

### Do you know what your child is working on right now?

Lots of fun things are occurring around the school. Robot building, leprechaun traps, non-fiction writing, field trips to the farm and aquarium, one of our classes even won a playwright contest! Ask your student today what they are doing! Here are some helpful suggestions in trying to get our kids talking.



5<sup>th</sup> grade robot!

1. **Ask open-ended questions.** Instead of asking “How was school?” ask “Tell me about lunch or something fun you learned today”.
2. **Use their artwork or take-home papers to start conversations.**
3. **Know their school schedule** so you can start talking about music, gym or art class.
4. **Know the themes they are learning**--apples and farms, communities, the seashore, China or the rain forest. Have fun exploring the topics on the internet together, learning new facts to expand on her knowledge and discussing the themes.
5. **Model sharing about your day.** "It is important to share your interests, friends, challenges and joys with your kids so they see that communication modeled for them.
6. **Take time at the dinner table to talk about a good and bad thing that happened that day.**
7. **Use books as conversation starters.**
8. **Take advantage of your child stalling at bedtime.**
9. **Listen, listen, and listen.** Once your child gets started talking about her day, hold off more questions and let her go. As parents, we tend to jump in with more questions, but pausing is important. A child gains confidence as she relates her day and you affirm her.

You can read more here: [http://www.parents-choice.org/article.cfm?art\\_id=357](http://www.parents-choice.org/article.cfm?art_id=357)

**Please Vote for CREATIVE CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL!!!**



We are again in the running for the Reader's Choice Award with Baltimore's Child Magazine! You can vote for us twice; once in the category for education and again for best charter school.

Here's the link to vote: <http://baltimoreschild.com/readerschoice/>

**Voting Ends on April 14<sup>th</sup> unless we go to the finals!**

## **HEALTHY LIVING EXPO**

**at Creative City Public Charter School**

**Next Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

**5:00-7:30pm**

Featuring: FREE Family Style Dinner, Health Screenings, Breakout Sessions for Kids, Healthy Eating Tips, ZUMBA, Community Health Vendors, and our Monthly Food Pantry.

## **SUPER KIDS CAMP**

For the last several years, Creative City has been a site for the SuperKids Summer Camp.

The camp is a six week program that runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 9<sup>th</sup>. Creative City students can attend the camp for free! SuperKids focuses its efforts on reading, environmental literacy, character development, hands-on learning and the children go on field trips. The program is coordinated by Parks and People. You can register online at [www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org). We also have copies of the registration form in front of the main office. For more information please contact Robin Trayham at 410-448-5663 x132 or [robyn.trayham@parkandpeople.org](mailto:robyn.trayham@parkandpeople.org)

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## **SCHOOL SURVEY**

It's the time of year for the School Survey sent out by Baltimore City Public Schools. Please take a moment today to fill one out. You can do so online at

<https://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=RQsUVRYS TYVVSPsPsP&land=0&data=>

A hard copy also went home with your student.

The school survey collects valuable information that is vital to helping us know what is working well at Creative City and what might need improvement. The data is also used for things like our star rating and our school's charter renewal.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Clemons at 443 642 3613 or [cclemons@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:cclemons@bcps.k12.md.us).

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