

# CCCNS Newsletter



## President's Notebook

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Holiday break!

With the arrival of 2008, the board and teachers have started to think about and plan for the 2008/09 school year. For those students who can return to CCCNS next year, teachers will be handing out applications during parent/teacher conferences. This is a great time to discuss with your child's teacher about what class would be most appropriate for them next year. If you are planning to return next year, please do get your applications in to Tammy Berger, Membership Chair, by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Applications from continuing and former members received by March 7<sup>th</sup> will be given preference in class assignments. After March 7<sup>th</sup>, applications will be processed in the order they are received. Applications can be mailed to Tammy or placed in the Membership Chair's mailbox in the office at the school.

## January 2008

### CALENDAR

- January 28th:** Parenting Seminar 9:30am
- January 30th & 31st & February 1st:** Parent-Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL
- February 18th:** Board Meeting



We are very excited to have received a number of qualified resumes for the open teaching positions. Interviews will be held within the next few weeks. We are hoping to have teachers hired by the first of February and will make an announcement to the membership as soon as we know who will be filling those positions.

We currently have an open Board position, the Education Chair. If you are interested in filling this position please contact me for more detailed information!

The February Board meeting has been set for February, 18th at 7:15pm at my house. As always, any CCCNS member is welcome to attend!

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or ideas for the school. My home number is 323-8983 or you can reach me by email at [lesliekaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:lesliekaiser@yahoo.com)

Leslie Kaiser, President

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# Membership Notices

January 2008

## Volunteers Needed

*If you haven't yet had the chance to participate in one of our in-school or community outreach events, here are a few upcoming opportunities!*

**Parent Teacher Conference Babysitting:** On **Wednesday, January 30th** and **Thursday, January 31st**, from **9am-11:45am** members will be able to drop kids off at the gym while they meet with the teachers. We are looking for two volunteers per shift. There will be no more than 8 kids at a time in the gym. Please contact Leslie Kaiser if interested.

**Youth Expo:** On **February 16th**, from **1-4:00pm**, volunteers are needed to work at the CCCNS booth, answer questions regarding the school, and helping kids with the play dough station. Please contact Leslie Kaiser if interested.

**Seusspicious Behavior:** On Saturday, **March 1st**, at the Monroe County Public Library from **1-4:00pm** volunteers are needed to do face painting as well as assisting with other activities such as "Pin the Bow Tie on the Cat" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish Fishing Game".

**Brochure Distribution:** We are looking to scatter brochures all over Bloomington. Please see or mail Adam Beaver at [adamsbeaver@gmail.com](mailto:adamsbeaver@gmail.com) if you have any locations to place brochures or if you'd like to assist in delivering them.



Spring School Pictures will be on **Wednesday, March 5th**. The photographer will also be taking appointments at the school that evening for families interested in having a family photo taken.

## School Closing Information

CCCNS mirrors the MCCSC policies. Therefore, parents are urged to pay close attention to weather reports and to the MCCSC closing or delay announcements.

Two hour delays by MCCSC will result in cancellation of MCCSC classes.

One hour delay by MCCSC will result in CCCNS classes starting at 10:00am.

Cancelled classes are not rescheduled nor are participants required to do a make up day.

Radio stations WFIU (103.7 FM), WBWB (96.7 FM) and WTTS (1370 AM) provide up to date school closing/delay information.



Please see Leslie Kaiser if you're interested in the **Education Chair** position available for the CCCNS board!

## Mrs. Lobring's Class

It sure is great to be back in school! I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing break, and is ready to roll again. Especially because Miss Rachel's class is going to begin an exciting unit on DINOSAURS!! We'll read some books about dinosaurs, do lots of journal writing, and create some really interesting dinosaur art. We'll also be putting on our lab coats to become scientists and paleontologists.

With the holidays over, and being fully into winter, we were ready to do some fun winter decorating. After sending home all of our beautiful autumn decorations, our classroom was looking a bit bare. We've spent the past two weeks talking and reading about winter and snow! Pop your head in to see how we are transforming our room into a winter wonderland.

We're off to a great start with reading, and now that the children are practically kindergartners J, we're going to be doing some more consistent writing, too. Everyone is invited to come in and see our literacy group. We usually start at about 9:30, and it lasts anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the day (and the kids!) Ask your child about our word wall, our sentence puzzles and making and breaking! We also do a little shared reading/writing at the end of the day, depending on their level of tolerance! Also be watching their school bags for some simple books for them to show off their new reading skills. Please remember to return these books the following day.



## Mrs. Spark's Class

It was so good to see all the children back at school after the break! Show and Tell has been lots of fun with the new surprises from the holiday!

January will be a busy month as we will be focusing on winter. We will be making snowmen, white collages, ice cube paintings, and hopefully playing with real snow in the water table if Mother Nature cooperates!

Parent-Teacher Conferences for our class will be held on Thursday, January 31st. I am looking forward to being able to visit with each of you. It's a great time to share information, concerns, and placement for next year. If you have a conflict on that day, I will be happy to make other arrangements. I will be sending home Pre-Conference Forms. I hope you will take a minute to fill them and return them to me.

I will be out of town January 17-24th. Miss Lora will be teaching for me! I know the children look forward to having her in our classroom.

Last on my list, let's keep those flu bugs at home! It's the flu season, so please do not send your child to school if he or she shows any signs of sickness! Thanks!

## Mrs. England's Class

Welcome back after a busy holiday time, and Happy 2008! How nice to see all of the children (and you parent's too!) again and settle back into a routine. Since we haven't seen much snow outside, we'll be helping winter along by doing some snow "stuff" in our classroom—paining with ice, making snow people, making snow sculptures, and creating a colorful glittering Rainbow Blizzard!

I look forward to seeing all parents at our conferences January 30-February 1. The purpose of these meetings is to share information to help us better understand our children. It is time to share concerns and accomplishments and review placement possibilities for next year. Please watch for information and sign up sheets in the classroom in the upcoming weeks.

When you are participating, if you have a simple snack recipe that could be made in the classroom, please let me know. The "cooking" activities help us measure, count, learn to mix and learn to taste new things. Simple things are great, such as jelly sandwiches, instant pudding, fruit salad, etc. Just remember the allergies some of our children have when you plan a cooking activity.

## Mrs. Hallett's Class

Happy New Year! I first want to welcome all the new families in my Spring 2s class on Mondays. I am so excited to have everyone in my class. Both the Monday and Wednesday classes are having a wonderful January. We are pretending to play in the snow with mittens, hats, and scarves and singing "The Three Little Kittens". Thanks to the Pendergast family for the donation to our drama corner!!! Next month will be all about the "Queen of Tarts" and her hearts. Along with this, the first week of February we will be having our red and pink day so dress accordingly. Just a reminder that the Wednesday class will have school on January 30<sup>th</sup> during conferences. Keep warm!!

## Mrs. Makemson's Class

Happy 2007 - We are off to a fantastic start! Our class enjoyed W Week and our winter theme even though the weather did not cooperate. We played in pretend snow (styrofoam, ivory soap concoction, and shaving cream), created winter pictures, and painted watermelons. We read Where the Wild Things Are, When Will It Snow, and The Wind Blew. We talked about what we wear and what we don't wear in the winter like a swimsuit. The children have been extra interested in the water table and playing with whales and sharks.

S Week highlights are: making snow globes, throwing pretend snowballs (socks), discovering what colored salt water does to ice, balancing polar bears on icebergs and making snowman banks. We have been singing the "Snowflake Song" and "Six Little Penguins". We read silly stories like Snow Family and Soap, Soap Don't Forget the Soap.

We started Spanish and are very excited to use words we've learned from Dora and Diego. I have begun doing assessments of the students and look forward to meeting with you on the 30th of January. Please bring your preconference form. I would like to welcome Bode to our classroom - we're glad to have him! I am still in need if 4 goldfish boxes, so we can make mailboxes for M Week. I'm looking forward to B Week and Beach Day (we will talk about it on the 30th). We will be making our Valentine's boxes and building with blocks.

## Teacher's Corner

### Parent-Teacher Conferences:

The parent-teacher conferences are an important part of our program. Please consider the conference with your child's teacher as a time to exchange information about your child and your views of the school. Being a parent is a big responsibility, and it seems to me that it is just as important to hear that your child is terrific as it is to plan strategies to help with problems.

During the week of January 21st, sign up sheets will be posted near the entrance to each classroom; please add your name to the conference schedule of your child's teacher. **CLASSES WILL NOT MEET ON CONFERENCE DAYS, January 30 and 31, and February 1.** If there are any scheduling problems, please consult with your child's teacher, who will be happy to accommodate you.

Please note that children **DO NOT** attend these meetings. Babysitting will be available (either in the Sparks/ Makemson room or in the gym) during conference sessions. Please check the schedule outside your child's room for more information.

### **Learn a little something ...**

Kelley Pendergast, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and CCCNS parent, will again be facilitating a parenting seminar/ support group for members. The next session is scheduled for **Monday, January 28th, at 9:30am.**

### **Have a little fun...**

Complimentary tickets for the Monday night Comedy Caravan at Bears Place are still available for CCCNS members! Just see Jim or Meghan Reef for more information.

## Parent's Corner

### Why Not make a Snowscape Stomp?

#### What You'll Need:

- Snow boots
- Tablespoon
- Paintbrushes
- Food coloring
- Paper cups
- Water

*Splashes of color make winter white a little warmer when you do the Snowscape Stomp!*



Does it look like winter weather has put a freeze on creative fun? Think again! Grab your gloves and your paintbrushes, and that snowy hillside becomes an artist's canvas.

Mix 2 tablespoons water with 10 drops food coloring in a paper cup (make as many colors as you desire).

Go outside and march out a playful pattern of footprints in the snow. Splatter splashes of color in each frosty track, and watch the magic begin.

Be sure to check for chilly changes later as the snow begins to melt and the colors soften.

Remember that food coloring stains if it gets on clothing or light-colored boots, so be sure to wear old clothes that you won't mind getting splattered. And don't forget to bundle up!

*Parents...*

*Teacher Appreciation Week is approaching!  
Your child's classroom Room Parent will be contacting you for more details!*

### **CCCNS is participating in a fundraising program through H&R Block!**

H&R Block will donate \$25 for each new customer who has H&R Block do their taxes this year and brings in a CCCNS flier. A poster and fliers are hanging up at the top of the stairs. Please pass them out to friends and family!