



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

- **Jan 20** CCC Closed
- **Jan 24** 2020-21 Applications Due
- **Feb 1** Beat Cabin Fever at The Rankins
- **Feb 12** Board Meeting
- **Feb 17** CCC Closed
- **Feb 18-21** CCC Optional Week
- **Feb 28** 2020-21 Acceptances Mailed

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

Inclement Weather

Concord Children's Center follows the Concord Public School decisions to close or not on inclement weather days. The Concord Public Schools make their decision after consulting with the Town Public Safety Departments, the School facilities staff, and area public school superintendents. For complete information regarding school closings please see the CCC parent handbook on our website, pg 35.

[CCC Parent Handbook](#)

Concord Children's Center Reimagined

Concord Children's Center Reimagined is the project that will realize the long-range goal set by the CCC Board in 2018 to restructure CCC to most effectively and efficiently meet its mission and serve our families and staff. This goal involves moving CCC from a three-site to a two-site model, retaining our site in West Concord, departing our Emerson and Ripley sites, and building a second site in East Concord owned by CCC.

As previously announced, CCC took an important step earlier this month toward realizing this goal when we purchased a wonderful property in East Concord to serve as our second site. **250 Old Bedford Road** has a house that is in good shape to which we will be adding a playground, parking lot, and approximately 5,000 square feet containing six classrooms. When complete, this new site will allow CCC to continue to serve all of our families in two locations, one on each side of town, with infant-toddler, preschool and afterschool programs at both sites.

Over the next several weeks, we will be applying for building permits from the town as well as preparing for closing, which is scheduled for February 21. Work is anticipated to start in the spring, with the new site expected to be completed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Getting involved with building this new school is a wonderful opportunity for the CCC community, and, as always, there has been no shortage of help from our staff, families and board members. Once we close, our **Building Committee** will get to work coordinating and facilitating the design and eventual construction of the new site. This Committee consists of CCC administration, along with:

- Board Treasurer **Stephan Bader**,
- Board member and Advancement Chair **Tom Doherty**,
- Board Chair **Jay Abelowitz**,
- Ripley parent and architect **Dawn Guarriello**,
- alumni parent and architect **Mark Chaffee**,
- Concord resident, long-time friend of CCC, and former Children's Investment Fund program manager **Mav Pardee**, who has been working in the field of childcare facilities development since the early 1980s.

All of the members of the Building Committee bring the experience and enthusiasm necessary to reach our goals.

In addition to the Building Committee we will be forming a **Design Committee** to provide input and feedback on design considerations for the new site. This Committee will be composed of CCC Administration, teachers and board members.

CCC has also engaged **Omni Properties** as our Owner's Project Manager. Omni has developed 17 childcare centers since 1999. As our project manager, Omni will advise and consult on:

- design
- value engineering;
- scope of work;
- cost estimates;
- scheduling;
- construction;
- selecting, negotiating with, and overseeing a designer and a general contractor;
- ensuring the preparation of time schedules which will serve as control standards for monitoring performance of the building project;
- project evaluation.

Omni has already begun soliciting project proposals from architects.

We will continue to keep families updated as this project moves forward. Please also don't hesitate to contact any of our administrative staff if you would like more information about **Concord Children's Center Reimagined**.

Fund for CCC Update



The **Fund for CCC** is having a great year – to date, we have received almost **\$40,000** in commitments, 15 percent more than all of last year's Fund! Thank you to everyone who has already donated. We hope that all families will support the Fund, and those families who donate \$1,000 or more will become members of the **Friendship Circle**, our leadership giving society, and will enjoy a special appreciation event in the fall. We already have 19 Friendship Circle members this year, including current and past families, corporations, special friends, and staff. For more information or to donate, please contact CCC Development Coordinator [Jennifer Saxe](#).

We are grateful to all of our families for their support at whatever level. It takes everyone's participation to make our school the special place that it is for our children.

February Optional Days
2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21

2020 School Picture Dates

All children are welcome to join their classroom for their school picture, whether it is a

If you are planning to send your child to CCC during our February Optional week (2/18-21), please remember your child must be on the "list"! If you are not sure if you signed up, please check with Penni, Anne, or Jennine.

Reminder At CCC we play outside all Winter, when it is cold, wet, snowy, muddy, sunny, soggy. Please remember to send an extra pair of snow pants or snow suit, boots, hat mittens.

scheduled school day or not. Please let your Program Director know if you plan to bring your in child for Picture Day. Our photographer will start taking photos at each site at 9 AM

- Wednesday 2/26 **Ripley**
- Thursday 2/27 **Emerson**
- Friday 2/28 **WC**

Upcoming CCC Events



Beat Cabin Fever Party

All adult CCC community members are invited to shake off the chill at this informal gathering, hosted by West Concord parents Carrie and Jonathan Rankin, Ripley parents Katherine and Matthew Manning, and Emerson parents Ashley and James Cohane. Bring your favorite six-pack or bottle of wine ... soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

Details:

When: Saturday, February 1, 7-10:30 p.m.

Where: Home of Carrie and Jonathan Rankin, 95 Upland Road, Concord, MA

Planning to Attend: [RSVP Here](#)



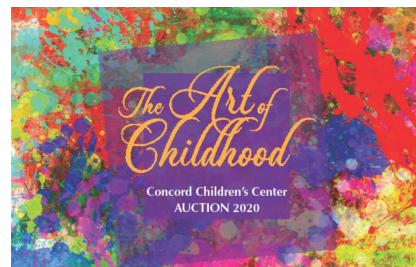
Olaf on Ice Family Skating Party

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](#) - purchase tickets now via [Eventbrite](#).

Details:

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

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



CCC 2020 Auction

Save the evening of **Saturday, March 28**, for CCC's biggest -- and most fun -- annual fundraiser! This year's **The Art of Childhood** 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](#). Book your babysitter now!

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:

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.

- February 1
- February 22
- March 28

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,
Marcella 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

February 12 *West Concord*

- Benefits and Salary Review – Philosophy and Comparison
- Admin Update: Professional Development Report, Staff Survey

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