



Weekly Salmon Pages

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Dates to Remember:

Thu	Feb 2:	Enrollment Open House for Prospective Families, 1 - 2:30 PM
Tue	Feb 7:	Girl Scouts, 3:30 PM to 5 PM
Thu	Feb 9:	Board Meeting, 6:30 PM in Conference Room
Fri	Feb 10:	Deadline for submission of Intent to Return Forms and sibling Enrollment Applications for 2012-13
Sat	Feb 11:	CNH Gala/Silent Auction, 7 PM to 11 PM in auditorium
Wed	Feb 15:	Enrollment Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 - 8 PM

Front & Center

Progressive Ed Summit

This past Saturday, the second annual Progressive Education Summit was held on our campus. Congratulations to the City Neighbors Foundation for hosting this amazing event in which 350 people, parents, and teachers gathered together to connect with one another around the ideals of progressive education! Special thanks to Kim Lane for coordinating this event so beautifully on our behalf.

Professional Development at CNH

This past week we hunkered down to probe questions that inform our practice and deepen our appreciation of the work we do and how we do it. Here are some of our guiding questions: How do we measure what we value in terms of intellectual and social growth and development? How do we express these measurements? What role can/do students play in setting goals for themselves and measuring their own learning experiences? Raising and answering these questions as a faculty ensures us that we are following a process of aligning our work with the CNH vision and mission of student centered learning, arts integrated, project-based teaching and learning, and authentic assessment.

Technology Advances at CNH

We recently acquired four interactive touch screen mobile Smart boards. These amazing interactive white boards will allow large and small groups of students to conduct research, problem solve, present their learning, and enjoy learning through multi-media. We have also just acquired a 30 laptop mobile cart via the Race to the Top Grant. Our teachers and students are really excited about the new technology and how it will support our projects!

Survey Regarding Winter Creative Arts Festival

Please take a minute to complete a very brief online survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/3B83SKF. Your responses will help to shape future CNH performances.

Winter Gala/Silent Auction

Mark your calendars now for our annual Winter Gala/Silent Auction fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, February 11 beginning at 7 PM. This is an adults-only event and promises to be an enjoyable night out, featuring music, food, and drink. (See the attached flyer for details.) See you there!

Enjoy Life!

~Fern~

Donations Needed for Gala

On Saturday, February 11, CNH will be holding its annual Winter Gala and Silent Auction from 7 PM to 11 PM in the school auditorium. This over-21 ticketed event will include music, food, and drinks. We are in need of Silent Auction donations. Last year, we auctioned off a range of items, including pottery, jewelry, gift certificates, donations of service, as well as items specific to the school like a guided tour of the building, from boiler room to tower and the opportunity to name the drop-off and pickup lane. Think outside the box! If you own a timeshare, please consider donating the use of it for a specified period of time. If you are a crafts-person or own a business you would like to promote, please consider making a donation to the CNH Silent Auction of those goods or services. Please contact Sean Hannigan at shannigan@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Sibling Enrollment 2012-13

If your current CNH student has a sibling you'd like attend CNH in 2012-13, now is the time to complete and submit an Enrollment Application. Please avoid disappointment and be sure to submit your sibling applications by **Friday, February 10**. Thank you!

Enrollment Open House



CNH will be holding its third enrollment Open House of the season on Thursday February 2 from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Please pass the word!

To date, we have received 192 Enrollment Applications for 2012-13.

The deadline for new student Enrollment Applications is Friday, February 17 at 3 PM.

Intent to Return 2012-13

In order to determine how many student openings we will have in 2012-13, we are asking all current families to submit an *Intent to Return* form, letting us know if your children will be returning to CNH next school year. (We sure hope so!) Please look for that form included in today's Monday Mailer and be sure to return it to the school office by **Friday, February 10**. Thank you!

Communication from the Communications Committee!

Are you an avid web surfer? Do you enjoy tweeting? Do you post witty thoughts on your Facebook page? If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, boy, oh boy, are you in for a treat! CNH has finally leaped into the digital age. That's right, all you social media magnets, CNH is on Facebook! The "Official" CNH Facebook Page is a place for CNH families and friends to check in and find out what's happening in and around our school community. Be sure to "like" our page and check in regularly to find out ALL of the CNH scoop!



A screenshot of our FB page!

City Neighbors Foundation Goes Social Media!

Inspired to Create



At a recent Board meeting, I was asked, “*Is City Neighbors doing social media?*”

The answer is yes! Within the last year or so, in an effort to build the City Neighbors brand and share best practices with the larger education community, the City Neighbors Foundation launched a Facebook Fan Page as well as a Twitter Account. These two forums have allowed us to actively participate in the conversation about progressive urban education in Baltimore city and beyond.

For those of you who may not be aware that we have a foundation, the leaders of City Neighbors created the City Neighbors Foundation in 2009, when we decided to meet the growing demand for the high quality City Neighbors experience by expanding to open two more City Neighbors Schools (City Neighbors Hamilton and City Neighbors High School).

City Neighbors Foundation is designed to support the three City Neighbors schools, and to provide civic leadership in the effort to transform public education in Baltimore City. I serve as the Executive Director of the Foundation. City Neighbors Principal, Mike Chalupa, serves as the Academic Director of all three schools. Together, Mike and I work to build our relationships with funders and the wider community. This means raising money for our three schools, building community consensus, and advocating for great public education. As a result, City Neighbors has become known for leading the way for innovation in Baltimore, for a high level of parent participation, and for its dedication to empowering children and teachers to do their best work together.

We use Twitter to reach out to the broader Baltimore and national community that are interested in progressive urban education. This outreach projects the City Neighbors model with the goal of leading a deeper conversation about great public education among other schools, educators, and stakeholders. So far we have 104 followers, including Governor Martin O’Malley, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and many foundation presidents and influential business leaders in Baltimore.

I would like to reach out and ask for your help supporting our efforts to build our brand using social media, Twitter in particular. If you are on Twitter, follow @CityNeighbors. Also be sure to “like” the City Neighbors Foundation page on Facebook. And check out www.cityneighborsfoundation.org which has links to all three schools. Please join the movement!

~Bobbi Macdonald, Executive Director, City Neighbors Foundation~

Here is an example of one of my tweets:

I am at City Neighbors Hamilton Winter Arts Celebration. The parents of City Neighbors have packed the house!!

