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Children's Center NEWSLETTER



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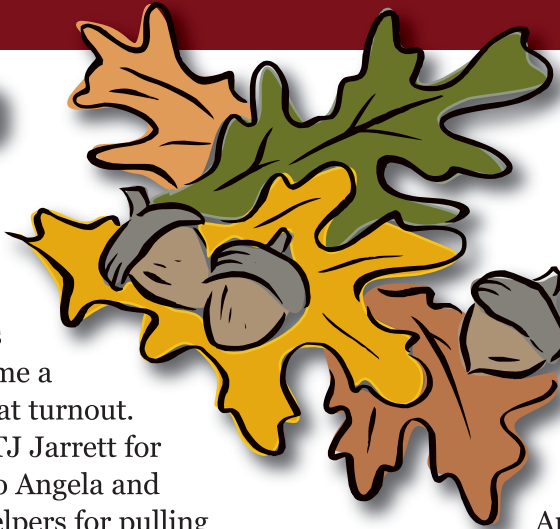
DIRECTOR'S LETTER

My Favorite Season

Our annual Wine and Microbrew Tasting Party was such fun and has really become a wonderful CCBC tradition, with a great turnout. Thanks so much to Mimi Burke and TJ Jarrett for hosting in their beautiful home and to Angela and Jerrod Patterson and their team of helpers for pulling it all together. What a great way to gather some fine and unusual wines to sell at the Auction in February.

A small, intimate group gathered to talk with nutritionist and CCBC parent Rebecca Pilot to learn about "Eating to Strengthen Your Immune System." Among other things, we learned that eating more alkaline and fewer acidic foods will help to keep us healthy. Not sure which foods are which? Check the Parent Education Board outside our office for the list.

Our annual "Life after CCBC" parent education program had a great turnout. Educational consultant Jean Baldwin is so knowledgeable and helpful in guiding folks through the private school application



process and is also very much in favor of giving your local public school a visit and a close look. If you missed the meeting and are thinking about applying to a private school, know that now is the time to begin the search.

And if you'd like to talk to current or former CCBC parents who have children in a private school that you're considering, be sure to check out the contact list that we've compiled at the end of this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to our annual Book Fair at Barnes & Noble in Bethesda on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4th and 5th. It's another of my favorite CCBC events, partly because I'm so proud of our library and am pleased with the new donations we get each year; partly because I love books in general and am warmed by the thought of people turning off their TVs and computers and sitting down with a good book. Emma Stewart and I will be reading and singing with the children at Pajama Time (6:00 p.m.) on the 4th. I hope to see you all there.

I hope that everyone has a chance to make the most of the season. Autumn invites so many wonderful experiences with children — heading out to a farm for a hayride, picking apples and pumpkins, baking pies, sorting leaves by shapes and colors, watching a particular tree for daily changes, or curling up in front of a fire to read a book together. It's always been my favorite time of year.

Take care and stay healthy!

Lisa McAuliffe

Event Calendar

NOVEMBER

4-5 Book Fair at Barnes and Noble

12 Steering Committee meeting,
7:30pm

19-20 Teacher's Professional Day
—No Classes

26-27 Holiday—Thanksgiving

FUNDRAISING NEWS

BOOK FAIR

The annual CCBC Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 4th and Thursday, Nov. 5th** at Barnes & Noble in Bethesda. A percentage of all purchases made using a CCBC coupon will be donated to the school. Purchases can be made in every area of the store, including the café. This is a great opportunity to do holiday shopping or treat yourself to a new book or music selection.

Enjoy stories and crafts both mornings from 10:30 to 11:30, or attend Pajama Night on Wednesday at 6:00, when kids wear their PJ's and listen to stories read by Lisa McAuliffe and Emma Stewart. We'll have cookies, kid-friendly drinks, and coffee. We will also have wish lists for anyone who would like to donate a special book to the school. Please contact Julia Stogoski (jstogoski@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

**DON'T FORGET
THESE IMPORTANT
DATES**

November 4 & 5
Book Fair at
Barnes & Noble

February 20
Winter Wonderland
Auction

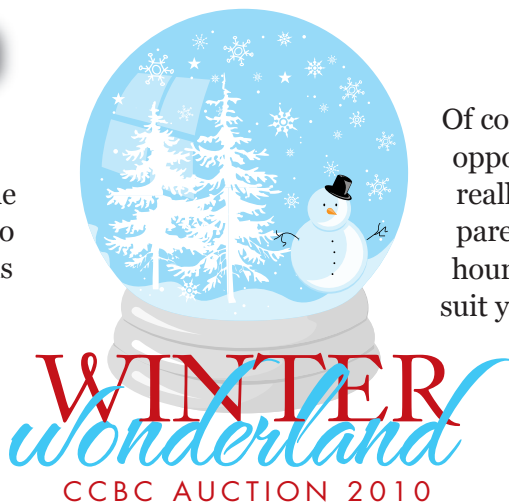
AUCTION UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Envelope-Stuffing Party. Between the wine and good conversation, we were able to mail out a huge number of solicitations in very short order. Donations are already coming in from businesses and individuals, but we need your help!

In order to gather cool stuff to put up for bid at the auction, we hope we can count on you to:

1. **Make a tax-deductible donation** (contact Misha Kiss at mishah@hotmail.com) – we'd love to have your excess frequent flyer miles or hotel reward points, and we have lots of other donation ideas.
2. **Solicit a business** with whom you have a relationship.
3. **Suggest ideas** to our top-notch solicitations team: contact Allison Logie (allisonlogie@yahoo.com) or Ericka Dorsey (egdorsey@hotmail.com).

Donation letters and forms are available outside the office and at ccbccc.org. Businesses are often happy to make a donation if the request comes from a customer or friend. It's great publicity for them and all business donations go directly to the CCBC Scholarship Fund.



Of course we have lots of volunteer opportunities available as well. It really is a fun way to meet other CCBC parents. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we have a task that will suit your schedule and inclination.

Please contact Auction Chairs JoJo Spallone (spallone4@gmail.com) or Jaime Bonham (jgbonham@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

Thanks for your support!

WINE TASTING

The Auction Committee sends a big thank you to all who attended the Fifth Annual CCBC Wine and Microbrew Tasting Party, and all who volunteered to make it happen. Your contributions will be magically transformed into a great selection of bottles that will be available for bid on the night of the Auction.

Special thanks go to Mimi Burke and TJ Jarrett for hosting such a delightful evening, and to Angela and Jerrod Patterson for organizing the party and the volunteers.

COLLECTIVE WISDOM

NEXT STEPS IN EDUCATION

Following is a list of current and former CCBC parents who have generously offered to serve as points of contact for those who are weighing decisions about schooling after CCBC. Please feel free to contact any of them—just make sure to mention CCBC in the subject line of any email you send.

Also, in the library we have a file box of brochures and applications from many area independent schools. Please look on the Parent Resource shelves for a white-and-blue box labeled “*School Beyond CCBC.*”

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Stay and Play

Afterschool Enrichment & Activity Program for All Ages

Multi-age groups offer children opportunities to develop and practice social skills

Classes are everyday from
12:30-2:45 pm.

Sign up for one or more days regularly or use it on a drop in basis, even on days your child does not come to school