



CPSC Parent Page

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Quarter 1, Week 7

....parent participation news brought to you by Paula, Assistant Director

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the other side of this Parent Page for a summary of the first meeting of this school year.

Thanks to parents

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Miriam Valle,
Sarah Kaufman, and
Joanne Grosshans
for compiling info
from parent surveys.**

If you expressed interest in grant writing, cooking, documentation, the literary festival, yearbook, green team, computers, or tutoring, you will be contacted before the end of the first quarter!

Welcome to the many Duke students who will be in our school this quarter. Eighteen freshmen are working with our second graders every Thursday and we are excited to have a few Duke work-study students with us again this year.

September Brings... Sweet and Savory, Sweat and a Sense of Community

SWEET: Muffin Mornings for Grandparents. Grandparents and those who “are like a grandparent” to CPSC students are invited to join us for muffins and to spend a little bit of their morning in our classrooms!

SWEET & SAVORY: Don’t miss the All School Potluck Picnic at Forest Hills Park on Sept. 11 from 4-7pm!

SWEAT: Next week you may sign up to join other parents as we all sweat together to improve our school facility-inside and out! Watch for details next Tuesday to sign up for the All School Workday (9am -12) on Sept. 17th!

SENSE OF COMMUNITY: *September is filled with opportunities to meet other parents, meet with teachers and be a part of an amazing learning community! Send a grandparent to Muffin Morning; help out at the Workday, enjoy the feast and playing in the park during the All School Picnic; attend parent conferences; cook for the Teacher Luncheon; sign up to work a shift or bake for the bake sale at the CPSC Literary Festival on Oct. 20-21-22 at the Regulator Book Store.*

Questions? Contact Paula at paula@cpsfc.org or 682-1200.

INTERSESSION CAMPS AT CPSC!

Camps will be held the weeks of Sept. 23rd and Oct. 3rd, 8:15 to 3:30 (late pick up available for a fee)

We will provide a full day of creative activities based on an exciting and age appropriate theme. This year we have a **PLANT CAMP** for your outdoor enthusiast with a green thumb, **DRAMA CAMP** for the budding thespian, art camp for the artistically inclined, **GAME CAMP** for the lego builders, chess and othello lovers, and a chance to make a **GRAPHIC NOVEL** for the writers who love comics. Every camp will provide outdoor and indoor fun and a wide variety of daily planned activities.

Contact Amy Elmore at amy@cpsfc.org for more info!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council held its first meeting of the year on August 23rd, and new members were welcomed by John H. with a brief history of CPSC, an encouraging discussion of Central Park's financial status, and a healthy dose of the by-laws. John described on-going discussions concerning CPCS' s possible middle school expansion and expressed plans to make this a priority issue for the September board meeting in order to address concern of parents with graduating fifth graders. In light of the solid outlook for the Annual/Sunshine fund, the focus will be on longer-term goals for the school, including technology (for instance, document cameras and projectors in every classroom) and facilities (including improved shelving and heating/cooling in classrooms). Field trips will be shifted to funding by parents, and guest artists will be funded from Save Our Arts.

The Council discussed what it means for CPSC to be a welcoming community, and brainstormed ways to ensure inclusivity, addressing both the concerns of children and parents. Paula intends to ask the social committee to prepare a survey that will ask parents for their feedback concerning family participation, atmosphere and engagement at our school. While the school maintains remarkable parent participation, volunteer hour completion remains a crucial part of Central Park's success. Paula expressed concern that not all families are completing their hours. The Council discussed possible reasons and how the issue might be addressed.

Finally, in preparation for a School Council retreat in the fall, John asked that members consider possible agenda items. One topic concerns how the School Council can better communicate with parents and the broader CPCS community. If you have ideas for how the School Council can better serve CPCS, please don't hesitate to contact your council representative. Minutes from school council meetings are available at the CPSC front desk. *(Submitted by Buddy Harris, K-1 parent rep.)*

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