

Celebrating 10 Years!  
September 2019  
Director's Newsletter

# Cornerstone School

“Building a Foundation for Life”

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## Welcome!

The first few days of school are always magical to me. Seeing the anticipation on the children's faces. Some were looking like they cannot wait to take on the world; others are filled with the trepidation of what this new experience will bring. Parents are excited to have children start this next phase in their lives. Many have the same feelings as their children. The staff was wanting to make a good impression on the families and get to know their students. After much preparation, the team wants to get started!

We are now eight days in; the halls are filled with laughter and smiles at seeing new classmates. The walls once again have children's art, and music floats down the corridors.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces and to get to know our new families. **See you at Parent Information Night, Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



## Upcoming Events

Sept 23- 7:00pm Parent's Night

Sept 30- School Closed

Oct.1-4 Spirit Week

Oct. 4&5- CPO Sale

Oct.9- School Closed

Oct.15-17 Book Fair

Oct.26- Family Turtle Back Zoo

## Your Feedback Counts

At the end of each year, we conduct a family survey and use that feedback to inform our practices here at Cornerstone. Last year we received insightful input regarding how we communicate with parents.

We have made some changes.

- Template for Newsletters
- Learning games at activities shared with families
- Director/Teacher Newsletters sent at different times.
- Monitor Your Inbox

## Our Garden

We began our garden with the help of the CPO last spring. A special thank you to the Lowenstein Family for offering to tend the garden when we closed for two weeks in the summer. We returned to fall vegetable starters, and the entryway planters were redone. Thank you for helping Cornerstone be a beautiful place to learn.



## More Important News

### Parent Information Night

I hope you marked your calendars for **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**. The staff is excited to share news of your child's classroom, learning goals, and answer any questions you may have. **We will start the evening in Barnwell Hall with some general information and move you quickly to your child's classroom.**

Parking that evening will be tight as we cannot fit all our families in the lot. I made arrangements with the Summit Hotel for the use of their lot and conveniently the CPO is hosting a Parent Social immediately following Parent Info Night at the Hat Tavern!



### Looking for Parent Volunteers

We have a tentative start date of **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for our bathroom project. We are looking for parent volunteers to help us pack-up and move our staff library and a few other items out of the staff room before construction starts. If you would like to share your organizational skills and a bit of muscle with us, please send me an email so I can coordinate our efforts.

### We Built a Bench

We did it! The plastic bags we collected to be recycled in partnership with Crist Church have been turned in to a bench. The TREX bench has been placed in the rear courtyard of the church. The students will be visiting soon to see their recycling efforts in action. Our recycling box remains in the lobby if you would like to contribute. Thank you for helping do our part to preserve the planet for our little ones.

## Fall Field Trips

Pre-K and Kindergarten will be visiting Hillview Farms on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

All of the classes will be visiting the fire department on October 28-29.

All children are invited even if the class trip is scheduled on a day your child does not regularly attend.

Your child's classroom teacher will provide you with all necessary information and permission slips

