

**SCIENCE NIGHT IS  
TOMORROW AT 5:15pm**  
Sponsored by Loyola  
University



**\*NO BRANCHING OUT TODAY!\***

**Food Pantry Distribution**  
Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
9am-10am  
Bring a Bag, Open to All

**SHAKE AND BAKE FAMILY FUN CENTER**  
1601 Pennsylvania Ave  
Grand Re-Opening: MARCH 23rd-25th  
Free Admission from 7pm-10pm  
Doors Close at Capacity

### **SCHOOL BUDGET UPDATE**

At the last two Board meetings, and at a "Budget & Bagels" meeting with parents on Wednesday morning Feb 28, we began discussing our school budget. After hearing priorities and reviewing opportunities, we have moved forward with the following staffing additions in our plan for the coming year: one additional teacher on our Grade 4/5 team to accommodate our planned growth, a half-time visual art teacher to add to our staff, and a half-time guidance counselor. All other current staff positions in the building are planned to remain the same as they are this year. We still have other decisions to make about our overall school budget (programs, facility, etc) that we will be discussing this spring. Watch for Board of Directors agendas in the Monday Mailer to see when future budget discussions will be occurring (likely in May).

### **WE ARE HIRING!**

We are seeking great new teachers (a classroom teacher in grades 4/5 and a part-time art teacher) for next year. Creative City hires new staff by involving all stakeholders - staff, parents, and students in addition to our school administration. Are you interested in getting involved with our hiring process? We have several roles that parents can fill - helping to publicize job openings, as well as participating in interviews and candidate selection. *Parents who participate on our interview panel need to have fairly consistent availability to participate in multiple candidate interviews - interview times have not been set yet but they typically occur after school (3:30-5:30pm) or sometimes on weekends. More details can be provided to anyone who is interested. Contact Marisa at [MCanino@bcns.k12.md.us](mailto:MCanino@bcns.k12.md.us) or 443-642-3602*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS**

We are seeking nominations for new members of our Board of Directors! Our Board of Directors is an important group that manages high-level decision making at our school, and a majority of Board members are school parents or family members. The application to join our Board of Directors is up on our website at <http://www.creativecityschool.org/for-current-families.html> . Deadline to apply is April 20. Board interest sessions (for people interested in joining the Board) are Thursday morning 4/12 at 9:00am, and Monday evening 4/16 at 5:00pm.

## **ANNUAL MEETING MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our Annual Meeting each year has catered food and is the time when we elect new Board members. This year, we will also present our final Strategic Plan to our school community. Game night for kids while parents take care of business! Mark your calendars, more details to come.

## **REPORT FROM THE TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE**

The Teaching and Learning Committee met on March 12th at 6 pm. During the meeting, the committee received feedback from a parent on our current report card format. We began a review of the Math in Focus curriculum by receiving feedback from Ms. Gordy on gaps in the second grade Math in Focus curriculum. Ms. Gordy also spoke about materials they have used to fill those gaps. We ended our meeting by looking at the school strategic plan and offering feedback on the academic parts of the plan. Our next meeting is April 9th at 6pm. At that meeting we will continue to review the Math in Focus curriculum. We will also begin reviewing and revising the report card format. We may also review data on our word study program (phonics, spelling, grammar, etc). If you are interesting in joining TLC, please contact Rebecca Pobee at [rebpobee@gmail.com](mailto:rebpobee@gmail.com) or come to the next meeting!

## **A Look Ahead at the Next Two Weeks**

18	19 <b>NO BRANCHING OUT</b> Strategic Planning <b>6:00pm</b>	20 <b>SPRING BEGINS</b> Science Night <b>6:00pm</b>	21 Early Dismissal <b>12:45pm</b>	22 <b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	23 <b>Report Cards Go Home</b>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>						

**SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

Have a safe and wonderful break.



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