



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

Upcoming Events

- **Feb 26** Picture day Ripley
- **Feb 27** Picture day Emerson
- **Feb 28** Picture day West Concord
- **Feb 28** 2020-21 Acceptances Mailed
- **Mar 1** Olaf on Ice Family Ice Skating Party
- **Mar 12** 20-21 Enrollment Agreements and Summer Applications Due
- **Mar 28** CCC 2020 Auction

See our most up to date calendar [here](#).

2020-2021 Enrollment Update

We have now finalized our enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year and all acceptance packets will go in the mail February 28. Families should start receiving them the first week of March and they are due back to us Thursday March 12. We will also be emailing out the Summer 2020 application the first week of March and those applications are also due back to us Thursday March 12.

If you do have changes to the schedule we've offered you, please indicate those changes on your enrollment agreement prior to sending it back to us, or contact your program director.



THANK YOU to West Concord parents Carrie and Jonathan Rankin for hosting the first CCC **Beat Cabin Fever** party earlier this month! Around 50 people attended this fun, casual evening.

National Engineers Week

CCC celebrates engineering every week in our classrooms, on the playground, with our afterschool and



preschool children and youngest babies. This week, a group of young preschoolers speculated on why their wall of solo cups came tumbling down when a nearby door opened:

It was air?
Maybe a ghost?
A very little person knocked it down?
Maybe fairies?

Wondering aloud about the cause for the collapse leads children to finding solutions for problems, the essence of the engineering process. In the article below, the authors explain why engineering practices are an important part of early STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning for young children. For more information about engineering practices in early childhood, visit the NAEYC [website](#).

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CCC 2020 Auction

The CCC **Art of Childhood** auction is coming up on **Saturday, March 28!** This year's auction will take place in the Trinitarian Congregational Church parish hall and will include a live auction, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle, and delicious food from [Kitchen to Table Foods](#). Invitations have been mailed, and tickets can be [purchased on-line](#).

Here are just a few of the items that will be available for you to bid on:

- Five nights and six days at the [Holiday Inn at Orange Lake Resort](#);
- A three-course wine tasting dinner for up to three couples led by a [Commanderie de Bordeaux](#) member;
- Two tickets to a Red Sox game plus a personal tour of Fenway and the chance to participate in batting practice;
- A weekend of babysitting (Saturday morning-Sunday afternoon) from CCC teacher Jordan Zirkel;
- An afternoon of fun in West Concord for up to six children (ages 4+) with the CCC West Concord Afterschool team.

For a list of all donations received to date, visit the [CCC website](#). [Follow the auction on Facebook](#) to get regular updates and information.



Olaf on Ice Family Skating Party



**Leap into Leap Year ... with
Concord Children's Center!**

The entire family is invited to have fun on the ice at this year's **[Olaf on Ice](#)** family skating party. Children will have the chance to meet Olaf, skate, and more! For details, visit the CCC [Facebook event page](#). Tickets are \$10/person, \$35/family and can be purchased via [Eventbrite](#).

Details:

When: Sunday, March 1, 3-5 p.m.

Where: Nashoba Valley Olympia (34 Mass Ave/Rt. 111, Boxborough)

Details: Skate rentals are available, but there is a limited number of child-sized skates. Helmets strongly recommended and not available for rental.

There is an extra day added to the calendar this month, this year... So, why not spend it outside and celebrate with the eager enthusiasm that leaping invites?

Parents and children are invited to play instruments and explore together movement inspired by the rhythm of nature. This inter-generational event will be facilitated by Patricia Collins, teacher at CCC, Ripley Program. If the weather is questionable, check for a message on the CCC RIPLEY voicemail at 978-369-5983. There is no rain date for this event.

Details:

When: Saturday, February 29th, 10-11am

Where: **Playscape at Ripley**, 120 Meriam Road

Upcoming Community Events

Babies and Books

Concord Children's Center and [Concord Family Network](#) co-host a monthly "book group" for babies in February and March at our West Concord location. Each event features a special guest that provides age-appropriate entertainment and tips for fostering early childhood development, with a focus on fostering a life-long love of reading.

Recommended for children ages 0 – 24 months old. Upcoming dates:

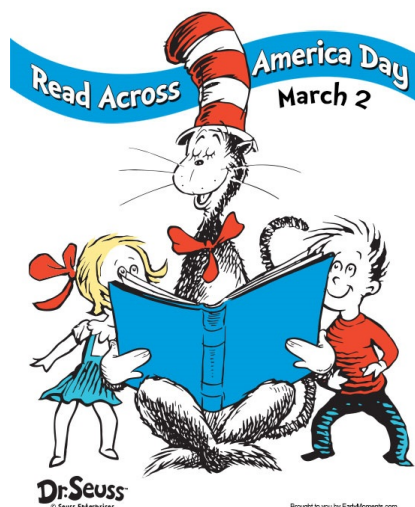
- **March 28**

Center for Parents and Teachers Workshops

The *Center for Parents and Teachers* will be holding several free workshops for parents this spring. Visit their [website](#) for more details and to register for workshops.

Upcoming Workshops:

- Raising your Challenging Child with Self-Compassion and Courage: Mondays at 9:30 3/9-4/13
- INSPIRE Parent Support Group: Tuesdays at 9:30 3/24-5/5



Suess Party at Concord Public Library Main Branch

Celebrate Read Across America with Seuss stories, crafts, puppet show, and snacks!

Monday March 2 at 4pm

Visit the CPL [website](#) for more information.

February 27, 7:00

Share your voice in the design process of Concord's future middle school building!

The CMS Building Committee will host its next Public Forum on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00pm in the Peabody Forum. Representatives from the Building Committee and design team SMMA|EwingCole will share highlights of recent site visits, present an overview of the educational visioning and programming work completed to-date, describe next steps, collect further feedback on vision and direction, and answer questions.

For questions, or to share input if you are unable to attend the Forum, please email the Middle School Building Committee at MSBC@concordps.org. The forum will also be recorded by Minuteman Media Network and posted on the Building Committee [web page](#)

Update Includes:

- Feasibility and Schematic Design Schedule
- Report on January 14 Community Forum
- Upcoming Meetings

Read the full update [here](#)

CCC Monthly Board Meetings

CCC Board Meetings are open to all families. Please feel free to stop by and listen as we discuss the work of the Center. All meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Meeting Locations, Topics and Special Events

2019-20 Board Members

West Concord

Jay Abelowitz, Chair,
Betsy Keller, Co-Chair,
Campbell Rowe, Secretary,
Marcela Bean, Eric Boisvert,
JC Conti, Karen Lennon,
Becky McCullough, Kathy
Manero, Stephanie Rivera,
Yumi Suarez; Jonathan
Rankin

Emerson

Ripley

Tom Doherty, Mark Daniel

Alumni

Stephan Bader, Treasurer

March 11 *West Concord*

- Tuition Analysis, Tuition and Salary Increase Discussion
- Draft Budget
- Events: Auction March 28!

April 8 *Ripley*

- Budget Proposal vote
- 3rd Quarter financials and projection
- Admin & LRP Update: Facilities

May 13 *West Concord*

- Event: Special Friends Day May 10; End of the year picnics

June 10 *West Concord*

- 7:00 pm: Annual Corporation Meeting: Board slate, annual reports, recognition of significant volunteers, scholarship recipient
- 7:30 PM: June Board meeting: Slate of Officers, welcome new members
- Event: Staff Appreciation Dinner

