

creative city

Tuesday Times #2 January 16, 2018



Featuring: *Moana*
Tickets will be \$2 dollars in advance and at the door.

We are accepting food and beverage donations to sell as concessions for the event. Donations can be dropped off in the Community School Office. Donations ideas include: Capri Sun drinks, bottled water, canned sodas, variety packs of chips, hotdog buns, ketchup, mustard, and relish.

***** New Volunteer and Visitor Procedure *****

Visitors

NEW: Classrooms will be notified by the main office via intercom **before** a visitor leaves the office to go to the designated place. This will let the teacher/staff know that a visitor is coming and decrease disruption when the visitor enters.

All visitors still must sign in at the main office, fill out a Visitor's Pass, and wear it while in the building.

Visitors to classrooms observe instruction without interacting with or distracting classroom activities.

Volunteers

Classroom Volunteers are a support for instruction and not a distraction. They are also pre-scheduled by the teacher so that there is a plan for their classroom support time. The teacher should notify the office who is coming and when so that the office will not have to intercom to tell the teacher when the volunteer arrives.

General Volunteers are arranged by the Community School Office. They volunteer to perform specific projects, tasks, or roles and remain in the area of the designated task. **If you have not had a volunteer orientation please contact the Community School Office.**

UPCOMING DATES

TONIGHT, Tuesday, Jan 16, 6:00pm – Town Hall meeting to discuss Strategic Plan
Monday and Tuesday, January, 22nd and 23rd, 9-10am – Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30pm – Open House for prospective families
Friday, January 26 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Saturday, January 27, 8:30am – Third Saturday Grounds clean-up
Monday, January 29, 5:00pm – Equity Workgroup Meeting (all are welcome)

Computer Tutors Needed!

Who: Creative City Staff and the CCPCS Teaching & Learning Committee

What: Need 10 Volunteers to work with groups of 2-3 children on their computer skills in preparation for PARCC and other computer-based activities

When: Tuesdays *or* Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15, February - April

Where: Creative City in Classrooms (TBD)

Why: Our 3rd-5th graders take the annual PARCC test on computers in the spring. They need to have basic typing, mouse-usage, and computer-based activity skills to fully demonstrate their reading, Writing, and Mathematics skills.

A volunteer training will be held Tuesday January 30th at 3:30 pm.

For more information, or to sign up contact Rebecca Pobee, TLC co-chair at rebpobee@gmail.com.

Lottery and Enrollment Information

Enrollment Season is upon us at Creative City. The deadline for lottery applications is quickly approaching on February 2. If your child has a sibling that will be coming to Creative City next fall, now is the time to apply! You can pick up an application in the Community School Office or apply online at www.creativecityschool.org/enrollment.

Also, please help spread the word. We have yard signs available and cards to distribute to friends and family, preschools, and anywhere else you can think of! Please contact Ashley Hoard at (443) 642-3612 or by email at ahoard@bcps.k12.md.us if you would like to help in this way!

CCPCS Board Meeting January 22, 2018

Board meetings are always open to the public and space for public comment is always provided. Our Board has a set of important standard items that are addressed at each meeting. Standard monthly items include a Financial Report, Principal's Report on Academics/Data, Committee Reports, and a Facility Report. Additional items are included as needed. This month, tentative additional items on the agenda are:

i. Strategic Planning

- Equity Workgroup
- Middle Grades Expansion Timeframe
- Overall Plan Development

ii. Preparing for PARCC testing

iii. Beginning an internal assessment of mixed grade model in 4/5

iv. Attendance Campaign (including Tardiness)

v. Hiring Report



Committee Update Corner!

The Climate Committee met last Thursday, Jan 11 at 6:00pm. This group (including staff and parents) works on issues including attendance, school-wide behavior trends, and overall inclusiveness in school life. They review school-wide data, make policy / program recommendations, and provide a forum for parents and staff to collaborate. Last meeting, we discussed our "In the Door for More" attendance campaign, began to develop strategies for reducing tardiness, and reviewed the Climate sections in our draft Strategic Plan. Specifically, we discussed how to define a "behavior disruption in the classroom" and how to objectively measure this, so we can work towards reducing instructional time lost to disruptions. For more information or to join this committee, contact co-chair Ashley Gordy at AWGordy@bcps.k12.md.us.