

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



December/January at CCC

CCC December/January Calendar

Dec. 11	Board Meeting at Emerson
Dec. 24	CCC closes at 1PM
Dec. 25	CCC Closed
Dec. 26-31	Optional Days
Jan.1	CCC Closed
Jan. 3	2014-15 Applications Distributed
Jan. 8	CCC Board Meeting – Audit Results
Jan. 11	Playspace@ W.C
Jan. 20.	CCC Closed for the Holiday
Jan 24	Feb. Optional Days Request Due
Jan. 25	Babies and Books @ WC
Jan. 27	Continuing Families Applications Due

December Optional Week & Closings

CCC is open Dec – 26-31 only for families that have signed up for this optional week. Speak to your Program Director if you wish to sign up. On Thursday and Friday December 26 and 27, all classes will be held at Ripley. Monday and Tuesday December 30 and 31, classes will be held at Ripley and West Concord.. **CCC will be closed on December 25th and January 1. December 24th we will close at 1 PM.**

Winter Weather is Here!



Remember, your children will be playing outside all winter. Boots, warm jackets, snowpants, mittens, hats are essential components of the curriculum! We have extras if you need them, just let us know.

Snow Day Policy Reminder

When Concord Public Schools(CPS) close for bad weather CCC closes. If CPS delays the opening of school CCC will also delay opening by the equivalent time. Please check your parent handbook for details.



Fall Equinox at the Playscape

Solstice Celebration with Ripley Teacher, Patricia Collins & Musketaquid Program

Ripley teacher, Patricia Collins will offer a second morning to celebrate the changing season on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 AM.** The circle of seasons throughout the year is especially meaningful to children, who

are so aware of the first red leaf, the first snowflake, the first little crocus poking up through the snow...but sometimes our busy, hectic schedules make it difficult for us to take the time to join them in their wonder and awe of the beauty of our natural world. Patricia will lead families in a playful exploration of the Playscape with song and movement. There will be instruments to play and a rainbow of silks to move with!

The Musketaquid Arts and Environment program will offer a creative seasonal decoration activity. Families will collect natural materials in and around the Playscape area and then bring them indoors to make creatures and decorations using glue and wire. Space may be limited, so please call or email Pat Nelson to reserve a spot for your family. (978-369-3747

Families may also join the Musketaquid folks for an evening winter solstice event at 6 PM on the 21st at the Old Manse. Check the website for more information. <http://www.emersonumbrella.org/musketaquid/solstice/>

For information about the Playscape:
www.ripleyplayscape.org.

Visit our website for updates, the Parent Handbook, events and much more!

www.concordchildrenscenter.org



Family Trees A Celebration of Children's Literature at the **CONCORD MUSEUM**

Free for CCC Families and Staff

The Concord Museum has invited our families and staff to visit the Museum on Sunday, December 15 from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. The Museum has extended this invitation to all of the programs in town that receive funds from the Community Chest. The Chest generously supports our Tuition Assistance Program. Please let the Museum know if you are planning to attend by calling (978) 369-9763, ext. 216. Upon arrival, please inform the Front Desk of your connection to the Community Chest and the number in your family.

2014-15 Enrollment On January 3, CCC will distribute applications for the 2014-15 school year, and for our Summer Program. We ask our continuing families to return their school year applications by January 27th and the summer applications no later than April 4th. We will begin accepting new families in February once we know the needs of our current families. Families new to CCC may request an application by contacting Pat Nelson at 978-369-3747.

Please remember CCC when making your end-of-the-year charitable donations!

CCC families have now received their first Annual Appeal solicitation for this school year. As you remember your favorite charities at this time of year, please include your child's school – all donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged with a receipt. You may now donate on our new website <http://concordchildrenscenter.org/support-ccc/annual-appeal/make-a-donation/>



Saturday Morning Playgroups at CCC

Concord Family Network will be hosting Saturday Morning Playgroups at CCC's West Concord, 1300 Main Street. These Play Groups are open to all families in our area, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

The "2nd *Saturday Playspace*" will take place from 9-11:30AM, on the 2nd Saturday of January, February, and March. The *Playspace* offers the opportunity for children (recommended ages 0 - 6, sibs welcome) to engage in informal play/activities, and for their parents to meet other. Parent or caregiver must accompany all children.



On the 4th. Saturdays we will host "*Babies and Books*(9-11AM) These informal drop-in events will feature a special guest – including early-childhood educators, librarians, or musicians who will provide age-appropriate entertainment and tips for fostering infant/toddler development, with focus on fostering a life-long love of reading. The Playgroups are a free, fun, *family-gathering* and *friend-making* opportunity! Coffee (for the parents) and snacks for the children will be provided. For more information, please contact West Concord parent Eck Redmond at eck.redmond@gmail.com. RSVPs requested but not required - please drop in and join us!



Auction 2014! March 22 Night at the Oscars

A round of Applause for this year's Early Volunteers!

- ★ Auction Co-Chairs: Rali Tufts and Julia Hurley
- ★ Solicitations Co-Chair: Liz Nadzo (WC)
- ★ Food Co-Chair; Meredith Monaghan (Ripley)
- ★ On-Line Chair: Matt Tufts (WC)
- ★ Technology Chair: Campbell Rowe (WC & Em.)
- ★ Decorations Co-Chair: Eliza Auerbach (W.C)
- ★ Publicity Chair Julia Hurley (Emerson)
- ★ Program Diva's Sara Kaufman, Sarah Hannon, Jen Flint (Em. Ripley, WC)

Still Auditioning for co-chairs!

- Co -Chair for the Auction Food Committee
- Co-Chairs for Auction Set Up and Clean-Up
- Co-Chair for Decorations Committee
- Callers for the Auction Solicitations

Interested? email or call Pat at 978-369-3747