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



May 2017

Calendar

May 18	West Concord Picnic
May 23	Ripley Picnic
May 29	Memorial Day CCC Closed
May 31	Pre-School Field Day

June 6	Oh The Places You'll Go! at Ripley
June 14	CCC Annual Meeting @ Ripley
June 15 &16	CCC Closed
June 19	First Day of Summer Program



A Strawberry Shortcake Extravaganza for children moving on from CCC and their families!

Join us at the Ripley Playscape from 6 - 7 Pm Tuesday June 6th 120 Meriam Road, Concord

One of the hardest and best parts of being an educator at CCC is saying goodbye when children move on. Of course saying goodbye is difficult, however we are also very excited about the future for each and every child. Children leaving CCC this Spring or at the end of the Summer program are invited to a celebration, with their families and CCC staff.

Please RSVP to <u>Office@concordchildrenscenter.org</u>

P.S. the Strawberry Shortcake is from Verrill Farms

CCC Annual Meeting! Everyone is invited to attend and vote at our Annual Meeting on June 14th at Ripley at 7 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board, hear the committee reports, and visit the Ripley Playscape in all it's Spring Glory.

Saturday on Stow Street in Concord Center The place to be this weekend for family fun, free events

2nd Annual Stow Street Block Party

Join Concord Recreation for its second annual Stow Street Block Party, one of the most exciting events of the year! The Stow Street Block Party is a FREE community event that will feature activities for all ages. A section of Stow Street will be closed and become home to an event that features music, food, games, and more. This event will also incorporate Touch a Truck and a classic car show this year! Admission is free for all, but some activities may cost a small fee.

Saturday May 20th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Featuring Music, food, games and more! Stow Street, Concord Mass



A Night of Chinese Music and dance

The Concord Free Public Library and Concord-Carlisle Chinese Club (C-4) will present "A Night of Chinese Music

and Dance" on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Umbrella Community Arts Center (40 Stow Street, Concord, MA). Guest performances from **GBCCA Music Ensembles, Angel Performing Arts**, and **Yuqing Graceworks.** Admission is free

Remember; The Deadline to reduce your schedule for the 2017-18 School Year is June 1, 2017. Requests received after June 1 will go into effect on December 1, 2017.



Dear CCC Families, May 19, 2017

The Board of Concord Children's Center, based on recommendations from administration, has approved the tuition rate for the 2017/2018 school year. The new rates can be found at https://view.publitas.com/concord-childrens-center/ccc-tuition-broc_singlepages_2017/, along with our scheduling policies. *New for this year is a change to the number of weeks for which all families are billed.* In an effort to better align our school year with the Concord Public School calendar we have adjusted the CCC school year from 39 to 40 weeks. The monthly tuition bill is determined by the weekly rate times 40 weeks and divided into ten equal payments. The 2017-18 School Year will run from August 28, 2017 thru June 22nd, 2018. Our 2018 Summer Program will begin June 25, 2018. The increase in the monthly tuition is a combination of the week added to the school year and a modest tuition increase to cover rising expenses.

As Board Chair, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you how CCC funds are spent. As a nonprofit school, CCCs' first financial goal is to cover all of our program expenses; a secondary goal is to contribute to our reserve funds that will cover anticipated capital expenses as well as an operating reserve. The money that comes in to the school through tuition payments, donations, grants, and interest income is spent on hiring and retaining excellent staff and other ingredients necessary to deliver a high quality program.

According to the FY 16 Audit, most of CCC's income comes from tuition payments (95%) but income from grants, fund raising and investment income are also significant. The CCC administration is constantly seeking out external funding and grants. Fund raising events, such as the Auction and our Annual Appeal, also bring in sizable contributions that help to defray the cost of running the school.

Funds devoted to the direct mission related work of CCC has consistently remained at 86% of expenses. The biggest cost by far is staff salaries and benefits (81%). For a school with very favorable student/teacher ratios, highly qualified, professional teachers, and very low teacher turnover, this is as expected. Three percent of the funds were used for tuition assistance to families who meet the income criteria. About half of the tuition assistance fund comes from external grants and the other half is internal funds allocated by the Board of Directors. This is consistent with the founding principles of CCC to make high quality early education available to all families. Occupancy, program, and staff development make up the remaining expenses.

While financial considerations are critical to CCC's continued operation, it is your volunteer efforts, community spirit, and participation in center-wide events that make CCC so special for children and their families. I thank you for your continued support of this outstanding organization.

Campbell Rowe CCC Board Chair Parent at 1300 Main Street