

# CCC Newsletter

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## CCC Calendar

### October 2

*West Concord Parent Night @ 7 PM*

### October 14

*CCC Board Meeting 7:30PM @ Ripley*

### October 16

*Emerson Infant and Toddler 1 Parent Night 6 - 730 PM*

### October 23

*Ripley Parent Night @ 7PM*

## ***How parents can help this Fall:***

### **CCC Auction Co-Chairs**

Auction co - chairs are the project managers for our biggest fundraising event which will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> this year. The Co-chairs manage a team of enthusiastic teachers and parents who head up the auction committees which include: *Solicitations, Decorations, Food, Publicity, and Set Up & Clean Up.* Most of the committees have experienced chairs ready to go for the '09 auction. If you would like to learn more about what the Auction chair job involves , contact Pat Nelson at 978-369-3747 or one of the Development Committee Co-chairs: Ben Bailey at 978-402-2592 or Michele Mullen at 978-897-4413.

### **Writers and Graphic Artists**

CCC parents produce *The Children's Journal*, a literary masterpiece full of parenting wisdom and humility. Twice a year contributors share their experiences, the highs as well as the lows of parenting, and ponder some of the critical issues facing parents today. Past issues have included reflections on *Birthday Parties, The Role of Play in Childhood, and Balancing Free Time with Structured Time.* The Journal editor and a committee of parents choose the theme for each issue based on the pressing question of the moment. This year's editor, Lisa Becker, invites you to join her on Wed., October 8 at 7:00 p.m. @1300 Main Street. If you can't make it to the meeting but want to contribute, or if you have questions, please contact Lisa at [lisa@net-prospect.com](mailto:lisa@net-prospect.com) or (978) 287-6148. We're also looking for someone with design/layout experience.

### **Writing about CCC**



Our Outreach and enrollment Chair, MaryAnne Jasinski, is looking for writers to help edit our Website content and write news items about CCC events and happenings for the Concord Journal. If you can help with this please contact MaryAnne at 978-254-5101 or [maryanne.jasinski@fmr.com](mailto:maryanne.jasinski@fmr.com)

### **Lawyers versed in employment law**

We are looking for someone to review our Plan Documents for our TIAA CREF Employee Retirement Plans and to advise us regarding our ERISA requirements. If you can help with this, please contact Pat Nelson at 978-369-3747 or [executive@concordchildrenscenter.org](mailto:executive@concordchildrenscenter.org).

At **Parent Nights** you will hear about our Board and all of our committees along with more ways to get involved at CCC. CCC has a very long tradition of being a community not only for children but for their families as well. Whether you volunteer to chair the auction or simply come to the class breakfasts or pizza parties we hope that CCC feels like a warm and welcoming community.



### **Colorbends Bulbs Fundraiser**

### **Orders Due October 3rd<sup>th</sup>**

Additional order forms can be found at each site.

This fundraiser will help support our ongoing professional development for staff and the purchasing of new equipment

## News from the Program Directors Emerson, Marianne Maloney

Back to school at Emerson has been delightful for the children and faculty. The initial sadness at drop-off times has diminished, replaced by excitement to see friends, teachers and most importantly see how "Lovey the Bunny" is doing.



Caring for our center pet is an important part of the children's day. Caring and nurturing a pet is a nice way to introduce different topics of discussion. *What does Lovey like to eat?, Who cleans the cage?, Who fills the water bottle?* and so on.

Lovey is an integral part of our science curriculum for our very young children. Parents can see how we integrate this curriculum into their child's day by checking out the classroom portfolios and daily notes.

This fall's snack and lunch times are relaxed and enjoyable experiences for the children. Each classroom develops a routine that the children depend on for structure, a most important goal for all classrooms and for young children. Table conversations encourage language development and provide ample opportunity for socializing.

For so early in the year, I am amazed at the accomplishments of so many of our young students: opening their lunch box, finding their cubby, putting their cup in the sink, helping a friend and basically enjoying each and every day. We look forward to a fun filled year together.

**Concord Family Network – October Events**  
All Families Welcome! ~ More info.+ RSVPs at  
[www.concordfamilynetwork.org](http://www.concordfamilynetwork.org)

Fire Truck Wash. Sunday, October 5th, 2:30 pm to 4 pm

Fall Photo Event for Kids&Families. Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2 to 5:30 pm (\*)

Dad & Me Event: Raspberry Picking! Saturday, Oct. 4th, 10 am (\*)

**Halloween Costume Party.** Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3:30- 5 pm  
(\*) Membership required.

## West Concord, Anne Doherty

Welcome to all of our CCC families! West Concord will be hosting our **Parent Night** on Thursday, October 2nd from 7-8:30 PM.. This is a night for parents to come and hear what you and your child can look forward to this year. We will also talk about the importance of both structured and unstructured play in our classrooms.



The children have begun their *Movement and Music* class which is offered to each class on Friday mornings.

Children look forward to learning yoga techniques, cooperative running games and new songs and dances with their **Imagimotion-Kidz** teacher Diana.

One our goals at CCC is to develop and maintain a strong partnership with families and children. If you have any questions, always feel free to come in and talk or call me at 978-369-6790.

## Ripley, Penni Hensley Wagner



At Ripley the children started the year scouring the blackberry bushes for every scrumptious berry they could find. Many faces bore the purple

clue of a wonderful berry consumed. The children also looked for green beans carefully planted in the spring. They were happy with each bean found and placed carefully in their basket or eaten before there was time for the freshness to fade. Lettuce, basil, mint, and chives were also greatly coveted. The end of the month brought the potato harvest event. We invited all of last year's four-fives (now kindergartners) to join the after-kindergarten and first graders for digging the potatoes they had planted in the spring, playing some potato games, and enjoying roasted potatoes. We found 48 potatoes that day and found another 7 today, so we're still counting! We are happy locavores!!



**The parent handbook can now be found on the homepage of our website:**  
[www.concordchildrenscenter.org](http://www.concordchildrenscenter.org).