

# 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.*



## Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Save the date!
- Line up the babysitter!
- Invite another family!
- Check out the program for great opportunities!

### Auction Program Sneak Preview

- A week on Martha's Vineyard
- Sunday Brunch for 2 at the Colonial Inn
- 8 weeks of skating lessons, Sharper Edge skating school
- Red Sox Tickets
- 2 days of interior or exterior painting from Nickerson's painting.

*The program will be printed and distributed by March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also post the program on our website.*



### The Raffle – A Night of Indulgence in Harvard Square

A ten dollar raffle ticket buys you the chance to win:

- ♥ One night stay for two at the Sheraton Commander in Cambridge, MA with a Complimentary breakfast.
- ♥ \$100 American Express Gift certificate for an elegant dining experience
- ♥ Free One Night Babysitting!!! (by Anne Doherty, CCC Program Director)

Raffle tickets are available at your program, please feel free to enter as many times as you would like.

The Raffle winner will be announced during the live Auction.

### CCC Board Seeking Members for 09-10

Concord Children's Center is a non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Directors composed of parents and staff. The CCC Board has always been a critical component of what keeps CCC strong, vibrant and successful. We are seeking parents who could serve a minimum of two years as a Board Member beginning in June of 2009. We are particularly interested in recruiting parents with the following backgrounds; Finance, Legal, Personnel, and Marketing  
To learn more about what Board membership involves, please contact Nomination Committee Chair, April Robb at 978-897-6336 [akeyesrobb@hotmail.com](mailto:akeyesrobb@hotmail.com)

### CCC Calendar

<b>March 28</b>	Auction!!
<b>March 31</b>	Enrollment Fees due
<b>April 2</b>	CPS closed- Optional After-K & 1st. AM
<b>April 10</b>	Summer Applications Due
<b>April 10</b>	CPS closed- Optional After-K & 1st. AM
<b>April 14</b>	Board Meeting- 1300 7:30 -All Welcome
<b>April 20</b>	CCC Closed Patriots Day
<b>April 21-24</b>	April Optional Days



### April Optional days

Please check with your program director if you would like to have your child participate in our April Optional Days, April 21 -24.

## SET UP AND FOOD COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

Please sign up at your program to help out with these important auction jobs. Sign-ups are posted at each site or you can sign up to volunteer for the auction on the CCC website - <http://concordchildrenscenter.org/auction/>.

## Special Friends Day -Friday May 8, 2009



Each year we invite your child's grandparents, special Aunt, Uncle or other important adult in their life to visit Concord Children's Center. This is a chance for your child to share their school experience. At Ripley and West Concord the gathering will begin at 9:30 AM and last until 11 AM. The Emerson gathering will begin at 10:30. There will be coffee and other breakfast treats, singing, and displays of the children's artful creations. In order for us to send your child's chosen guest an invitation we ask that you please return your "**Invitation Information**" form to your program director or classroom teacher.



**CCC Summer Program**  
Summer applications have been distributed and are due to be returned to your program director on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This summer we will

tour the country on a "**Summer Vacation Road Trip**" Each year a group of staff from all three programs develop curriculum themes for the summer. Each team of teachers will build on the theme according to the interests and developmental level of the children in their class. Following the children's interests, building on what they are curious about, and creating opportunities to extend their learning through play is fundamental to our educational philosophy.

## Summer Schedule Update

This year the first week of Concord Children's Center summer program overlaps with the last week of Concord Public Schools. Typically when you enroll in our summer sessions we ask that you keep the same schedule for all sessions. However, we realize this year given the CPS schedule that may be difficult. If you would like a different schedule for Session 1A (Week of June 22-26) please indicate the days and times you will need for Session 1A next to that week on the summer application. We will be happy to accommodate your request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your Program Director.



## Best Practice in Childcare

*"The quality of relationship between the child care providers, parents and children influences every aspect of young children's development, including intelligence, language, emotions, and social competence. Babies and toddlers (and preschoolers) need consistent, ongoing relationships with parents and caregivers who understand and are responsive to their cues and can meet their needs."* **A. Goldstein, K Hamm, and R. Schumacher, Center for Law and Social Policy**

## Emerson Wish List

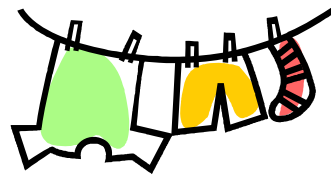
Emerson is looking for the donation of a power drill and some handyman/carpentry help to go with it. We have made many improvements to the Emerson space this year, and there are a few remaining projects that Marianne could use some help with.



We are also looking for a gently used rocking glider for the infant room. Please talk to Marianne if you would like to offer your help.

**Concord Family Network --**  
*ALL Families are Welcome!*

Find events for families with young children  
at [www.concordfamilynetwork.org](http://www.concordfamilynetwork.org)



**Clothing Donations Needed  
for Lowell Family  
Drop-off March 30 – April 3**

As you may remember CCC has a close relationship with Acre Family Child Care located in Lowell. This week I received a request for gently used clothes for a 2 year old girl and a 3 year old boy. These children are being raised by their young father and are desperately in need of clothing. Please bring your donations to your site in a plastic bag. We will deliver the donations on April 4<sup>th</sup>.