



Weekly Salmon Pages

February 1, 2010

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Dates to Remember:

Thu	Feb	4:	Communications Committee Meeting, 7 - 8 PM
Fri	Feb	5:	Open House for Prospective Families, 9 - 10:30 AM
Tue	Feb	9:	Parent Meeting to Launch Hiring Committee, 7 PM
Tue	Feb	9:	High School Meeting, 7 - 8 PM
Tue	Feb	9:	Fundraising Committee Meeting, 6 - 7 PM
Thu	Feb	11:	Board Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Intent to Return in 2010-2011

In today's mailer, you will find an "Intent to Return in 2010-2011" form to be completed and returned to the office no later than **Friday, February 12**. It is critical we receive this information now so that we know how many openings we will have available for next school year at the time of our lottery draw later this month. To date, we have received 108 enrollment applications for 2010-2011, each family eager to become a part of the CNH community. We sincerely hope each and every one of you decide to stay and grow with us. Whatever your decision, please indicate it on the attached form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Climate Survey

In last week's Monday Mailer, you received an important climate survey to be completed by all CNH families. Because we are a new school, this survey is particularly important to CNH. Please be sure to take a few moments to complete the survey (one per family) and return it one of two ways:

1. In the pre-addressed, postage paid envelope included in this mailer; or
2. Hand-delivered to the committee chair of our Organized Parent Group (OPG), Kim Lane.

Our school number is **346**.

These surveys contain no identifying information, so you can be assured of anonymity. Your honest feedback is important and necessary for our growth as a new school.

Thank you for your participation!

After-School Enrichment Clubs

If your child signed up for an after-school enrichment club, please see the attached form indicating which club he/she will be participating in beginning next week. **(Please note the Book Club is meeting on Mondays, not Thursdays as was tentatively scheduled. If you signed up for the book club and you have a scheduling conflict due to the date change, please let us know.)** Sadly, the Kids-to-Kids Choreography has been canceled for this semester, but we hope new interest will be generated next semester.

The Principal Search Begins!

Please come to our special Parent Forum on Tuesday, February 9 from 7-7:45 PM. We will discuss the upcoming review and hiring process. Most importantly, we will be asking you—the parent community—for your thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Hearing from you will help guide our search for an excellent school principal next year and for years to come.

Committee Meetings

Communications Committee: Thursday, February 4, 7- 8 PM. Contact Dana Gasiorowski at dgasiorowski@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Fundraising Committee: Tuesday, Feb 9 from 6:00 - 7 PM (before the Principal Search meeting) at the school. We will discuss the plans for the CNH May Fair and solicit ideas and support from everyone to make it a success! Contact Fundraising Committee Chair, Tanya Robinson at trobinson@cityneighborshamilton.org.

City Neighbors Selected to Represent Baltimore City at National Conference

Beginning tomorrow, the Gates Foundation is bringing together a select group of Superintendents from fifteen major urban school districts, and a group of CEO's from high-performing charter networks to gain better insight into overcoming the challenges that inhibit shared-learning and stronger collaboration between districts and charters. I, along with BCPSS CEO, Dr. Andres Alonso, will be a part of that gathering. I will do my best to represent and advocate for Baltimore City schools. Please send good thoughts our way this week!

~Bobbi~

Help for Haiti

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee has joined with the Fundraising Committee to help collect cash donations for Haiti relief, in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. Please help support the many thousands of people who have been affected. Look for the donation bottle every morning in the cafeteria. The faculty and staff of CNH has pledged to match whatever is collected by the committee. For more information and/or questions, contact:

Ekua Kendall ekendall@cityneighborshamilton.org or
Tanya Robinson at trobinson@cityneighborshamilton.org



We have rescheduled our Chick-fil-A fundraiser to Wednesday, February 24th! Please keep an eye out in future Monday Mailers for a flyer.

Chick-fil-A is located at 2008 East Joppa Road. If you have any questions, contact Fundraising Chair, Tanya Robinson, at trobinson@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Note These Dates!

In response to parent interest, we have set some parent workshop dates on the topics of inclusion, reading, and parenting—and even threw in a game night and spaghetti dinner! Please note the following dates:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 23: Reading
- ◆ Thursday, March 18: Inclusion
- ◆ Friday, April 16: Family Game Night & Spaghetti Dinner
- ◆ Thursday, May 6: Parenting/Family Conversation Times to be announced. Stay tuned.

Oral Health Impact Project

Included in this mailer is a letter and consent form regarding the Oral Health Impact Project. OHIP provides comprehensive dental services including oral hygiene instructions, dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fillings, topical fluoride application, and preventative sealants. If you would like your child to participate please complete the consent form and return it to the Health Suite. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Henry in the Health Suite, 443-642-2054.



Enrollment and Open House Update

Remaining Open Houses:

- ◆ Friday, February 5: 9 AM to 10:30 AM—parent volunteers needed! See Bobbi.
- ◆ Monday, February 17: 6:30 PM to 8 PM—parent volunteers needed! See Bobbi.

We will be accepting enrollment applications **through 3 PM on February 24th.** You can help our enrollment efforts by letting your friends, family, and neighbors know about CNH. Please encourage them to contact Stephanie or Bobbi with any questions.

If you have a sibling of a current student you wish to enroll for 2010-2011, now is the time to submit an application. Please see Stephanie.

Volunteer Hours Updates

If you have any questions or want to request an adjustment of your volunteer hours, please contact Director of Accountability, Jeff Elkins, at jelkins@cityneighborshamilton.org.



Collaborative Professional Development

The faculty of City Neighbors Hamilton joined with the faculty of City Neighbors Charter School for a shared Professional Development Day last Friday. We all participated in a one-day workshop with Bill DeMeo. Bill is a development school psychologist, educator, and national presenter who has presented at NAEYC, ACEI, NHS, and elsewhere. The focus of this workshop was “Brain-Based Learning” which included the latest research into the brain and how it impacts our ways of teaching, increasing student motivation, and building self-control. This workshop inspired us to continue our on-going conversation about student engagement and commitment to culture building.

Monday Mailer Compilers Needed

We are in need of backup and alternate Monday Mailer Compilers. If you are reliable, available on Mondays (or Tuesdays when there is no school on a Monday) from 1 to 3—and are handy with a stapler—please contact Stephanie to apply for this important job (no kidding!) A great way to help keep school communication effective and to earn volunteer hours.