



# 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*

## Some Good News to Start the Spring

We are wrapping up winter with very encouraging news here at CCC ... our teachers and staff are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and over half of them have already received or are scheduled to receive their first shot. As our teachers are not able to spend the time in front of the computer that scheduling a vaccine often involves, we have been helping staff schedule appointments if desired. Thank you to CCC Board member **Yumi Yasutake** and Emerson parents **Don and Renee Coburn** for helping with this effort, together with CCC staff members **Candice Campbell**, **JC Conti**, and **Jennifer Saxe**.

## February Around CCC

February may be a short month, but we packed a lot in with Valentine's Day and playing in the snow!!





## Celebrating 45 Years of Concord Children's Center

This spring, Concord Children's Center is celebrating 45 years since its founding in 1975. While we are not able to celebrate with a large community event, we will be holding three smaller-scale activities for all members of the family.

### Scavenger Hunt

A fun activity for the entire family! Download a scavenger hunt sheet (coming soon to the CCC website!) and then find the picture of the "45" at participating local businesses from **Monday, April 12-Tuesday, April 27**. Return your completed sheet to your child's teacher or email it to [CCC Development Coordinator Jennifer Saxe](#) and get one entry for the children's item in the **45th Anniversary Raffle!** CCC has been a proud and grateful member of the Concord business community for the past 45 years, and we encourage participants to patronize our local business partners while completing the scavenger hunt:

### Lawn Sign Parade

Show your support of CCC in its 45th anniversary year with a celebratory lawn sign! Thanks to the sponsorship of [Jim Peltier and Engel & Völkers](#), we are able to give these lawn signs free of charge to anyone in the Concord area who would like one!

Lawn signs will be distributed April 8-11 so that they are out in force when the family scavenger hunt and raffle ticket sales start on Monday, April 12. CCC families will receive their signs at drop-off on Thursday and Friday mornings, April 8 and 9, and teachers and staff will receive theirs on these days as well. Lawn signs will be distributed to alumni and special friends who have



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requested them the weekend of April 10/11. Alumni and special friends: sign up for your lawn sign via [Sign Up Genius!](#)

## Raffle

The grand finale of CCC's 45th anniversary celebrations! On **Thursday, April 29**, we will be holding a virtual raffle at 8:30 p.m. Participants will have the chance to win any of five prizes (descriptions coming soon!), with one of these prizes being just for kids! Raffle ticket sales will start on **Monday, April 12**, and close at the end of the day on **Tuesday, April 27**.

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We are excited to share these new perspectives of the two main outdoor playspaces at CCC's future home at 250 Old Bedford Road. The top drawing shows the preschool playspace on the south side of the proposed addition, including a willow tunnel and raised play deck to the left. The lower drawing is the proposed infant-toddler play space, including an embedded slide and a bridge over a dry stream bed.

These drawings were prepared by project architect Woodie Arthur of [D.W. Arthur Associates](#) and project landscape architect Jennifer Brooke of [Lemon Brooke](#). Jennifer is a CCC Ripley alumni parent and was the landscape architect for the Playscape at Ripley.



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## CCC Updates

### Professional Day Date Change

The staff professional day originally scheduled for **Friday, March 12**, has been changed to **Wednesday, April 7**. CCC will be closed on April 7 and open on March 12.

### Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, March 17, 7:15 pm: [CCC Board meeting](#)

Wednesday, April 7: Professional day, CCC closed

Monday, April 19: Patriots' Day, CCC closed

Tuesday, April 20-Friday, April 21: Optional days

Thursday, April 29, 8:30 pm: CCC 45th Anniversary Raffle

### 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 up to date!

## Fundraising Updates

### Fund for CCC

To date, the 2020-2021 Fund for CCC has received **over \$68,000** in commitments. Over **76%** of our families and **63%** of our teachers and staff have already donated. Thank you to everyone for your support! To make



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donated back to CCC! [Start shopping - and supporting CCC - now!](#)

## 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 monthly over Zoom and are open to all families. Please contact **CCC Executive Director Pat Nelson** if you are interested in getting involved with the work of the Board or its committees (Advancement, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Nominating, and Personnel).

### 2020-21 Board Members

**Jay Abelowitz**, Chair (West Concord)  
**Becky McCullough**, Co-Chair (West Concord)  
**Tom Doherty**, Secretary (Ripley)  
**Stephan Bader**, Treasurer (Alumni)  
**Phil Barr** (West Concord)  
**Marcela Bean** (CCC staff rep, alumni)  
**Eric Boisvert** (Emerson, West Concord)  
**JC Conti** (CCC staff rep, Emerson and West Concord)  
**Mark Daniel** (Alumni)  
**Karen Lennon** (West Concord)  
**Kathy Manero** (CCC staff rep, alumni)  
**Erin Migausky** (West Concord)  
**Jonathan Rankin** (Emerson)  
**Joel Rothman** (West Concord)  
**Yumi Suarez** (West Concord)  
**Gayle Wheaton** (Ripley)

## Community Announcements

### T-Ball for Pre-Kindergarteners

Play ball! **Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball + Softball** is excited to offer T-Ball to **Pre-Kindergarten players** this spring! Any player starting Kindergarten in Fall 2021 is eligible to play. With over 40 players already registered, it's shaping up to be a great season. Don't miss out! REGISTER NOW at [Registration List | Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball/Softball](#).

### Concord Drive-Thru Food Pantry

Open Table offers a drive-thru food pantry the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month that is open to all who live or work in Concord or Carlisle. Participants can expect generous grocery options including fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy, eggs, and non-perishables. See the flyer for more details.

