



City Neighbors Hamilton

WEEKLY SALMON PAGES

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The Week Ahead

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Monday 9/5	Tuesday 9/6	Wednesday 9/7	Thursday 9/8	Friday 9/9	Saturday 9/10
NO SCHOOL Labor Day					

Welcome Back from Labor Day, the final summer holiday. It was a treat to see so many students eagerly waiting to re-enter the building to continue establishing the norms and routines that ground each of our classroom communities.

Back to School Night is Coming! Next Thursday, **September 15**, we will open our doors for our 8th Back to School Night/Open House from 6:30-8:00PM. This year, we are able to offer limited childcare for up to 30 students at a cost of \$5 per student, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please RSVP to Community Relations Director, Erika Coughlin, at ecoughlin@citynieghborshamilton.org by Tuesday, September 13. Payment for this service can be sent in to school to the attention of Erika Coughlin.

What's on Top: Makerspaces, Hackerspaces, Fab Labs and Micro-Manufacturing

On September 19, the Baltimore Metro Council will host *What's on Tap: Makerspaces, Hackerspaces, Fab Labs & Micro-Manufacturing*. This would be an excellent event for students, teachers, and parents of City Neighbors Hamilton to see another Fab Lab in action. The event is free, but they request registration in advance. There will be two speakers at 4:30 p.m. and an opportunity for a tour of Open Works makerspace following the presentations. See attached flyer for further details.

~Obi~

New Face in the Office on Wednesdays Well, not just a face - which would be really weird - but a whole new person! As you know, Patsy Price was subbing for me last year on the days I worked with City Neighbors Foundation. Unfortunately, Patsy was unable to renew her commitment this year. Now, every Wednesday, Ms. Kay Green will be working in the CNH office. Kay has both office and classroom experience, with a particular fondness for the wee ones. Kay has been with us for only a week, so please make her feel at home when you see her on Wednesdays!

Summer Forms 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.

BIG Thanks to Angie Gaude for pawing through about 250 packets to separate important information from some not-so-important information so that we get the right information to our families. Thank you, Angie!

~Stephanie~

Looking Ahead

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

Monday, 11/7

NO SCHOOL
Staff Professional Development

Registration Now Open for the 6th Annual Progressive Education Summit!



Registration is now opens for the 6th Annual Progressive Education Summit on **Saturday, November 12.**

Each year, the City Neighbors Foundation sponsors this **free** one-day conference focused on the ideals of progressive education. With a keynote speaker, over 40 workshops from local educators, three master classes led by expert educators, great food, and many opportunities for learning and connecting, attendance for the event has grown to almost 500 people over the last five years.

This year, we welcome Susan Engel as our keynote speaker. As the author of *The Hungry Mind: The Origins of Curiosity in Childhood*, and currently immersed in work around children's ideas and how schools could support and foster idea-building, Ms. Engel will share theory and practice on how our schools can be vibrant places of curiosity and idea-making.

Click here to register for this free conference: <https://cityneighborssummit2016.eventbrite.com> or visit www.cityneighborsfoundation.org.

Please pass the word through all of your contacts, networks, and friends. Any help you can offer to get the word out would be greatly appreciated!

Reminder About Fall Enrichment Club Applications

Fall after-school Enrichment Club applications are due by **Thursday, September 8.**

This were sent home to families in the summer mailer.

Please contact Enrichment Club Coordinator, Jill Cairns-Gallimore with any questions at jcairns-gallimore@cityneighborshamilton.org.

A Word from our New Dance Teacher, Miss Williams

Dear CNH Families,

I am delighted to be the new dance teacher at City Neighbors Hamilton, and extremely excited to work with your children. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself, and to address some concerns that were expressed by families following classes on Wednesday.

I am originally from the Washington, D.C., area and fell in love with dance at a very young age. Over the years I have trained in many dance styles including jazz, hip-hop, ballet, modern, and street jazz. I have been training, performing, and teaching dance for years. I have had the privilege of performing at historical venues such at the Lincoln Theatre, the Kennedy Center, and Howard Theatre in Washington, D.C, and in Canada with professional dance companies Capitol Movement and Culture Shock DC. I received a B.A. in Dance from the University of Maryland - Baltimore County. However, this is my first year serving as a full-time classroom teacher in a school setting.

I am working closely with Obi and other teachers in the community to establish a more City Neighbors Way-inspired learning environment for all students in my class. My goal is to help students find and explore the joys that movement has to offer. This year has already proven to be a learning experience for the students and myself, and I am looking forward to all the growth that is to come. My biggest hope is that it is an enjoyable experience for all. In an effort to be proactive about the hot weather that we will likely experience over the coming weeks, I ask that students bring water bottles to dance class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Having water nearby will help keep the students as hydrated as possible.

I appreciate the involvement and hands-on approach that CNH parents have already demonstrated, and I thank you in advance for your support in creating a wonderful school year! If you have any questions or concerns this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at swilliams@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Best,

Symone Williams