

CPG Special Events at Oneness-Family School

Community Meeting - *Most Fridays from 9.00-9.30 a.m.*

All classes, teachers, and parents gather in the Parish Hall for special presentations, celebrations, and other community activities. Children whose birthdays (or half birthdays for students with summer birthdays and near-birthdays for those during holiday breaks) fall during the current week are recognized on stage, and everyone sings.

Montessori Mornings Observation

From November through March, parents can reserve in-person and virtual classroom observations on Thursdays from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. and 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Parents may sign up for the in-person observation via the Parent Portal. A limited number of spots is available each week, and advance registration is required.

United Nations Day - *October 23, 10:00 a.m.*

The morning begins with class performances related to our cultural studies. The Children's Peace Garden will present a performance including song and music. We are joined by invited representatives from nearby embassies, and there is a special Flag Ceremony during which adult members of the School Community honor their native lands by waving their flags and celebrating their countries. Afterward, visitors may tour the Arbor, Academy, and Ambassador displays, where those students present their cultural work, special projects, and answer questions. CPG classrooms will display arts and crafts related to their continent of study.

Each CPG class needs several chaperones to guide small groups of children to tour the older classes' exhibits. Any parent wishing to visit the exhibits with their own child may sign them out from their teacher.

Festival of Lights - *December 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Festival of Lights is the culmination of the School's annual curriculum units on World Religions in November and December. For the older students, the evening performance celebrates Spiritual Light and universal teachings of all religions and spiritual paths. In the Children's Peace Garden, the students study one continent each semester, so the performance draws from the cultures and traditions of the continent. The children will perform a song or two to bring their

studies to life. In addition, they learn about the unique traditions and similarities of Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Family Dance - February 19, 7:00 p.m.

The Family Dance, which takes place around Valentine's Day, is an evening event unique to Oneness. It is a fun and exhilarating event for students, parents, faculty, and staff from all grades. Party lights, dance floor, DJ, good times, and more should be expected. Don't miss it!

Science Fair - March 19: CPG Student Viewing 9:30-10:15. Guest Viewing 12:30-1:30 p.m.

As a Manifestation of the skills and knowledge gained during the year, the students engage in science projects in the spring. All CPG students participate in this event, learning about and experiencing the scientific method. The teachers guide class experiments, and all results are displayed at the Science Fair. Older classes' students present and discuss their work, and there are viewing periods open to parents and family.

The Children's Peace Garden will need 8 to 10 chaperones to walk with small groups of children to see the older students' exhibits during Student Viewing, at approximately 9:30-10:15 a.m. Times to be confirmed. (Parent/Guest Viewing is available later for upper-grade parents and for CPG parents unable to attend or assist during Student Viewing.)

CPG Spring Special - May 14

During this special spring event, the CPG students shine. After a year of learning, growing, and hard work, they are full of confidence in their presence and talents on stage, ready to share and celebrate their Cultural curriculum learning as well as their growth in the Practical Life skills of grace and courtesy. After the morning performance, the students will meet up with their parents at Norwood Park for a mini "picnic," which will include a small snack prepared and served by the children. This is an all-morning, half-day event from 9:00 to about 11:30 AM, with dismissal from the park. We kindly request that all families attend and share this special day.

Last Day of School for Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Students - June 3

The last day of school for our preschool and pre-kindergarten students is the day before promotion and graduation.

Graduation/Promotion & Last Day of School for Kindergarten - June 4, 2027

On the last day of school, we celebrate the graduation of our 8th graders and the promotion of our Kindergarten, 3rd, and 5th grade students. For CPG, while only Kindergarten students attend that day, all families are welcome to join us for this gathering to celebrate our students' success and kick off summer vacation. Kindergarten dismissal follows the ceremony and takes place in the classroom.