

# All Families Newsletter

Week 25, 2/20/23

Monday 2/20	Tuesday 2/21	Wednesday 2/22	Thursday 2/23	Friday 2/24
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED for Presidents Day</b>	Oak Crest to visit 1st Grade After School chorus MICA Art Club (4th/5th), 3 -4 PM Committee Night, 6 - 7 PM	1pm Dismissal CN Performance rehearsal 1:30-4:30	<del>Family Engagement Night #2</del> <u>Rescheduled</u>	

Greetings, Families.

*Want to get active? Have an idea or suggestion? Want to help make our school better?*

Our **next Committee night is coming up on Tuesday, February 21 from 6pm - 7pm** at City Neighbors Hamilton. Participating in a committee is part of every CNH family's commitment to be an active part of our school through family participation hours. We need your ideas, viewpoints, questions, input and skills! There is a committee for everyone, and you can bounce around between them, too. Childcare and snacks will be available for school-aged kiddos who need to attend with you.

CNH Family-Led Committees Meeting on Tuesday 02/21:

- Facilities
- Family Participation
- Fundraising
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Communications
- Finance

## Looking Ahead

**Wednesday, March 8**  
2nd Trimester Ends

**Thursday, March 9**  
CN Arts Collaborative  
Performance  
6 PM in the auditorium

**Tuesday, March 14**  
Report Cards mailed

**Wednesday, March 15**  
City Neighbors Founders  
Day

**Friday, March 17**  
Summer Camp applications  
deadline

**Friday, March 17**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED for**  
**Staff Professional**  
**Development**

## Announcing the City Neighbors 2030 Strategic Plan!



In April 2021, our organization, comprising City Neighbors Charter School, City Neighbors Hamilton, City Neighbors High School, and the City Neighbors Foundation, launched City Neighbors 2030 - a journey to reflect on our first seventeen years of collective work and consider what would make us even stronger in the decade to come. What followed were many months of organizational self-reflection and assessment. Now, after nearly two years of collaborative work across the entire City Neighbors community -- including school leaders, educators, students, families, Board members, and partners -- we are excited to share the final, approved City Neighbors 2030 plan.

Built upon our ongoing commitment to strive to be the best project-based, arts-integrated, child-centered, democratic, progressive schools we can be – all while ensuring our students are known, loved, and inspired academically -- the City Neighbors 2030 plan sets direction and priorities for our overall organization during the next seven years.

Many of you have, in some way, contributed to the creation of this plan - whether in focus groups, open meetings, feedback, staff meetings, Board meetings, and in the many other opportunities to engage. Your participation and thoughtful input has helped create this comprehensive set of recommendations to help ensure that City Neighbors thrives into the next decade and beyond. Thank you!

Check out the final plan: [City Neighbors 2030.pdf](#)

If, after reviewing the plan, you have any questions or would like to discuss City Neighbors 2030 further, please feel free to reach out to me at [mchalupa@cityneighbors.org](mailto:mchalupa@cityneighbors.org)

2030, here we come!

The City Neighbors Performing Arts Collaboration Presents...

# A Journey To Freedom

Inspired by *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Jeanette Winter  
Performed by City Neighbors Students

**TICKETS \$5, KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE**  
**6:00 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023**  
**DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

Including the following in the foyer of the auditorium:  
\*Silent auction of handmade items by City Neighbors students  
\*Freedom Art Exhibition featuring student artwork  
\*Bake Sale during intermission

Scan For Tickets  
<http://bit.ly/3WG2PGO>

CITY NEIGHBORS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
5609 Sefton Avenue Baltimore, MD 21214

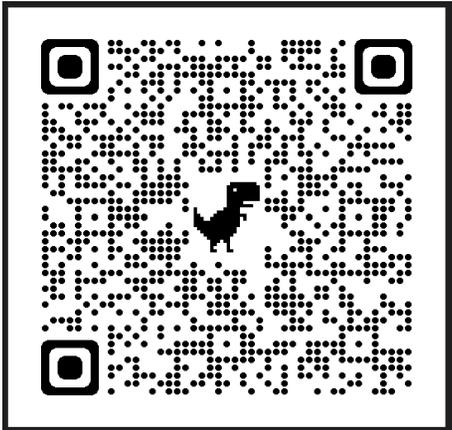
## Arts Collaborative Among Our Three Schools

City Neighbors has some of the most talented students in the city of Baltimore and we also have some of the best arts teachers ever to exist! This year the performing arts teachers initiated a collaborative performing arts opportunity for students in grades K-12 from City Neighbors Charter, City Neighbors Hamilton, and City Neighbors High School. Through this initiative, we hope to grow our community stronger at being LOVED, KNOWN and INSPIRED. The City Neighbors community also intends to make this a yearly event and we will continue to expand the ways that students engage and participate in the event. Students in dance and visual arts classes this trimester are contributing to this collaborative effort in various ways. Students in dance will be performing in the show while the students in visual arts class are creating work to support the show through costumes, props and an art sale. ***This collaborative three school event will take the place of the Trimester 2 Family Arts Night. In true City Neighbors fashion, we are responding to the needs of our school, community and students and are excited about this shift. We will still gather in the spring for Gallery Night to celebrate the work of all classes and students.*** Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 9, 2023** as we present *A Journey to Freedom*, inspired by author Jeanette Winter's *Follow the Drinking Gourd*.

## Summer Job Opportunities



If you are a Baltimore City resident between the ages of 14 and 21, and are interested in a summer job, apply to YouthWorks between January 3 and April 7, 2023. For more information, visit <https://youthworks.oedworks.com/>.



## Don't Forget to Log Your Family Participation Hours!

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! You can scan the qr code or follow the link below to record your hours. Attending or participating in any of the following qualify for participation hours: Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher 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, Advocacy days, and anything else that you do to make CNH a better school community!

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