



Weekly Salmon Pages

March 8, 2010

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Dates to Remember:

Thu	Mar 11: Board Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Sat	Mar 13: CNH Garden Meeting, 1- 2 PM
Thu	Mar 18: Parent Workshop: School Culture 7 - 8:30 PM
Fri	Mar 19: Second Grade Field Trip, 8:30 AM
Wed	Mar 24: P/T Conferences, Report Cards Distributed at Conferences
Thu	Mar 25: School Closes at 1 PM for P/T Conferences, Report Cards
Fri	Mar 26: School Closes at 1 PM for P/T Conferences, Report Cards

City Neighbors Goes to Annapolis!

On March 1, City Neighbors and City Neighbors Hamilton teachers, students, and parents joined over 500 other members of the Baltimore Education Coalition to rally in support of Governor O'Malley's education budget, which fully funds Baltimore City Public Schools.

Legislators that represent our district, Senator McFadden and Delegate Glenn, joined the rally and stated their support of full funding for Baltimore City Public Charter Schools.

Delegate Glenn made and fulfilled a commitment to take her name off of House Bill 410, that would allow Baltimore City and other counties to unilaterally cut education without a third party review or limits.

The City Neighbors community should be proud of our outstanding demonstration of support for full funding of Baltimore City Public Schools!

Parent-Teacher Conferences the CNH Way

At CNH, report cards are distributed at parent-teacher conferences. The second round of conferences for this year will take place on **Wednesday, 3/24, Thursday, 3/25, and Friday, 3/26. Each of those days are half-days** (1:00 PM dismissal) and have been specifically set aside for conferences. Each teacher will create a method of scheduling conferences, so contact your child's homeroom teacher directly if you have any questions about setting up a conference. This conference is designed to review the current year, look ahead to next year, and obtain and review your child's report card. Here at CNH, conferences are positive interactions and are not required only when a child is struggling. These meetings enhance your child's learning experience and allow us to work as partners.

Calendar Corrections

Please note the following:

- ◆ School resumes after Spring Break on Tuesday, 4/6 (not Monday, 4/5).
- ◆ Third trimester Progress Reports (not Report Cards) will be issued on 4/30.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion.

Snow Days

The blizzards of 2010 may seem a distant memory but, if you recall, students were home from school for quite a few days. We are still waiting to hear if and when those days will be made up. We have not been notified that Spring Break will be affected. We will pass along information as we get it.

Board Opening—We Need You!

Have you ever considered being on the Board of CNH? We have a vacancy for the Director of Community Relations. This is an appointed position. If you are interested or know anyone in the CNH community who would be interested, please contact Board President, Beth Bittenbender: bbittenbender@cityneighborshamilton.org.



Let's Get Growing!

Like the rest of you, we here at CNH have spring fever! And that fever makes our thoughts turn green! Please join us on **Saturday, March 13 from 1 to 2 PM** to brainstorm about ways we can use our sizable campus to bring the wonder of nature to our students and community. Let's think big! Perhaps a few chickens? A goat or two? And of course growing, growing, growing! Please grow with us! See you on the 13th!

Hiring Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who turned out last week to discuss what we want in a CNH principal. Your ideas and suggestions will be taken to the Hiring Committee. The Hiring Committee is actively reviewing resumes and initial interviews will be happening soon. We will keep you up-to-date on this process. Your input will help ensure we choose the right principal for us!
Thank you!

Help for Haiti

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Fundraising Committee are still collecting cash donations for Haiti relief in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. Look for the donation bottle every morning in the cafeteria. Our goal: \$500. **The faculty and staff of CNH has pledged to match whatever is collected by the committee.**

Your donations will support Happy House charity, which builds new homes for affected families in Haiti. To learn more about our Happy House Project, please drop by the cafeteria in the mornings at our "Help Haiti" table.

For more information and/or questions, contact one of the following:

Ekua Kendall at ekendall@cityneighborshamilton.org

Marilyn Mullen at mmullen@cityneighborshamilton.org

Lisa Alarcon at mamalarcon3@gmail.com

Parent Workshops

At our next Parent Workshop, the topic will be CNH school culture.

Together, we will review the CNH model and participate in a facilitated discussion led by Bobbi Macdonald, which will include information about our inclusion program.

Please join us on **Thursday, March 18 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.**

This meeting will be co-sponsored by the Organized Parent Group (OPG) and will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about our program and philosophy, and how best to support your child's experience here at CNH.

See you there!

Volunteer Opportunities

Lunch/Recess Parents

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help supervise lunch and recess.

The first recess period begins at 11:00 and the last lunch period ends at 12:45.

If you can be available for any or all of that period of time,

please contact Bobbi at

bmacdonald@cityneighbors.org.

An important job and a great way to earn volunteer hours!

Back-Up Monday Mailer Compilers

Thank you to all of you who have added your name as backup Monday Mailer Compiler! It is much appreciated! If you'd like your name added to the list, please let Stephanie know:

sking@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Dismissal

The consensus is that families approve of the walkie-talkie option of picking up their kids afterschool. In order to continue offering this option, we need volunteer help! No knowledge of lingo or jargon is necessary—only the ability to press a button and speak clearly into a walkie-talkie. And a nifty “uniform” is provided! If you can be available a few minutes before dismissal (about 3:05 PM) and would like the opportunity to say “10-4” once in a while, please contact Bobbi at bmacdonald@cityneighbors.org and we'll equip you for this important job.

Remember: Parents still have the option of parking and coming inside to retrieve their children afterschool.

Founding Student Council Elected!

Student elections were held last week and we now have a Student Council here at CNH. With the help of Mr. Redgrave, students in grades 1 through 3 elected two representatives per grade to help ensure that student voices are heard on issues and projects that matter to them. The following students were elected by their peers to serve on the Student Council:

Grade 1: Ammar McLeod and McKenzie Rowe

Grade 2: Ty'Auna Jones and Lynnea Williams

Grade 3: Taylor Brooks and Jaidenne Nelson

Congratulations to everyone for participating in the democratic process!

CNH Student Artwork Exhibited Locally

We are pleased to announce that the artwork of some of our first, second, and third grade students is on exhibit at the Hamilton Art Gallery, 5502 Harford Road. The opening was last

Friday night but the work can still be viewed on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 PM.

Be sure to drop by to see the third grade's Spontaneous Cup project on display with other Individual student work. Congratulations, budding artists!

Next All-School Performance

Come see our own CNH students perform at All-School, along with Mr. Alex, leader of the afterschool Afro-Brazilian drum group.

Please feel free to join us for this exciting performance, which will take place on Friday, March 12 in the school cafeteria at 2:45 PM.