



# 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*

## Updates from CCC

### Afterschool for the 2022-2023 School Year

December marks the beginning of CCC's very busy enrollment period. Families will soon be receiving applications for next school year's infant, toddler and preschool classes. As you know, this year we suspended our Afterschool program in response to the COVID pandemic. During this time, the Concord Recreation Department has been able to provide after school programming at each elementary school.

Unfortunately, given the uncertainties regarding continued COVID restrictions and the availability of the Town's recreation programs, CCC will not offer an Afterschool program during the 2022-23 school year. We are very disappointed to not offer Afterschool next year and hope that once COVID is well and truly out of the picture, we will be able to resume the program at West Concord and Ripley. The Concord Recreation Department will continue to offer its Afterschool program at each elementary school. You can find more information on the Recreation Department [website](#).

The schedule for applying for next year's Infant, Toddler and preschool programs is as follows:

- Week of December 13: 2022-2023 applications sent to families.
- January 10: all applications are due.
- February 7: acceptance letters and enrollment agreements sent to families.

### Updated Snow Day Policy

Winter is upon us, which means it is time to remind families of our approach to inclement weather. The policy has changed since last year, so please take a few minutes to read the information below.

CCC is closed on Concord Public School snow days. These are announced on the major Boston area radio and television stations, posted on their websites, and also posted on the **Concord Public Schools website**. In the event of a closure, CCC will also notify families and staff via Kaymbu and post this info on our **website** and **Facebook page**.

If Concord Public Schools delay opening, Concord Children's Center will also delay opening by the equivalent time. Our hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; therefore, if CPS delays opening one hour, Concord Children's Center will open at 8:00 AM.

In the event the Concord Public Schools close early due to inclement weather, Concord Children's Center will not necessarily close early. If CCC administration determines it is necessary to close early, parents will be notified at drop off, if possible, or by telephone, text, and/or email later in the day. We will give parents as much lead time as possible. We recommend parents always have a backup plan for your child's pick up in the event you cannot make it to your child's program on time.

During public school vacation weeks and other days that Concord Public Schools are closed and CCC is open, CCC administration will decide before 7AM to either close or delay our opening because of

severe weather. We will contact families either by email or by telephone and leave a message on the phones at all sites.

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## Late November and Early December Around CCC



### Sustainability

Building a new school is exciting for many reasons including the opportunity to create a building that is sustainable and supportive of the environment. With the future of our young students in mind, we seek to incorporate “green” principles into our design for our new site at 250 Bedford Road. Our wish list includes the following sustainability measures:

- A building envelope that will exceed the base code requirements;
- All-electric heating and cooling;
- Energy-saving appliances;
- Use of materials with recycled content and supportive of healthy indoor air quality;



- Infrastructure to support solar panels;
- Sustainable landscape that maximizes the diversity of native species, and pollinator habitat.

We have been working with consultants from [RMF Engineering](#) to identify how to best achieve these “green goals” within our budget. Over the next month our design team will complete the drawings required to obtain an estimate of the cost of the project. We will keep our community posted as progress continues. If you are interested in learning more about the sustainability aspect of this project, please contact CCC Executive Director [Pat Nelson](#).

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## CCC at the Concord Bookshop: We Need Some Holiday Elves!

[The Concord Bookshop](#) offers community organizations the opportunity to giftwrap customer purchases in exchange for sharing information about their organization, and CCC is hosting the wrapping table on **Sunday, December 19**. If you would like to help on the day by wrapping for two hours, please contact [CCC Development Coordinator Jennifer Saxe](#) -- shifts are 12-2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., and 4-5 p.m. And everyone is encouraged to stop by the Bookshop on December 19 to support our local book store and have your purchases wrapped by CCC volunteers! Thank you!

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## Calendar Updates

### Important Upcoming Dates

Week of December 13: continuing families receive link to on-line 2022-2023 application  
Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve Day, CCC closed  
December 27-30: CCC optional days  
Friday, December 31: New Year's Eve Day, CCC closed  
Wednesday, January 10: Due date for all 22-23 applications  
Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King Day, CCC closed  
Week of February 7: 2022-2023 admissions notifications sent

### Admissions News

Below is the application timeline for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Currently: CCC accepting [applications for new students for the 22-23 school year](#),
- Week of December 13: continuing families will receive a link to the on-line application for returning students.
- Monday, January 10: due date for all applications for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Week of February 7: 2022-2023 admissions notifications sent.

### Subscribe to the CCC Calendar

Stay current on events at CCC by subscribing to the [on-line calendar](#). Select which events you want to be kept informed about and stay connected!

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## Fundraising Updates

### 2021-2022 Fund for CCC

The **2021-2022 Fund for CCC** Giving Challenge closed at the end of the day on Giving Thursday, November 30 -- congratulations to the following classrooms who won the Challenge at their site:

- Emerson: **Infant 3** with **100%** family and teacher participation
- Ripley: **3-4's** with **80%** family and teacher participation
- West Concord: **Circle Room** with **94%** family and teacher participation.

To date, **79% of our families** have made a donation to the Fund for CCC, and the Fund has received over **\$75,000** in commitments from current families, alumni families, teachers and staff, and special friends! We hope that all our community members will consider supporting CCC at this



exciting time as we launch *CCC Reimagined*, our strategic project to restructure CCC into a two-site model. Use the materials you receive in the mail to make your donation or [donate on-line](#). Learn more about the Fund for CCC on the [CCC website](#).



### Support CCC This Holiday Season by Shopping at AmazonSmile!

Shop at AmazonSmile this holiday season, and 0.5% of your purchase will be donated back to CCC. Just shop at AmazonSmile and designate CCC as your preferred charity. [Start shopping - and supporting CCC - now!](#)

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## CCC Board Updates

As a non-profit, CCC is governed by a board of directors that is primarily responsible for the Center's financial and organizational oversight. Board meetings are held the [third Wednesday of every other month](#) over Zoom and are open to all families. Please contact **CCC Executive Director Pat Nelson** for the link to any meeting. Please also contact Pat if you are interested in getting involved with the work of the Board or its committees (Advancement, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Nominating, and Personnel).

### 2021-22 Board Members

Becky McCullough, Chair (Emerson, West Concord)  
Jay Abelowitz, Co-Chair (Alumni)  
Tom Doherty, Secretary (Ripley)  
Stephan Bader, Treasurer (Alumni)  
Meg Ansara (West Concord)  
Phil Barr (West Concord)  
Eric Boisvert (Emerson)  
Marcela Bean (CCC staff rep, alumni)  
JC Conti (CCC staff rep, Emerson and West Concord)  
Emily D'Arcy (CCC staff rep, Ripley and West Concord)  
Karen Lennon (West Concord)  
Katherine Manning (Ripley)  
Jonathan Rankin (Emerson)  
Yumi Suarez (West Concord)  
Shannon Sweeney (West Concord)

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## Community Announcements & Events

2022 - 2023  
Concord Public Schools  
Kindergarten Registration  
OPENS January 1, 2022

Registration is open to those students who are at least 5 years of age as of August 31, 2022.

To register, please visit:  
[concordps.org/new-student-registration-information/](https://concordps.org/new-student-registration-information/)



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