

# 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.*

## 2009 Auction – *The Great Outdoors!*

Thanks to Auction Chairs, Rachel Hitchcock (Ripley), Leslie Lilly (Emerson), and Carole Misticawi-Lynch (West Concord and Emerson); for hosting the Auction Kick-Off meeting. We had a great turnout and set the schedule that will bring us to another great Auction to be held on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to the parents and staff who have offered to help with the following committees:–

- **Graphics and Program Design:** Tim Baldanzi
- **Decorations:** Jennifer Newbold, Chair, and Penni Hensley Wagner & John Wagner (Consultants)
- **Food:** Michelle Mullen Chair, Ashley Kilmartin
- **Technology:** Bob Rainis, Andrew Kirkpatrick
- **Program:** April Robb
- **Solicitations:** Co-Chairs: Kate Damon, Lisa Becker, & Kim Casalena
- **Set Up: & Clean-Up:** Kristen Baker, Jeff Collins, Ann Irza Leggatt
- **Publicity:** Estelle Mense, Linda Skolnick

The Auction and our Annual Appeal are our largest fundraisers. Please consider volunteering to help with the Auction and donating to our Annual Appeal. If you would like to help with one of the committees just let Pat Nelson know ([executive@concordchildrenscenter.org](mailto:executive@concordchildrenscenter.org)) Watch for our annual appeal letter in the *Childrens Journal*, due out in mid December.

Like all private schools we depend on successful fundraising to support our programs, and assure that we can hire and retain the very best teachers.

## CCC December Calendar

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| 9     | Board Meeting at 1300 7:30 All Welcome!<br>CCC Audit Presentation          |
| 24    | CCC closes at 1 PM   |
| 25    | CCC closed   |
| 26-31 | December Optional Days (check at your site for the Optional Days schedule) |



## Bookshop Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who baked and hosted at the Concord Bookshop, we raised \$983.

## Open Comment Time at CCC Board Meetings

All our families and staff are invited to bring praise, concerns or questions about CCC to the Board at the beginning of every meeting. Board meetings are open to all and are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, rotating among the sites. Check with your Program Director for locations. Please take advantage of this opportunity to let us know what you think. – **Hewon Hwang, Board Chair.**



## Emerson Morning Twos

Starting in January 2009 Concord Children's Center will once again offer their Morning Two's Program, a small group early childhood experience for children who are at least 2 years old in January. The class of nine children with two teachers will meet twice weekly on Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 11:30 AM at the Community Agencies Building, on the campus of the Emerson Hospital Tuition is \$75 per week with families enrolling for 18 weeks beginning January 21 and ending on June 12, 2009. For information contact Pat or Joanne at 978-369-3747.

## Concord Family Network December Events

- Fire Your Desire, 5+ Event, December 2, 2pm Paint pottery RSVPs due ASAP
- Winter Play Space, December 5, 12, 19, 9:30-11:30am at CFN indoor play area . RSVP to [cvlogan@comcast.net](mailto:cvlogan@comcast.net)
- Book Group, December 10, 7-9pm *The Other Queen* by Philippa Gregory
- Moms Night Out at The Nail Spa, December 11, 7-9pm RSVP to [mlpflomm@msn.com](mailto:mlpflomm@msn.com) ASAP
- CFN Winter Jamboree at Jellybean Junction, December 13, 10-11:30am obstacle course + art projects + yummy treats = holiday fun! RSVP to [concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com](mailto:concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com)

(\*For all of these events, more information at [www.concordfamilynetwork.org](http://www.concordfamilynetwork.org))

**Are you experienced in the review of Retirement Plan Documents? Would you volunteer to review ours? Please contact Pat at 978-369-3747 or [executive@concordchildrenscenter.org](mailto:executive@concordchildrenscenter.org)**

## Program News

### Ripley:

In November the 3-4's group was busy exploring how the world around them was changing. They took walks in the neighborhood and the woods to observe how their surroundings were different from their previous walks. They sang songs about the animals getting ready for the winter and created murals depicting the world from their reflections on the songs and the walks. The 4-5's group voted to change the dramatic play area into a pizza place. The name "Share-a pizza" was decided by voting and the area was transformed by creating the shop sign; moving the loft; adding more tables; creating menus; table cloths, trays, take out boxes, aprons, hats, and utensils. The children also created chef hats and specialty pizzas in the art area. We even made our own pizzas from scratch and enjoyed fruit kabobs.

The kindergarten and first grade enjoyed a field trip to the Decordova Museum Sculpture Park. They were inspired to create their own sculptures from wood scraps, found materials, glue, tape, and paint. They had a great time getting together with the group from 1300 Main St. for the morning.



We concluded the month with a celebration of friendship and community by hosting our annual Friendship Feast. The 3-4's and 4-5's families generously donated the ingredients and the children

willingly chopped vegetables for the soup. We mixed and baked many breads, the children enthusiastically moved the tables and set them with the tablecloths they had created. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by the children, many parents and extended family members. We have so much to be thankful for.

*Penni Hensley Wagner, Ripley Program Director*

### Emerson

Writing this on Thanksgiving eve I am thinking about how much we have to be grateful for at CCC Emerson. First and foremost are the children all of us enjoy in our classroom groups each and every day. Additionally each year that rolls along, I am more and more impressed with the caring, devotion and expertise of the Emerson faculty.

In our Infant Room Erika Gutermuth, Aicha Bounar, Kirsten Hirschler and Tanaya Carvalho shepard the infant/toddlers from 7:30-6:00. This year, with the help of the room parents, we have hosted a "to go breakfast treat" and wonderfully attended "Parent Information Night". Please join me in thanking our Infant team for all they do each day.

Toddler One Room: Kerrie Briguglio, Laura Carpenter, Tanaya Carvalho and volunteer Marty Stern, started the year with some students crawling and now we are walking and talking. Please join me in thanking the Toddler team for keeping our "ones" happy and on such a consistent routine, joy comes easily when one knows what to expect!!

Toddler Two Room: Lynn St.Germain, Jeanne Connolly, Jimmy Giddings and Lauren Billington hold down the "home room" of CCC Emerson. It is indeed the Emerson hub of activity and fun. This class has bloomed, enjoying the library books, crafts and the cooking, particularly their Thanksgiving soup. Please join me in thanking the Toddler Two team for doing a wonderful job in their very busy space.

Two's Team: Julie Recco, Ann Caraganis and Jimmy Giddings and Lauren Billington in the afternoons, have been super busy keeping up with the children's many interests and activities. This classroom is always busy, creating and laughing. Please join me in thanking the Two's Team for the bountiful curriculum and classroom design.

Afternoon Team: Jimmy Giddings, Lauren Billington, Tanaya Carvalho, and Kirsten Hirschler are our wonderful PM team. They support each other and the children's varying needs on a day to day basis and have a wonderful time together. Please join me in thanking the afternoon team for providing an enriching and relaxing afternoon each and every day.

*Marianne Maloney, Program Director*



### West Concord

"Parlez vous francais? An unexpected new curriculum formed within the Diamond Classroom when a new student joined a few weeks ago. The new student only speaks French and Spanish. One of the teachers in the class speaks French and the class has taken a strong interest in learning the language as well. Young children love learning new languages and their retention for what they learn is incredible. Within a week's time, the children in the Diamond Room were able to understand and respond to several questions and commands spoken in French. Parents have noticed their children using French phrases at home as well! Because of this new experience, we have incorporated French words into our unit on Space. When talking or reading about Space words like "stars", "the sky", and "the sun", have been presented in both English and French. Using words in daily conversation in subtle ways like this is useful in teaching any language. It has always been a tool that we use in the classroom to expand children's vocabulary. Who knows maybe by the end of the year, the class will be entirely French speaking! Tout est possible!

*Jennine and Kathy [Diamond Room- 3/ 4 s class.*