workshop model, and other foundations tenets of progressive pedagogy.

~Obi~

Looking Ahead

Monday, 9/5
NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

Tuesday, 9/13
Board Retreat
5:00 PM

Thursday, 9/15
Back-to-School Night
6:30 PM - 8 PM

Tuesday, 9/23
Middle School Field Trip to
Baltimore Book Festival
9 AM - 3 PM

Monday, 10/10 thru Friday, 10/14
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, 10/11
Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Wednesday, 10/12
1 PM DISMISSAL
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 10/13
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, 10/14
1 PM DISMISSAL
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, 10/21
NO SCHOOL
Staff Professional Development

Friday, 10/24
Picture Day

Nuts & Bolts

Forms from Summer I still have not received important paper work from a handful of families. It is crucial we receive these immediately. In case of emergency, we need to know how to contact you. At dismissal, we need to know who we can release your child to. If you have misplaced these forms, please contact me.

School Handbook The School Handbook will be available on Back-to-School Night, **Thursday, September 17**. Please be sure to read it as it is the first word about policy and procedures at our school. This information is important for you to know, understand, and follow throughout the school year. The Handbook will be available on the CNH website, as well. The Handbook contains updates and clarifications, so please read it even if you are a returning parent.

BIG Thanks..to Maryhelen Pflug for helping copy, sort, and compile all the student forms that are needed in classrooms and in the Health Suite. And thanks to the many folks who offered to help. You're the best!

I wish all of us a wonderful 2016-17!

~Stephanie~

After Care

United Educational Corporation, (UEC), our after care provider, serves two purposes. For parents who have a regular late afternoon schedule, it is a safe and familiar environment where students complete homework, socialize, and even eat dinner. For everyone else, it is available as a vital safety net. We encourage every family to register for Emergency Care, even if you are not going to use the after-care program on a regular basis. Once registered, you have emergency care for your child through the end of the school year. At the end of the school day, school staff have meetings and prior commitments; after 3:15 it is very difficult for us to care for students who have not been picked up at regular dismissal time. Please register your child for Emergency Care, even if you have not done so previously. Online registration and payment options are available on UEC's website at www.uecprograms.com. Thank you!

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to announce the newest members of the 2016-17 CNH Teaching Team:

Jerred Andersen (utility building substitute), is a currently enrolled at the Community College of Baltimore County. He is a member of the Black Men's Think Tank, and works with City Neighbors Charter parent, Gretchen Rudham, on issues related to social justice and equity. **LaShawn Gardner** (1st grade teaching fellow), comes to us from the Excellence Christian School in Upper Marlboro, MD. She is currently enrolled at the University of Notre Dame in Maryland teacher certification program for early childhood and special education. **Clara Walter** (second grade homeroom), joins the team after several years teaching in general and special education classrooms at the Roots and Branches Charter School. Prior to moving to Baltimore, Clara lived in Massachusetts and New York. **Christopher Washington** (music education), joins the team after teaching at ElkrIDGE Elementary School in Howard County. Additionally, Chris is a choir director and piano instructor. **Symone Williams** (dance education), is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County. She has danced competitively for the Washington Redskins All-Star Dance team, performed around the country and appeared in music videos.

Familiar Faces, New Places After years of training and working with the Baltimore Racial Justice Action (BRJA), **Julie Little**, better known as Little, has been named as a junior facilitator. As a result of her recent achievement, Little steps down as our kindergarten assistant teacher to continue in this work, and take additional coursework in early childhood education. Little will continue to be a member of the early childhood team on a limited basis related to early literacy and projects. Little will also remain an adviser for the Louder Than a Bomb poetry team in the middle school. This year, Little will work with me on social justice and racial equity initiatives. In her place, **Adilah Haris** will become the inaugural kindergarten teaching fellow. In addition to working as our utility building substitute during the 2016 school year, Adilah has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Morgan State University. Finally, **Nadiyah Herrera** stepped out of the second-grade homeroom and into the special education department. She holds a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from North Carolina A&T University and a Master's degree from Towson University as a reading specialist, and Johns Hopkins University in Administration. Nadiyah will also be wearing her reading specialist hat as the learning resource teacher at City Neighbors Charter School beginning next week.