



Clifton Park Nursery School

“The Little Red Schoolhouse”

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Co-Chair Message

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. As we start a new year we would like to introduce ourselves as your new co-chairpersons. Both Susanna and Janel will be sharing this co-chair position. In addition we would like to thank Jill for her willingness to teach us the details of this position and how we can best serve CPNS.

As the New Year is upon us please keep in mind our annual auction coming up on March 13th. The fundraising committee is hard at work planning this event. They will keep you posted on the information you need for this evening and the importance of your participation. Please also remember that open houses will begin at CPNS. If you know

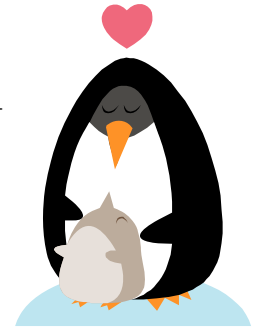


anyone who is interested in our school please provide them our first open house date on January 11th from 5 to 7 or refer them to our website at www.cliftonparknurseryschool.org.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact your co-chairs or any board member.

Happy New Year!

Jill
Susanna
Janel



The Annual Auction

The Annual Auction will be held at the Clifton Park Senior Center on March 13. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year we hope to raise \$7,500. Our incredible families make this event a success in two very important ways: first by collecting donations and second by coming to the auction and bringing a friend or two.

We strongly encourage everyone to bring a friend to the auction. It makes it more fun. There is more funny competition and it charges the atmosphere. Having more people there also helps disperse the purchases. The Auction is always more successful with a larger audience, both from a fun and a financial perspective.

Collecting donation is easier than you think. Auction items that are often big hits are gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, skiing, golf courses, etc. Kid related services are also very popular. Also, don't forget to ask your friends who have a business, consultants you use to buy products, your hairdresser, dentist, lawyer... anyone you do business with might be

willing to help out! The vendor letter is attached to this newsletter. Check the board at school for specific ideas. You will be surprised how willing most people and businesses are to help!

If you have questions about the Auction or about collecting donations, please plan to attend the open Fundraising meeting on January 7 at 7:00 pm at school. If you have any questions please contact Jen or Kristi

Each family must collect at least 3 items totaling \$150. (One item if you are in the Hold My Hand program.) If you choose, you may “Opt-out” of the item collecting for a fee of \$200. All items to be auctioned or the opt-out fee must be handed into the school by Friday, February 12th. This deadline is based on the fact that it takes the committee a few weeks to develop the Auction Program and to get the

Get more information about the Auction at the Fundraising meeting on January 7 at 7:00



Winter Weather Fun



Winter is a really fun time to do some playful learning with your kids. Living in the Northeast, we take the marvels of the season for granted (or as a nuisance), but a 4 year old is really just starting to learn about the wonders of the snowy season.

Bringing a snowball in from outside and watching it melt is so obvious for adults, but it is a thrill for kids. Have them do something else and come check on it every few minutes. Have your child hide something small inside the snowball, and watch that appear. You can take learning about temperature up a notch by making multiple snowballs of the same size and putting them in different places to watch—fridge, freezer, on the dryer, by the heater...



Footprints in the snow provide a wide range of fun. First there are the small and large sizes of child versus adult footprints to explore. Now look at the space between footprints when your child takes a tiny step or a giant step. If the snow is cooperative, you can investigate how far into the snow your feet go, especially when stomping. Footprint patterns and shapes are great fun to make on the driveway or sidewalk. Don't forget to look at the print itself



from the bottom of the boot. What do you see there?



Taking the footprint theme a step further, explore your property or neighborhood and see if you can find any bird or animal foot prints. Follow them and see where they go. Explore their size, spacing and shape.

Birds provide an opportunity to talk about colors and sizes. Throw some crumbs outside a window and see who shows up. It is also great fun to imagine where a bird goes after they leave your house. Watching squirrels nibble and munch can provide great laughter, especially if you try it too.



Falling snow can be a way to help children visualize wind. Which way are the flakes going? Are they moving fast or slow? What happens with wind and snow in various places like on the highway or when shielded by the house.

When you need to come in from the cold, cutting out paper snow flakes is a fun project. Fold the paper with your child, then let your child do the cutting. The surprise upon unfolding the paper is precious.

2010-2011 General Recruitment

January begins open recruitment for the 2010-11 academic year. Current families are our best advertisers! We know how wonderful Mrs. Adams is and understand what it means to be part of a cooperative.

There are fliers in the cubby room that you could give to a friend. Our website provides prospective families with lots of introductory information. There are a number of Open Houses in the coming months where families can meet Mrs. Adams and talk with current CPNS parents. The Registrar's are always happy to talk with folks who would like to know more about CPNS.

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For the 2010-2011 four year old classes, contact Gina



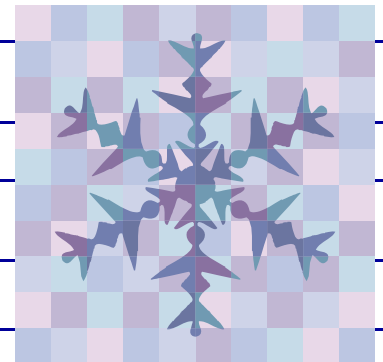
Anyone interested in the 2010-2011 three year old classes can contact Annemarie

For current CPNS families: If your registration packet and non-refundable \$50 fee for next year have not been turned in, you should contact a Registrar ASAP.

Recruitment for the 2010-2011 academic year for the general public began January 1. Morning classes fill

Word of mouth is a vital recruitment tool for CPNS! Do you know someone who might be interested in the school?

<u>January</u>		
7	7pm	Learn about the Auction Fundraising meeting @ CPNS
11	5pm - 7pm	Recruitment Open House
12 & 13		FIELD TRIP Preschool PTA Children's Program: <i>David Grover and the Big Bear Band @ Shen. United Methodist church</i> *Snow dates January 19 and 20.
18		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
20	6:00pm 6:30	Budget Meeting, @ CPNS School Meeting, all families invited, @ CPNS unless otherwise noted
<u>February</u>		
2		Nominations for 2010-2011 Executive Board Open
4	5pm - 7pm	Recruitment Open House
10	7pm	Optional Preschool PTA Adult Program: Kindergarten Readiness Panel consisting of members of the Shenendehowa CSD. *Snow date February 11th. Held in Tesago & Skano Cafeterias.
11		3 year old Valentine's Day Exchange - IN CLASS
12		4 year old Valentine's Day Exchange - IN CLASS
12		Auction Items Due
13-21		Midwinter Recess - NO SCHOOL
24	6:30pm	School Meeting all families invited, @ CPNS
27		Family Fun Night at Arizona Pizza



<u>Executive Board</u>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Kristin</i>	<i>Jennifer</i>
<i>Jill</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Kristi</i>
<i>Susanna</i>	<i>Jennifer</i>	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>
<i>Janel</i>	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Annemarie</i>	
<i>Co-Chairpersons</i>	<i>Tricia</i>	<i>Gina</i>	
	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Co-Registrars</i>	

Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions!



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January 1, 2010

Dear Merchant:

Clifton Park Nursery School, better known as “The Little Red School House”, will be holding its annual auction on March 13, 2010. Our Nursery School is a not-for-profit cooperative that relies almost exclusively on fundraising to meet the school’s financial needs beyond tuition. As a historic community institution we depend on the generosity of our other members of the community to assist us.

We would greatly appreciate any donation of goods or services you would be willing to provide. The name of your business will be acknowledged in the auction program and announced during the auction itself. Thus, our auction is an opportunity for you to advertise to a local audience. As an additional benefit, your contribution is tax deductible.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at the telephone number listed above.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Leonard and Kristi Wohl
Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs