



Weekly Salmon Pages

January 19, 2010

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Dates to Remember:

Fri	Jan	22:	Student Progress Reports Issued
Fri	Jan	22:	Open House for Prospective Families, 9 - 10:30 AM
Fri	Jan	29:	School Closed for Professional Development
Fri	Feb	5:	Open House for Prospective Families, 9 - 10:30
Tue	Feb	9:	High School Meeting, 7 PM
Thu	Feb	11:	Board Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

After-School Enrichment Club Leaders Needed!

We are looking for enrichment club leaders for the January through March time period. If you have a skill, talent, or passion that you would like to share with students at CNH, please consider leading an after-school enrichment club. Clubs are usually scheduled to occur after school one day per week for a certain number of weeks. As a club leader, it is your choice of day, length of meeting time, and duration of club.

If you are interested in implementing and leading enrichment club, please complete and return the attached application to the school office no later than Wednesday, January 20. Student sign-up sheets for after school clubs will be sent home in the January 25 Monday Mailer.

Policy Review: Late Arrival and Pickup

At this time of year, it's important to review the importance of students arriving to school on time. Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 8 AM. At 8:15, we begin our day with our morning greeting and affirmation in the cafeteria. Our classrooms often begin with a morning community meeting, as well. This meeting sets the tone for the day. Please help us—and your child—by sending him/her to school on time. If your child does not walk into school with their class, they are required to be accompanied into the building by an adult and retrieve a late pass from the office. If Stephanie is unaware that a student has entered his/her classroom late, he/she will be inadvertently marked absent. To ensure the accuracy of your child's attendance, please be sure to follow this policy.

Prompt pickup of students is equally important. Dismissal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays is 3:15. Dismissal on Wednesdays (or any other "half-days") is 1 PM. Please collect your children promptly at dismissal time. School staff are unavailable to monitor your children after school. We encourage families to network by using the Family Directory to establish carpools and to develop back up plans for picking up their children in case their regular pickup routine is disrupted. We strongly encourage all families to register in the One World Cultural Arts Society aftercare program in case of emergency or unforeseen circumstances. Students who are consistently picked up late (3 or more times in one trimester), will be required to register with One World. This is not a punitive measure, but rather one that ensures all children are safe and well cared for after school hours.

Thank you for cooperation in adhering to these policies.

Door Buzzer

Some of you have, no doubt, noticed the door buzzer sometimes operates slowly in this cold weather. Sometimes there is what seems like a significant delay from the time the unlock button is pressed until the door opens. We apologize for the temperamental mechanism. Rest assured, when Stephanie sees you at the door or you have pressed the buzzer, she has hit the unlock button. The rest is, unfortunately, up to the door! Pressing the key in quick succession or tugging at the door does not seem to work either. If the problem persists once the spring thaw hits, we will have it looked over. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

When Is A Doctor's Note Required?

In this season of sniffles and strep, some of you have asked when a doctor's note is required in order for a child to return to school after an illness. I asked our Health Aide, Ms. Henry, this very question. A doctor's note is required when a doctor has treated your child and has recommended your child stay home from school because he/she is or may be contagious. Ms. Henry is required to report all such documented cases to the Health Department. If you have any questions about this policy or any other health-related issue, please contact Ms. Henry at 443-642-2054.



All-School

At All-School this Friday, January 22 at 2:45, the second grade class will present a puppet show of *Jack and the Beanstalk* (acts 1-4) and Friday, February 5 (acts 5 -7).

We hope you can make it!

Parking

Just a reminder, parking is not allowed on the east side of Sefton Avenue (the side closest to the school). Parking on curbs or sidewalks is not permitted. And, of course, blocking driveways—even for a few minutes—is not permitted. At CNH, we strive to be good neighbors and responsible members of our surrounding community. Please bear in mind that, as members of this school community, you represent us. We expect all interactions with our neighbors to be respectful and positive. You are welcome to pull up when Bobbi is at the curb and use our “kiss and go service”. If you are available to help with morning greetings, we could use another hand! Please see Bobbi.



Calendar Corrections



Our school calendar mistakenly indicates that school is closed on Thursday, January 28th. Although other Baltimore City Public Schools will be closed, **CNH WILL be open for classes on January 28. CNH will be closed on Friday, January 29** for Professional Development and, since school is not in session, there will be no before/aftercare provided. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.



The HeART of CNH

Inspired by her work on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, parent and local artist, Lisa Alarcon, created a beautiful painting that illustrates what CNH means to her: The heART of City Neighbors Hamilton. We are so proud of the piece she has created for our school! Please stop by and take a look at Lisa's gift. You'll find it located in the gallery by the school guitar, across from the main office. Thank you, Lisa!

Stop Unfair Education Funding Cuts!

There will be a very important Advocacy meeting **Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30 PM**. The Baltimore Education Coalition is hosting a meeting to prepare us for the upcoming legislative session. The state will be making decisions and voting against education funding cuts. We need every parent in our school community to be involved. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Please contact Vice President, Ekua Kendall, at ekendall@cityneighborshamilton.org if you plan to attend, so that she can confirm numbers of CNH people represented at meeting.

When: Tuesday, January 26th

What time: 6:30-8:30 pm (dessert and refreshments served 6:30-7:00)

Where: Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway

Parking: There is a parking lot off of Charles Street and street parking is available. The Cathedral is accessible using bus route 22.

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Important Survey

In next week's Monday Mailer, you will find an important climate survey to be completed by all CNH families. Please take a moment to let your opinions be known! The surveys are completely anonymous and the results are important. Please keep an eye out for it!

Enrollment and Open House Update

Our first ever CNH open house was a great success! Thank you to Ekua Kendall, Kim Lane, and Elvira Young for leading tours and answering questions. Thank you to Ms. Jeany Baines for her participation and description of our wonderful play-based kindergarten. About 45 people attended. All were hopeful, all wanting to be part of CNH.

Remaining Open Houses:

- ◆ Friday, January 22: 9 AM to 10:30 AM—parent volunteers needed! See Bobbi.
- ◆ 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.

As of press time, we have 72 applications for 2010-2011. 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.