

# CCC Newsletter

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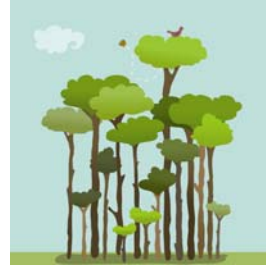
*The mission of Concord Children's Center is to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared and inspired to learn.*

## CCC January 2009 Calendar



January 1	New Years Day CCC closed
January 9	February Optional Days Requests Due
January 11	Open House 1:00-3:00 PM All Sites
January 12	09-10 Applications Distribute
January 13	Board Meeting at 1300-7:30 PM
January 19	Closed- M.L. King Jr. Day

## Save These Dates!



### CCC Auction 2009

**Saturday March 28  
"The Great Outdoors!"**



### CCC Open House & Applications for 2009-10 School Year

Concord Children's Center's Open House will take place on Sunday

January 11 from 1-3 at all three sites.

Applications for the 2009-10 school year will be available. Continuing families will receive applications in their parent pockets on Monday, January 12. All families are welcome to attend the Open House, especially families from Emerson. This is a great opportunity to meet the preschool teachers and tour West Concord and Ripley. Please feel free to invite family members or friends who may be interested in joining the CCC community.

Letters to families and staff asking for donations of items or services to be auctioned, should appear in your parent pockets soon. The most exciting and unusual donations often come from our staff and families. This year families will be able to donate on-line at our website at

<http://www.concordchildrenscenter.org/auction/donate.html>

Visit the Auction page on our Website to see the great products and services that were available for bidding at last year's event. The Auction is a very fun adult party that also supports CCC.

## December Annual Appeal

Each year in December we send a letter to our families and our alumni families, asking them to consider CCC when making their end of the year charitable contributions. This year we are very happy to report that we have thus far received \$4,500 in contributions. Our 2009 goal for our Appeal is \$20,000. We naturally accept donations throughout the year. In June our board will call families during our Appeal Phonathon. Many of our donations come from families who have matching gift programs at their workplace. Our Annual Appeal along with the Auction supports our teachers, programs and facilities.

## Tanglewood Marionettes

### Fairy Circus"

**March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4PM at the Emerson Umbrella**



Through humorous interplay, the audience will learn about various forms of puppets, from the simple glove puppet to the sophisticated marionette. Then it's on with the show! Featuring over twenty beautifully hand-crafted marionettes, "The Fairy Circus" is a showcase for turn-of-the-century-style trick puppetry. The puppets will dance, play instruments, juggle, contort, transform, and fly through the air with the greatest of ease, all to the best-loved music of favorite composers!

## Program News

### Ripley News

Together we are better! On a cold December evening the three-fours group had a sing-a-long with their families. A large group of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles joined the children to share a rollicking good time. Together they sang name songs to get everyone more familiar, dancing songs to get everyone moving, and some winter songs to show how the animals take care of themselves. Then everyone enjoyed some special breads prepared by the children.

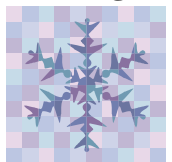


On a brisk Saturday morning the four-fives came together with their families for a walk in the woods behind Ripley, the Gowings Swamp area. They saw the ice forming, navigated the log bridge, and appreciated how high the pines have grown. They then enjoyed hot cider or coffee with some freshly made gingerbread cookies and sang some winter songs, before heading back.

The after kindergartners and first graders explored the holiday traditions of their families. They made and enjoyed latkes, created gingerbread houses from milk cartons and graham crackers, and explored how candles and light are part of many different traditions.

***Penni Hensley Wagner, Ripley Program Director***

### Greetings from Emerson!



Welcome back and Happy New Year to one and all. CCC Emerson is embracing the cold, wind, ice and snow with vigor. Please send your child to school with the cold weather gear that they will need for playing outside. Warm socks are most important, rubber winter boots with minimal insulation often is just not enough to keep feet warm and comfortable.

Even the days we only go out for literally ten minutes, we find even the smallest blast of fresh air makes for a better day. On days that the weather keeps us inside we are busy with our planned curriculum and activities. Please take a minute to notice the displays in the classrooms and the daily communication and notes. Our classrooms are designed to promote learning from everything around us. Our skilled early childhood educators craft the classroom environments to provide the security and stability to free the young child to explore, be curious and to get involved in play. All young children acquire new skills and learn about themselves and others through play and exploration. Some play is directed by the teachers and curriculum and some play is free choice. Free choice play is often supported by the teacher assisting the child or children

with extra props, toys or to help with their individual play choices.

The routine activities that occupy large parts of the day are prime times for the teachers to expand on language, nurturing moments and in enhancing the group or classroom culture. Not a day goes by without a million moments of connection, milestones and fun. Many of these moments are part of our classroom portfolio's and/or are sent home on daily notes.

Emerson is a group childcare program that delights in each child and on the prime times we have to focus on the individual child, their particular desires or needs, all within the context of a large group. We also have a wonderful extended day connection between the teacher/caregivers that adds continuity to the curriculum and or interests of that day or activity.

Stay Healthy,

***Marianne Maloney Emerson Program Director***

### News From W.Concord

Happy New Year! It has been a great start to the New Year.

We are very pleased to have a number of Concord Students volunteering with us this winter. Ben Schofield, a middle schooler, has been volunteering in the After-K/1ST grade Program since October and is also a CCC alumnus. He attended our Ripley Program and Nichole Piro, Mixed-age teacher, and I were his preschool teachers! Michael Genel, a sophomore at Concord-Carlisle High School, will start his community service placement this month two days a week. We will also welcome Nicole Cinepra who is in her senior year CCHS into the afternoon Heart Room group. Each Tuesday a small group of high school students volunteer from the Walden Street School in downtown Concord.

The children thoroughly enjoy having these teenagers with us each week. They bring an energy and youthfulness that the young children are so attracted to. I am planting the seed with all of you now, we would love to have your children return to us when it is time to do community service or they just want to volunteer!

***Anne Doherty, West Concord Program Director***

***January Events for the Concord Family Network***  
[www.concordfamilynetwork.org](http://www.concordfamilynetwork.org)

**Winter Play Space Open (Dec. thru March) -- FREE** for CFN members, all ages welcome on most (see schedule) Fridays, 9:30-11:30am, at the Hunt Rec. Ctr. in Concord. Please contact Michelle Pflomm, [mlpflomm@msn.com](mailto:mlpflomm@msn.com), for details.

Check the CFN website for January Events.