



Weekly Salmon Pages

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### Dates to Remember:

Sat	Jan	9:	Family Workday, 9 AM to 1 PM
Tue	Jan	12:	City Neighbors High School Meeting, 7 PM - 8 PM
Wed	Jan	13:	Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 - 8 PM
Thu	Jan	14:	Board Meeting, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Mon	Jan	18:	School Closed for MLK Day
Fri	Jan	22:	Student Progress Reports Issued



### Winter Arts Festival

What a special evening our first Winter Arts Festival was! Although it feels like it was a while back, I wanted to thank all of the faculty for their efforts and dedication in making this special night happen. I felt so proud of our students. I am sure you will all agree that the students presented themselves so well! They sang, they danced, they drummed, they worked together to put on a great show for all of us.

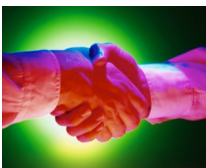
It was gratifying to witness the rewards of our partnership with One World Cultural Arts Society, and the teamwork it takes to make a night like happen. OWCAS is not only our before/aftercare provider, but they also bring to us a whole team of artists working with our students during the day. That enrichment is invaluable to a small school like ours.

A special thanks to the third grade committees for their hard work. The students had a decorations committee, flyers and posters, and a program committee, as well. Great work!

Thank you to the many committees and volunteers that contributed to this successful event. The Fundraising Committee, the Organized Parent Group, the Building Committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee were all represented. All added to our school culture of participation and support and joy.

I heard a lot of positive feedback after the event, including many comments about the student work displayed so carefully in the hallways of our school. I would like to thank our Atelierista, Marnee Keith, and all of the staff for working so diligently to display and document the work of our students so beautifully.

Our school is young and strong and off to quite a start. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and neighbors who joined us on that very special evening.



### Community Partnerships

As you may know, the City Neighbors Charter School, our sister school, uses our school gym on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings for its middle school basketball team. On Tuesday and Thursday nights, the St. Francis of Assisi basketball and soccer teams will be using our gym for practice. We welcome these partnerships as a way to connect positively with our surrounding community.

## Campus Security Update

We now have a **security camera and phone** at the front entrance of the school that works from the library, as well as from the front desk. This allows aftercare to safely buzz people in when they pick up their children at the end of the day.

You may notice we have **new doors** to the cafeteria! The entire frame was replaced with new doors which have windows. Once the weather gets a bit warmer (or a lot warmer!) the doors will be painted. Thanks to our Project Manager, Aisha Isackson, and our Director of Facility, Matt Bittenbender for helping in our continuing efforts to increase campus security.

## Keep the Date Open!

The next Parent Workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 9 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We have lots of tasks to tackle! Please mark your calendars now. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Director of Facility, Matt Bittenbender:  
[mbittenbender@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:mbittenbender@cityneighborshamilton.org).



## Postponed Due to Inclement Weather

Chik-fila-A Night was postponed due to inclement weather. We apologize to anyone hearty enough to show up on December 21. We plan to reschedule the fundraiser for later this month. Please stay tuned. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Robinson at [trobinson@cityneighborshamilton.org](mailto:trobinson@cityneighborshamilton.org).

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have added Marilyn Mullen as a full-time helper in first grade. You may know her from her work with the aftercare program through One World Cultural Arts Society. Marilyn not only has a wonderful way with students and is interested in pursuing a teaching career, but she earned a degree in Dance from Goucher College. With the addition of Marilyn, we now have two adults in every classroom. We are so pleased she is joining our staff here at CNH!

## Important Survey

In this Monday Mailer, you will find a letter regarding our status as a Title I school that includes a simple survey. We ask every family to take a moment to complete the survey and return it to school by Friday, January 8. A few moments of your time could make a significant difference in student programs here at CNH. Thank you for your participation!

*Found: A camera in a camera bag was recently turned in to the office. Please see Stephanie if you believe it is yours.*

## Calendar Corrections



Our school calendar mistakenly indicates that school is closed on Thursday, January 28th for Professional Development. **We WILL be open for classes on January 28. School will be closed on Friday, January 29.**

Please make a note of the change. We apologize for any inconvenience this error has caused.

## Happy New Year!

Over the break, I had a moment to really think about our school and how far it has come in such a short time. I am so grateful for all of our students, teachers, parents, and staff who are contributing to the great ideals of CNH. I am very happy to be here with you. There is still great work ahead, but through our partnerships and intentions, I know we will continue to grow and thrive. Thank you and Happy New Year!