

# 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.*

## MAY & JUNE CALENDAR

<b>May 20</b>	CCC Preschool Field Day
<b>May 24</b>	Ripley Picnic
<b>May 25</b>	1300 Main Street Picnic
<b>May 30</b>	Closed for Memorial Day
<b>June 1</b>	Emerson Picnic
<b>June 3</b>	Stand for Children Forum
<b>June 8</b>	CCC Annual meeting
<b>June 22</b>	Last Day of School year
<b>June 23-24</b>	CCC Closed for Summer preparation
<b>June 27</b>	Week one of the Summer Session

## Fundraising at CCC



### The Annual Appeal & Phonathon

In May you will receive an Annual Appeal request letter followed by a May 31st phone call from a member of our Board of Directors asking you to participate in our annual appeal. Fundraising for private schools and early care programs can make the difference between a program that is very good and one that is terrific. We always hope for full participation in this effort, no gift is too large or too small. Donations support our on-going programs, staff, facility improvements and our tuition assistance fund.



The annual appeal is only one of our fundraising activities, all of which have been organized by members of our Development Committee and CCC families. Each event provides

an opportunity for our families to get together as well as an opportunity to raise funds for the school. This year's fundraising events and our December Appeal raised over \$45,000 to support CCC. We hope to raise another \$10,000 during our Spring Appeal

This years events included: The Rolie Polie Concert, the Bookshop Fundraiser, the Toyshop Fundraiser, Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Auction Gala; and Jam Time a new event that raised \$600 and was a fabulously fun time.

**Volunteer  
opportunity**



Our Development committee is looking for new members for the 2011-2012 School Year. Please contact Pat Nelson at 978-369-3747, if you would be interested in joining this committee.



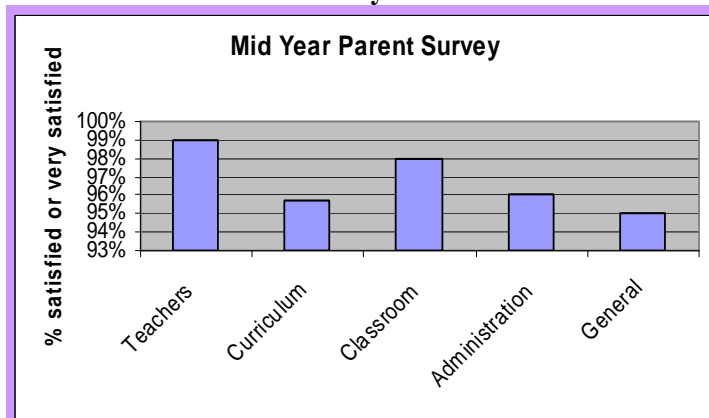
### Coffee, Scones and Surveys

During the week of June 6, Coffees will be held at each site. Parents can enjoy a cup of coffee and a scone while they complete the NAEYC Family Survey.

Since 1985, NAEYC's national, voluntary accreditation system has set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and helped families identify high-quality programs for their young children. CCC was among the first programs in the country to receive accreditation. In 2012 we will be re-accredited. As part of the accreditation process we are asking families to complete the NAEYC Family Surveys We will also have copies of Program Portfolios that document evidence of classroom implementation of the NAEYC 10 standards and criteria. Surveys may be completed electronically by clicking on, or copying and pasting into their browser: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCCNAEYCParentSurvey>

The Survey is also attached to this newsletter for families who would prefer to print, complete and return to their site director.

### CCC Mid Year Parent Survey Results



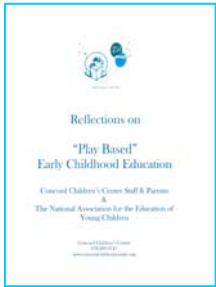
In January we sent all of our families our own Parent Survey. These evaluations help us assess our program based on information that you give us about your satisfaction with our: teachers, curriculum, classrooms and playgrounds, and administration. We also ask a general question about how well we are meeting your childcare needs, supporting you as families, providing opportunities for you to get to know each other, and communicating. 52% of you responded, indicating that 97% of those that responded are satisfied or very satisfied with CCC. As

with any survey, unless we receive full participation we cannot be sure how all of you feel about our teachers,

programs and facilities. One "take away" from the evaluation was that we wanted to do a better job of communicating with our families. We heard from families that they do not always understand our curriculum goals and how we impart learning in the classrooms. All three program directors have been working with their teachers to

increase communication regarding what happens during the day, as expressed through play and thematic activities that promote the growth and development of your children. We also developed a handout for families "Reflections on Play Based Early Childhood Education". This collection of articles from the CCC community describe the rationale and research that supports our approach to the care and education young children.

Both the NAEYC and our Parent surveys are used to develop classroom and program improvement plans. If you wish more detail please contact Pat Nelson at [executive@concordchildrenscenter.org](mailto:executive@concordchildrenscenter.org).



### CCC Pre-school Field Day

The children and teachers of 1300 Main Street and Ripley will join together for our fourth annual Field Day on May 19<sup>th</sup> at our Ripley

site. The bus will pick up the Main Street children at 9:00 a.m. to take them to Ripley where they will participate in sack races, obstacle courses, Tee-ball, parachute play, bubbles, Frisbee toss, plastic egg toss, and bowling. This is a fun opportunity for both schools to gather together.

### "New Baby" Brunch at our Ripley Program

**Saturday, June 4th, 10-11:30am.**

CCC families and friends are invited to attend Concord Family Network's Annual New Baby Brunch! This event is open to all Concord

families who have given birth since last May. Concord Family Network is requesting an optional \$5 donation per family.. Please RSVP to [concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com](mailto:concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com) by May 27.



**CCC is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our Face Painting Booth at Picnic in The Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with this please contact our Board chair,**

**Paul DiCesare at [paul.dicesare@mindspring.com](mailto:paul.dicesare@mindspring.com)**

**CCC Annual Meeting,  
June 9, 2011 at 1300 Main Street at 7PM  
Everyone Welcome  
We will honor departing volunteers, our college  
scholarship recipient and welcome our new board  
members.**

## Community Events

### Stand For Children Breakfast Forum "Catalyzing Communities to Prevent Obesity"

Dr. Christina Economos, Tufts University

June 3, 2011 7:30-9 AM

Harvey Wheeler Community Center  
(right next door to 1300 Main Street)

Childhood obesity is one of the greatest public health threats that we face today. This keynote presentation at the annual Stand for Children Breakfast will explore how researchers and practitioners in the field are fighting this epidemic. Attendees will learn about cutting edge research in the field, including community based interventions that show promising results and strategies that we can employ as change agents in our communities.

RSVP: Jean Chandler at: [jeanjeanc2@aol.com](mailto:jeanjeanc2@aol.com)

### 2011 Community Chest Triathlon June 5<sup>th</sup>, 8AM at the Old Manse on Monument Street

Alumni Parent Kate Damon and current West Concord parent, Lisa Haines will be our representatives in the **2011 Community Chest Challenge Triathlon**. During the month of June we will be collecting "spare change" to help cover the cost of our entry fee. The **Triathlon** supports all of the wonderful programs made possible by the Community Chest.

### Concord Carlisle High School Building Project Community Forum-Thursday May 19th, 2011 Tour - Main Lobby at 7:00 p.m. - Presentation -Little Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Wondering about the status of the CCHS building project? Do you have questions about the building project? **Come to the CCHS Building Project Community Forum on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Meet in the Main Lobby for a tour at 7:00 p.m. Presentation in The Little Theatre, with question and answer session, from 7:30-8:30. . [www.cchsbuilding.org](http://www.cchsbuilding.org)

**Concord Family Network** ~ Concord Family Network hosts various theme parties and other family events throughout the year. CFN also organizes regular playgroups, mom's night out events, dad & me events, dad's night out events, a book club, and has many other groups in the works. For more information, please e-mail [concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com](mailto:concordfamilyntwk@yahoo.com)