

All Families Newsletter

Week 17, 12/19/22

Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21	Thursday 12/22	Friday 12/23
Pooled Testing Today			1 PM DISMISSAL Winter Break	SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break

Greetings, Families.

Believe it or not, we are on the heels of Winter Break. With two full days and two half days left this week, we've made schoolwide plans to end the 2022 calendar year with high spirits!

This week, students will participate in spirit week! The themes this year were co-created with students.

	Monday (12/19)	Tuesday (12/20)	Wednesday (12/21)	Thursday 12/22, (1 PM dismissal)
K-5	"Head to Toe" Favorite Color Day! <i>Dress from head to toe in your favorite color.</i>	CNH Logo Day or Twin Tuesday <i>Wear your CNH gear/ orange and blue or find a partner and dress like twins!</i>	Wacky Wednesday <i>Dress from head to toe in your wackiest, tackiest, and craziest outfit!</i>	PJ Day Wear your pajamas or your comfy lounge wear.
6-8	"Best Dressed Contest" <i>Wear your best ensemble! Your advisory will vote on the most liked outfit.</i>	CNH Logo Day or Twin Tuesday <i>Wear your CNH gear/ orange and blue, or find a partner and dress like twins!</i>	Wacky Wednesday <i>Dress from head to toe in your wackiest, tackiest, and craziest outfit!</i>	PJ Day <i>Wear your pajamas or your comfy lounge wear.</i>

Looking Ahead

January 3
School resumes

January 16
SCHOOL CLOSED for MLK Day

January 18, 19, 20
EARLY DISMISSAL at 1 PM each day for Parent-Teacher Conferences

January 23
SCHOOL CLOSED for Staff Professional Development

January 26
NOTE DATE CHANGE
Middle School Science Fair
6 - 7:30 PM



Middle School Science Fair

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Mark your calendars to attend the science fair on January 26 from 6 pm-7:30 pm!
This event is mandatory for students. All families are welcome to attend!
More information to come.



Zeke's Coffee Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Holiday Coffee Fundraiser. With your help and support we accrued 22 orders, consisting of 71 bags of coffee, totaling \$462. Thank you for supporting City Neighbors Hamilton.

Coffee pick up will be distributed in the CNH cafeteria on Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 1pm-2:30pm. Forms of payment accepted are credit card, check and money order. If you are paying with a check or money order, please make it out to City Neighbors Hamilton. A separate email will go out to all the families who purchased.

If you missed participating in this fundraiser, no worries. Please standby for the next announcement at a later date for our next fundraiser.

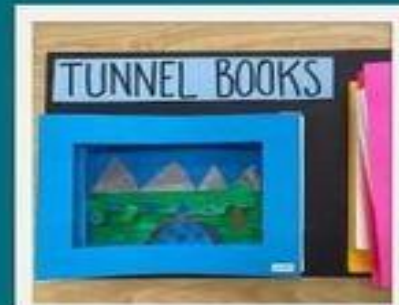
Happy Holidays, CNH Families

CNH FUNDRAISING TEAM

4TH GRADE TUNNEL BOOK EXHIBIT

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HAMILTON BRANCH

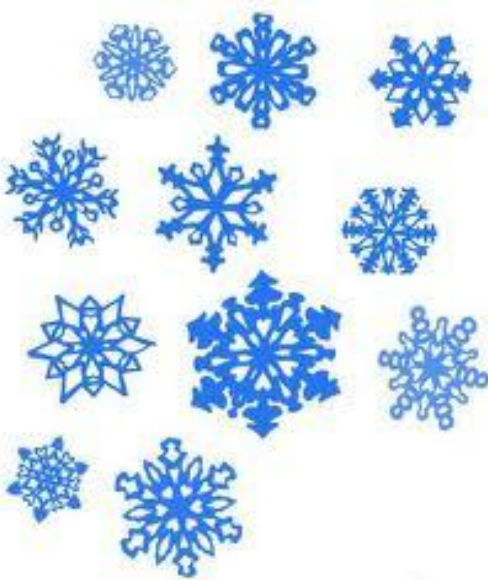
Artwork will be on display into the new year, so please stop by and check out the amazing work created by the 4th graders at City Neighbors Hamilton!



Enoch Pratt Free Library -
Hamilton Branch
5910 Harford Rd,
Baltimore, MD 21214

Hours:
Mon: 10:00am-8:00pm
Tues & Wed: 10:00am-5:30pm
Thurs-Sat: 10:00am-5:00pm
Sun: Closed

Inclement Weather Policy



After our inclement weather delay last week, it's probably time to review our Inclement Weather Policy:

City Neighbors Hamilton follows the Baltimore City Public Schools inclement weather policy. For information about school closings, delays, and early dismissals, please consult baltimorecityschools.org your local television or radio stations.

If Baltimore City Public Schools close, delay opening, or close early due to inclement weather, City Neighbors Hamilton will close, delay opening, or close early for the corresponding amount of time.

In the event school opening is delayed, dismissal will be at the usual time: 3:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and at 1:00 on Wednesdays. For example: If Baltimore City Public Schools open 2 hours late, then CNH will open at 10:00, including Wednesdays and any other "half-days." In the case of a delayed opening on a Wednesday, dismissal will remain the same: 1 PM.

If Baltimore City Public Schools close 2 hours early on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, CNH will close at 1:00. If Baltimore City Public Schools close 2 hours early on a Wednesday or any other "half-days", CNH will dismiss at the usual time: 1 PM.

There will be no aftercare or after-school activities on days when schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather.

All events scheduled for the morning when schools are closed or the opening is delayed, will be canceled. Breakfasts are not served at school on days when BCPSS delays opening. If BCPSS cancels its afterschool programs and events due to inclement weather, there will be no afterschool events at CNH, including aftercare.

City Neighbors Community, GET READY TO ACT!

- Did you know that public charter schools in Maryland do not receive public funding for school facilities?
- Did you know that public charter schools in Baltimore City, even if they are not in a District building or they pay lease in a district building, have to pay for Baltimore City Schools' debt service?
- Did you know that, according to a 2016 report, charter schools spend approximately \$1,600 per pupil every year to obtain and maintain their school facilities?

Charter schools do not get funding, pay for other buildings in Baltimore City Schools, and then pay for their own facilities.

This year, we may finally have the chance to fix that! In partnership with the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools, we plan to sponsor legislation that will cure this funding inequity - which could mean funding for facilities and money freed up for our staff and programs. More information and action to come. For now:

- Hop on a 20 minute Zoom to hear about this issue and learn how you can help: Monday, January 9 at 6 pm. [Public Charter Schools Facilities Funding](#)
- Mark your calendar for **February 1, during the day - Charter School Advocacy Day**. Buses will leave City Neighbors to head to Annapolis to convince our representatives that it's finally time to fix this inequity. Sign-ups to come starting January 9th! We are seeking 40 folks from our school!

Any immediate questions? Reach out to Mike at mchalupa@cityneighbors.org Get ready City Neighbors!

Dear City Neighbors Parents/Community,

We are getting closer to the 12th Annual Progressive Education Summit and we need nearly 20 Parent/Community Volunteers on Saturday, 1/28/23 from 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. to support the day. Please sign up here with your name and email address: [Summit Volunteer Sign Up](#). Please contact Gwendolyn Unoko at gunoko@cityneighbors.org with questions.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION SUMMIT

CITY NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION



Register here:



January 28, 2023

9:00am-3:00pm

5609 Sefton Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21214

or at www.cityneighborsfoundation.org



The Progressive Education Summit is an annual event that brings together hundreds of educators from around the region and the country who are dedicated to the ideals of authentic, child-centered, democratic learning for all children.

We strive to create a day that reinvigorates our collective efforts to provide an excellent education for every student, and to learn from great educational thinkers and reformers.

City Neighbors Foundation is committed to providing this event free of charge to participants, thanks to the support of our generous funders and sponsors.

Please share this opportunity!

Enrollment Season for 2023-24 has begun for new families and siblings of current CNH students!

Our current school year has just begun, but enrollment season for next year has begun, as well!



NEW FAMILIES

City Neighbors Hamilton is now accepting enrollment applications for next school year, 2023-24. The deadline to receive applications from **new families** for inclusion in the enrollment lottery is **3 PM February 15, 2023**. (The deadline was extended by the district on October 22.)

Enrollment Open Houses will be held as follows:

January 14, 3 PM

January 24, 9 AM

Please spread the word!

CURRENT FAMILIES

The deadline to receive applications for siblings of current students and children of school staff is **January 23, 2023**. If your child currently attends CNH, there is no need to reapply. Intent to Return forms will be sent and collected in January for current students. Siblings and children of staff (who reside in Baltimore City) will not be included in the enrollment lottery, **HOWEVER, you must submit an enrollment application by January 23, 2022 in order for us to have an accurate count of open seats when we conduct our lottery.**

Enrollment applications can be found here: <http://cityneighborshamilton.org/apply/> Be sure to clearly indicate “sibling” on the application where indicated. Please be aware that the Sibling Preference Policy only applies to siblings of current City Neighbors Hamilton students. It does not apply to siblings of students who are enrolled at City Neighbors Charter School or City Neighbors High School.

If you have any questions about enrollment, please reach out to Enrollment Coordinator, Stephanie King at sking@cityneighborshamilton.org.

Don't Forget to Log Your Family Participation Hours!

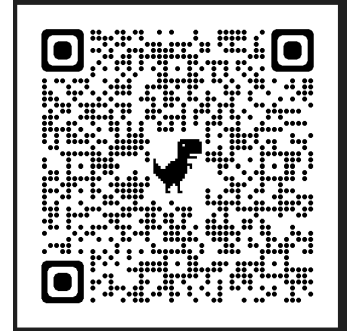
You can scan the qr code or follow the link below to record your hours.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckDqipbD2BH1PJOO2nooxTPFqv_QtMliV-4mzsavh1cMAjMw/viewform

By joining the CNH community, each family agreed to participate in school events for a minimum of 40 hours per school year.

Logging hours is easy and can be recorded for the following events:

- Back to School Night!
- Progress Report Conferences
- School events (Family Arts Nights, Gallery Night, Graduation, End of year events)
- IEP Meetings
- Classroom helper
- Fundraising events
- Committee meetings
- Chaperoning school trips and events
- Family work days
- Earth Day Celebration
- Anything else that you do to make CNH a better school community!



FAQ- Answered:

A question that we often get is: *“How do I get some CNH swag?”*. While we will still hold our ‘CNH Swag Day’ later in the year, you may also purchase gear online. You can purchase shirts, hoodies, mugs, phone cases, etc on our TeePublic storefront! [Click here](#) to check out our products!