



CCC Newsletter

Earth Day Float made for the 2016 Earth Day River Ceremony by CCC Ripley Students

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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

April at CCC

CCC Calendar: April & May

April 11	CCC Board Meeting
April 12	Emerson Art Show
April 16	CCC Closed for Holiday
April 17-20	Optional
April 29	Family Concert
May 4	Special Friends Day
May 9	Board Meeting
May 22	Ripley Picnic
May 24	West Concord Picnic
May 31	Field Day

CCC Board Meetings are open to all CCC families. The April Board Meeting will be held at Ripley at 7 PM on Weds April 11. The main topic will be a discussion of the 2019 Budget



This year's ***Special Friends Day*** will be held on the morning of **Friday, May 4**. Special Friends Day is an opportunity for children and parents to formally invite a grandparent, family member or special friend to join their special child in the classroom and share the experience of Concord Children's Center.

As space is limited, each child is able to invite only two people to Special Friends Day. If you would like to have an invitation sent to a grandparent, special friend, or other family member, please submit the [Google Form \(below\)](#) by **Wednesday April, 11**. Please inform your special friend that they will be receiving an invitation via mail or email in a couple of weeks. If you have any questions please call Jennifer Saxe or Pat Nelson at (978) 369-3747 or e-mail development@concordchildrenscenter.org.

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Muddy Weather

Please remember that your children will be playing outside and nothing is more interesting to a young child than a mud puddle! Boots, warm jackets, snowpants, mittens, hats and spare socks are essential components of the curriculum!



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday April 29 at 3PM at the 1300 Main Street, Concord, Children's Center will host Radius Ensemble for a return family concert. Named Boston's Best Classical Ensemble 2016 by the Improper Bostonian, and winner of a 2013 CMA/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming, Radius Ensemble's thoughtfully curated programs balance old and new, with repertoire ranging from beloved masterworks to riveting new music – brilliantly performed by some of the best Boston-based musicians. Radius's go-for-broke performances are interspersed with "live liner notes," brief remarks that enlighten and entertain. Musicians, composers, and listeners truly connect.

Family Concert with Radius Ensemble



**Sunday, 4/29 at 3
CCC, 1300 Main St.**

to benefit the Concord Children's Center Scholarship Fund

A chamber music ensemble of winds, strings, and piano, Radius Ensemble was founded in 1999 by CCC Alumni parent, oboist and impresario Jennifer Montbach. Radius's subscription season includes a four-concert series at Pickman Hall at the Longy School of Music of Bard College, where the group has been Ensemble in Residence since 2011. Radius has also appeared on concert series throughout New England, including Rockport Music and Clark University. Radius has commissioned and premiered numerous works by Boston-area composers and has won several Meet the Composer grants. Committed to community outreach, Radius presents a free Saturday-morning family concert in Harvard Square, donates free tickets to disadvantaged children and their parents or mentors through local community service agencies, and works with students at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School.

MUSKETAQUID EARTH DAY 2018
Celebrating the Confluence of Art & Nature
“Gathering Places”
Saturday, April 28 10:30am–2:00pm

EARTH DAY PARADE

10:30–11:30am

The Umbrella to The Old Manse

Giant puppets, stilts, dancers, music, costumes, banners, community groups, families, and friends parade down Main and Monument Streets.

RIVER CEREMONY

11:30am–12:00pm

Minute Man National Historic Park, at The Old North Bridge

Singing, drumming, and the launching of Earth Floats at the water's edge.

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL

12:00pm–2:00pm

The Old Manse Lawn and Orchard

Featured performances include: Eric Bornstein and Behind the Mask Theater, Jody Weber Dance Company, and Mass Audubon Drumlin Farm's Birds of Prey PLUS Music, local food, table exhibitors, art activities, and tree climbing with Andrew Joslin



Spring Parent Education Programs

Guest Speaker on Fatherhood

John Carr, LICSW, will speak with dads at this special presentation for fathers of young children. He is the author of *"Becoming a Dad - The First Three Years"*, an adjunct professor at Boston College and has a private practice. John will speak on defining your role as a father, developmental milestones of young children, and developing a co-parenting strategy in the early years. All dads are welcome - bring your questions! John will speak for the first hour of the program and discussion will follow. Please RSVP so we have an accurate head count for handouts: lmattthews@jri.org or 978-429-8284 x202. John is the father of three. He specializes in working with expectant and new fathers, and 20- and 30-somethings. Held in the Trustees Room. **Tuesday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street**

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