



Weekly Salmon Pages

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Dates to Remember:

Tue	Dec 13:	Puppet Players Club, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Tue	Dec 13:	Girl Scouts Meeting, 3:30 PM to 5 PM
Wed	Dec 14:	Parent-Teacher Conferences, Report Cards Distributed
Thu	Dec 15:	SCHOOL CLOSED at 1 PM , P/T Conferences/Report Cards
Fri	Dec 16:	Coffee with Fern & Beth, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
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Mon	Dec 19:	4th/5th Grade Field Trip to The Nutcracker, 9:15 to 11:45

Front & Center

Salad bar Update

Our salad bar has been a smashing success! It's been so successful that we actually ran out of salad ingredients before Friday, but expect to be back in operation by Tuesday. Our goal is to serve salad every day. These next weeks will help us determine how much salad is actually being consumed so that we can adjust quantities accordingly. During this period, we may run out of salad again but, fear not, we will figure it out! There are several different ways salad can be purchased:

\$2.35: As a main course, served in a generous salad bowl with meat and cheese included.

\$1.60- As a side salad, served in a reasonably large bowl without meat or cheese.

**As a small side dish (without meat or cheese) accompanying our regular school lunch which includes a hot entrée or a sandwich (and two side dishes.) Cost: \$2.35 per meal.

Our salad bar includes a variety of fixings: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, carrots, fresh fruit, cheese, and a meat offering such as tuna or chicken salad and a choice of Thousand Island or Ranch dressing.

Report Card Conferences

'Tis the season when parents and teachers come together to review the year in progress. Conferences are held from Wednesday, December 14th - Friday, December 16th. Children will be dismissed at 1:00 PM on each of these days. We greatly appreciate your arriving on time for dismissal so that teachers can begin their conferences on time. Conference times are posted outside each classroom door. Or you may make arrangements with the teachers by email. Our Art, Dance, Music, Theater and Physical Education teachers ask that you email them directly to set up conferences. In order to receive a copy of your child's report card you must attend a conference. If you cannot come in person, please arrange to hold a phone conference. It is my goal that every parent has an opportunity to engage in conversation with their child/children about their report card. I hope this is your goal, too.

Coffee with Beth & Fern

We are looking forward to joining with parents on Friday, December 16 from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM to continue our discussion on "What makes for great multicultural education?". Just listening to the diverse perspectives that were shared at last month's meeting helped me better understand how uniquely different our personal experiences have been. So please join us in a truly robust discussion!
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Pass the Word!

As of Thursday, 12/1, CNH began accepting Enrollment Applications for 2012-13. Enrollment Applications will be accepted through 3 PM on 2/17/12. Applications can be downloaded from www.cityneighborshamilton.org. You can obtain a hard copy from the school office, as well.

If your child currently attends CNH, there is no need to re-apply. If your child has siblings you'd like to enroll, please complete an application for each and check "a sibling of a current CNH student" where noted in the upper right-hand corner of the application. Although we employ a Sibling Preference Policy, **we must have applications completed for all siblings of current CNH students who wish to attend. Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2012.**

If you have any questions about the enrollment process for 2012-13, contact Stephanie: sking@cityneighborshamilton.org. And be sure to pass the word!

Deadline for submissions to Salmon Pages: Friday at 2 PM. Submissions should be sent to Stephanie at sking@cityneighborshamilton.org in the form of an email attachment and are subject to approval by Fern, so submit sooner rather than later. Any submissions received after 2 PM on Friday may be delayed to a future newsletter.



The staff of CNH sends a warm thank you to the Cannon family who, once again, provided a festive platter of goodies for us. This time, a variety of fruits and nuts was on the menu. Thank you, Cannons!

Gardening Update



The base planting at the front school entrance is complete! Now it's time to plant spring-flowering bulbs! We have bulbs (some vintage varieties dating from 1200, 1597, and 1601). We have bulb planting tools and equipment. What we need is help from you!

Until further notice, Kristin Kasprzak will be at CNH every Saturday and Sunday from 12 Noon until about 6 PM, until all the bulbs are planted or until the ground freezes—whichever comes first. Just an hour of your time would ensure we provide our students a beautiful garden in the spring!

If you have any questions, contact Kristin at kskasprzak@msn.com. Thank you for helping CNH bloom!

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Science Curriculum Night

Last Thursday's Science Curriculum Night was awesome! Kip Bisignano was an amazing presenter, facilitator of experiments, and a standup comedian, to boot! We learned so much and had so much fun working together on science! Kip distributed a valuable information sheet from Delta Education that explains how to access online resources for parents related to our science program (FOSS). It also includes tips on supporting science learning at home. I have enclosed copies for your consideration. Kip will be returning in the spring to engage us in another evening of "Science Fun for Grown Ups" with complimentary Hamilton Bakery cookies. You won't want to miss "Kip and Cookies!". Feel free to bring along your school-aged children.

Enjoy Life!

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