

CCC Newsletter

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The mission of Concord Children's Center is to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared and inspired to learn

March April 2019

Calendar

March 30	CCC Auction
April 2	Optional Afterschool
April 10	Board Meeting
April 15	CCC Closed Patriots Day
April 16-19	Optional Days
February 27	2019-20 Acceptances Mailed



The Red Queen admonishes Alice to be quick about buying her ticket to the CCC Auction!



Through the Looking Glass

**Concord Children's Center
AUCTION 2019**

Our Biggest Fundraiser and your Chance to:



Find four friends and place the winning bid for a week's stay in a 5 bedroom House in Provence France



Win a night for two in a beautiful resort in Vermont – while the children enjoy a special babysitting adventure with Emerson Teacher Jordan Zirkel

**And Much More! Preview the
Auction Program at**

<http://concordchildrenscenter.org/get-auction-info/>



Win a tour (watch batting practice) of Fenway Park with, 2 tickets to a Ball game and Hot Dogs in the Royal Rooters Club



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
SATURDAY NIGHT –
BUY YOUR TICKETS
ON-LINE OR AT THE
DOOR**

CCC's Budget, Quality Childcare, and The President's Economic Report.

From the desk of the Executive Director
Pat Nelson M.ED.

The recently released ***Economic Report of the President*** notes the challenge of the 2017 tax cuts delivering the President's promises to fuel the economy with 5% growth. www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ERP-2019.pdf. The report suggests strategies for improving long term economic growth for the United States. I am particularly concerned with several possibilities proposed in the report. These strategies include "steps to roll back regulations — many of which are at the state level and out of the control of Congress — that the administration says serve as a barrier to more Americans working. It cites occupational licensing rules, which restrict workers from entering certain fields without certification, and regulations that raise the cost of child care, such as caps on the ratio of children to staff in day care centers." <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/19/us/politics/trump-tax-cut-economic-forecast.html>. The report states, on page 164 "One way to reduce the financial burdens of child care for both single and married females considering working is to reduce the direct costs of care," (I have to stop here and ask "what about working fathers?") the report says, adding, "Regulations that impose minimum standards on providers can decrease the availability and increase the cost of obtaining care, thus serving as a disincentive to work." The regulations identified in the report include the number of staff required to care for groups of children, the educational and experience requirements of teachers, and the number of square feet of space required for children both inside and outside. In short, the problem of the high cost of childcare has been placed on the backs of regulations designed to provide quality environments and experiences for the children of workers in the United States and the solution seems to be to roll back these regulations.

In February 2018 The Center for American Progress published a paper, "***Where Does Your Childcare Dollar Go? Understanding the True Cost of Quality Early Childhood Education***" that does an excellent job of outlining the cost of high quality child care: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/early-childhood/reports/2018/02/14/446330/child-care-dollar-go/>. Their report outlines the factors contributing to high quality Early Education and Childcare. These factors have been studied for years and continue to be studied to assure their correlation with later outcomes. CCC has participated in a number of these studies. According to the report, high quality programs provide robust compensation and benefits, recruit and retain experienced and highly skilled teachers, have low teacher-child ratios, provide additional resources for materials, and offer a larger learning environment with more space to explore and learn. The CCC budget reflects our commitment to these principles. We also have a commitment to the belief that all children, regardless of income, deserve this level of quality. Through a generous donation from the Concord Carlisle Community Chest, support from Trinitarian Congregational Church, and decades of a partnership with the Town of Concord to lease town space for two of our programs, we have been able to maintain our quality and provide tuition assistance to 10-12% of our families. Rolling back regulations created to assure the health, safety and positive futures for young children is not the answer for the cost of childcare. Education, Healthcare, and Public Safety require community support – not tax cuts.

At CCC's March Board meeting our Board of Directors reviewed local tuition rates in anticipation of setting tuition for next year. At our April 10th Board meeting we will be reviewing the budget for 2019-2020. All families are welcome to attend this meeting to be held at 1300 Main Street starting at 7 PM.

Concord Middle School Project Information Sessions

Next Steps and More Information: The funding for a Feasibility Study and Schematic Design of a new CMS building will be up for vote at the 2019 Town Meeting (beginning April 8).

CMS Feasibility Study Information Session Dates:

Saturday, 3/30, 12:30-2pm, Peabody Forum

Monday, 4/1, 9:30-11am, Ripley Conference Room 4

CMS Building Tours:

March, 30, and April 6: 9:30am at Sanborn/ 11:00am at Peabody

Schedule of Events: https://www.concordps.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-CPS-SC-Master-Schedule-w_o-names_2-8-19_FINAL.pdf.

Thursday, 4/4, 6:30-8pm, CCHS Learning Common

Saturday, 4/6, 12:30-2pm, Peabody Forum

CIRCLE of SECURITY:

A Parenting Education Series for Parents of Children 0-5 yrs old

8 TUESDAYS: April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 from 11:30 to 1 PM

LOCATION: First Connections, 179 Great Road, Acton MA

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED (*as spots are limited!*): To register, email Linda at LMatthews@jri.org and type "Circle of Security" in the subject line.

Facilitator: Carolinda Sterczala, MSW, LICSW, BCN

The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Using the COSPTM model, which includes graphics, DVD chapters, and discussion, parents and caregivers work to:

- Understand their child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self esteem
- Honor the innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure

Often "the circle" helps us makes sense of the needs that have been "hiding in plain sight". Other times the needs are known, but it is still nice to be able to put some simple language or visuals on the attachment needs our kids have while they are exploring or coming back to us for comfort.

This is a collaboration between the Center for Parents and Teachers and First Connections. Learn more about this and other parent education offerings at:

www.centerforparentsandteachers.org

APRIL 6 2019	ACTON CONCERT SERIES	AT THE GALLERY AT VILLAGeworks 525 MASS. AVE. ACTON, MA
TICKETS AT \$20	SONIC LOVE	7:30PM
GO TO: HTTP://TINYURL.COM/YXGGY4SG	WITH OPENING ACT THE POTATO SHAKERS	

Rock and Roll Fundraiser

A Benefit for



A program of



Admission \$20 (tickets available at <http://tinyurl.com/yxggy4sg>)
or \$25 at the door

Doors open at 7:30pm and music starts at 8:00 pm.

The evening will feature a silent auction/raffle, appetizers, cash bar with drinks and locally brewed beer from True West Brewery, live music and a night of fun. All proceeds will benefit First Connections, a non profit that is instrumental in building Healthy Families and Communities.

The Bilingual Home

presented by Marahu George, MA, CCC-SLP



"There are many benefits to being bilingual, however many parents whose native language is not English receive conflicting information about bilingualism and the best way to support language development in their children. Our guest speaker grew up in a bilingual home and she is now a pediatric speech and language pathologist practicing locally. She will share the facts and fiction about raising a bilingual child and what that process will look like in your child in terms of their language acquisition and development depending on how language is used in your home. Her message assures parents that they can preserve their native culture and language, prepare their child for school, and preserve their culturally and linguistically diverse home

Held at and co-sponsored by Bright Horizons in Boxborough

Thursday, March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration is required for either program by emailing lmattews@jri.org.

PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITIES



Musketaquid Earth Day Saturday, April 27

10:30-2:00

Parade from 40 Stow Street to the Old North Bridge in Concord with giant puppets, stilt walkers and dancers 10:30-11:30.
River Ceremony 11:30-12.

Arts & Environment Festival at The Old Manse
12:00-2:00. Free!

<https://theumbrellaarts.org>



Heroes and Villains Day at Worcester Art Museum

Saturday, April 13, 10-4:00

Special family day program includes visitors from a galaxy far, far, away and other historical and art-related activities. Ages 3 & under free. Ages 4-17 \$6. Adults \$16. EBT, veterans, active duty military free. Worcester colleges faculty, staff & students w/ID free.

www.worcesterart.org

Playtime Theater for Kids Ages 2-9

March 30: Ugly Duckling

April 13: Thumbelina

April 27: Peter Rabbit

Held at Concord Youth Theatre, 358 Baker Ave., West Concord. Begins at 10:30 am.

Tickets: \$5 per person at the door cash/check concordyouththeatre.org

Fruitlands Museum

Free Admission on Saturday, May 18

10:00-4:00

Live fiddle music, guided hikes & [museum tours](#).

Fairy Festival on Friday, April 19, 1-4:00

Learn about little folk of the woodlands, trail walks to build fairy houses, make a fairy want. Pre-register children & adults. \$10 for adults, kids free. 978-456-3924 x5 or

cshortliffe@thetrustees.org www.thetrustees.org

First Friday Nights Free at The Discovery Museum, Acton

Drop in from 4:30-8:00 on

April 5, May 3, June 7

The following programs require registration at www.discoveryacton.org

Autism Friendly Evenings

from 5:00-8:00

April 27 & June 1

Autism Friendly Afternoon

from 1:30-4:30

April 2, May 7, June 4

Visually Impaired Evening

5:00-8:00

May 11

Deaf, Hard of Hearing

Infants & Toddlers

March 25, 9:30-12:30

All Ages welcome on

April 13, 5:00-8:00