

December 6, 2011

Quarter 2, Week 8

## CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

### *From the Director...*

Dear CPSC families,

I wanted to share with everyone the news that CPSC's Board president and founder Vicky Patton is passing on the torch to Kathryn Meyers. In the transition from Board president to Board member, Vicky said, "Central Park School for Children has become a very, very good little public elementary school. It has remained committed to each individual child while exploring the possibilities for project-based learning and incorporating character development and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills into the daily curriculum. To date our focus has been internal as we figured out how to create the school we believed would best serve our children. Now we are ready to consider what our experiment can contribute to the education reform discussion and to stronger public education for all children. Kathryn is exactly the right person to lead this next phase. We are thrilled that she is committed to this exciting challenge."

Kathryn Meyers will become the new President of the Board of Directors of the Central Park School for Children on January 1. Kathryn has been a consultant and then CPSC Board member since the school's planning stages ten years ago. She brings invaluable experience to the position. She was a member and later Chairman of the Durham Public School Board, as well as a member of the NC Charter School Advisory Committee. We will benefit from Kathryn's leadership and her commitment to our children's education, as she guides us into our next decade of growth.

Vicky's leadership over the last twelve years has been marked with vision and integrity. For those who have worked with her during the Strawberry Festival, outdoor learning initiatives, development efforts and countless other CPSC projects, you have felt her passion for creating a community that exalts the education of the whole child. Thank you, Vicky.

### ***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:***

Friday, Dec. 9	School Picture Make-ups being taken (mornings)
Saturday, Dec. 10	<b>All School Workday</b> , 10:00AM – 1:00PM
Tuesday, Dec. 13	<b>Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</b>
Thursday, Dec. 15	School Council Meeting, 4pm in the Art Room
Friday, Dec. 16	Last day of Quarter 1

**SATURDAY, JANURAY 28: SAVE OUR ARTS BENEFIT CONCERT AND AUCTION, 7:00pm**