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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

News & Updates from CCC

Happy Spring! The thermometer is ticking slowly higher and the days are lengthening. At Concord Children's Center, children play outdoors, still in their cold weather gear. Mud and melting snow conspire to keep family washing machines busy these days! The adage "the dirtier they are, the more fun they had" certainly applies at CCC.

Spring also is a harbinger of CCC's budget season. During the March 18 and April 15 CCC Board Meetings, we are considering the Center's anticipated enrollment, tuition and expenses for the coming year. I encourage all members of our community to attend the Board Meetings and learn about CCC's financial strategy and outlook. The April meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on April 15 at CCC East Concord. Please join us!



Also this spring, we're putting together a **small Community Focus Group**, and we'd really love to hear from you. For 50 years, CCC has been more than a school—it's been a place where families connect. Some of those connections happen at events like the Family Picnic, CCC (Back to School) Night, the Winter Family gathering, or the Gala. But just as often they happen in the everyday moments—chatting at drop-off, getting to know other families in your child's classroom, or realizing you've made your first "family friends" through CCC.

At the same time, we know that family life today looks different than it did decades ago. Most households with children now have two full-time working parents. Families are balancing work, commutes, older siblings' activities, extended family responsibilities, and a wide range of commitments outside of work and school.

We've also noticed a gradual decline in participation in many community events over the past several years. Rather than guessing at the reasons, we would truly value hearing from you. How can CCC best support connection and community for today's families? What kinds of gatherings, communication, or opportunities feel meaningful, and manageable, right now?

On Monday, you should have received a Kaymbu invitation to join this focus group from Jennifer Saxe, our Development and Outreach Coordinator. We plan for one evening meeting on zoom to happen prior to April Vacation. I hope you'll consider being a part of the conversation. Your insights will help shape how our community continues to grow and support families in the years ahead. Thank you!

Fondly,

March 13 Professional Day

Our March 13 professional day was filled with insights, humor, and learning. The morning started with a presentation on communication from early childhood consultant [Jeanine Fitzgerald](#). Jeanine addressed interpersonal challenges that can arise from differing communication styles, temperaments, and expectations, and led staff in an exercise going through the four main communication styles.

In the afternoon, Director of Training and Development **Ruth Bruneau** led educators in a workshop around **Taking Sensory-Rich, Child-Centered Play Outdoors**. Our educators worked together to:

- explore practical strategies for bringing sensory-rich, child-centered experiences outside, and
- learn how to plan thoughtfully for outdoor environments to support children's development across all domains.

The day wrapped up with a presentation from the Farm to School Team on gardening and growing, both inside and outside.



Advancement & Community Updates

Our Spring Social is Coming up on March 27!

Our spring social is next week on **Friday, March 27**, at the home of CCC Board Chair Christina Anderson and her husband, James ([view the invitation](#)). This fun, adults-only evening is a chance for all CCC community members to mix, mingle, meet new CCC friends and catch up with old ones while enjoying wines and craft beers from [West Concord Wine & Spirits](#).

This year's social will feature our beloved **classroom creations**, the special collaborative works of art made by our children. A full list of this year's creations and photos of our children working on them are available on the [CCC website](#). These items will be available for bidding at the social, with the winning bidders taking home their child's classroom creation!

- **This week** the creations are on display in classrooms. **Next week**, families can pre-bid on these items. The highest bids received during pre-bidding will be the items' starting bids at the social.
- If you place the highest bid for your child's classroom creation, either in pre-bidding or at the event, you get to take the creation home!
- If you already know you can't be at the social but want to bid on your child's classroom creation, contact CCC Development Coordinator [Jennifer Saxe](#) about **proxy bidding**.

RSVP to [Jennifer Saxe](#) by **Monday, March 23**. Please also contact Jennifer if you would like a copy of the CCC babysitting list! Hope to see you at the social!

This Year's Classroom Creations!



Circle Room



Crescent Room



HeartRoom



Triangle Room



Diamond Room



Star Room



Hexagon Room



Acorn Room



Pinecone Room



Samara Room



Oak Room



Pine Room





Fund for CCC Update

Congratulations to the **Crescent Room**, the winner of this year's **Fund for CCC Giving Challenge** with 100 percent classroom participation! Thank you to everyone who has supported the Fund for CCC to date, either during the Giving Challenge or at another time -- to date we have received **\$80,000** in commitments!

Is this your child's last year at CCC? You can roll over some or all of your enrollment deposit to this year's Fund for CCC! Contact [CCC Development Coordinator Jennifer Saxe](#) for more information.



CCC Spring Clothing Swap

As an early celebration of Earth Day, we're excited to host a **Spring Clothing Swap** for families on **Saturday, March 21**, at CCC East Concord! Families are invited to bring gently used clothes their children have outgrown and browse items donated by others to find something new for the season ahead. Donations can be brought with you to the event.

Late Winter at CCC





Upcoming Dates

- Friday, March 27, 7pm: Spring social
- Wednesday, April 15, 7pm: Board meeting
- Monday, April 20: Patriots Day - CCC closed
- Tuesday, April 21-Friday, April 24: April optional days
- Friday, May 8: Special Friends Day

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!

CCC Board Updates

Join the Board!

As a non-profit, CCC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that is primarily responsible for the Center's financial and organizational oversight. Board meetings are held every other month and are open to all families.

We are always seeking Board and Board committee members. Please contact CCC Executive Director [Suzie Kornblum](#) if you are interested in getting involved with the work of the Board or its committees (Advancement, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Nominating, and Personnel).

2025-26 Board Members

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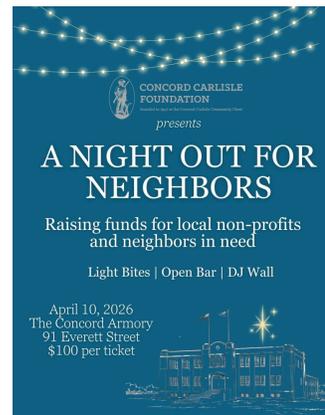
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Community News & Announcements

Celebrate a "Night Out for Neighbors" with the Concord Carlisle Foundation

Join the [Concord Carlisle Foundation](#) on **Friday, April 10**, at the **Concord Armory** for a party with a purpose! **Night Out for Neighbors** is one of the largest community events of the year— bringing together friends and neighbors to support local need. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

The Concord Carlisle Foundation supports local families and nonprofits facing urgent needs — from food and mental health services to emergency assistance, and more. Because CCF is deeply connected in the community, it sees where needs are emerging and where they are most urgent. That insight allows CCF to respond quickly and direct funds where they will have the greatest impact. Last year alone, CCF invested more than \$700,000 back into the community. **Concord Children's Center is grateful for the CCF's support of our tuition assistance program!**



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