



CITY NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION

An update on the work of City Neighbors Foundation, our City Neighbors schools, and our work to impact public education everywhere.

FEATURED

Project-Based Learning

A Revolution in Education

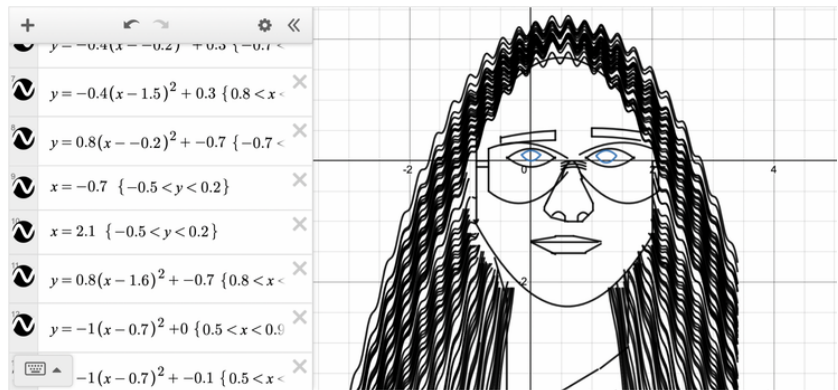
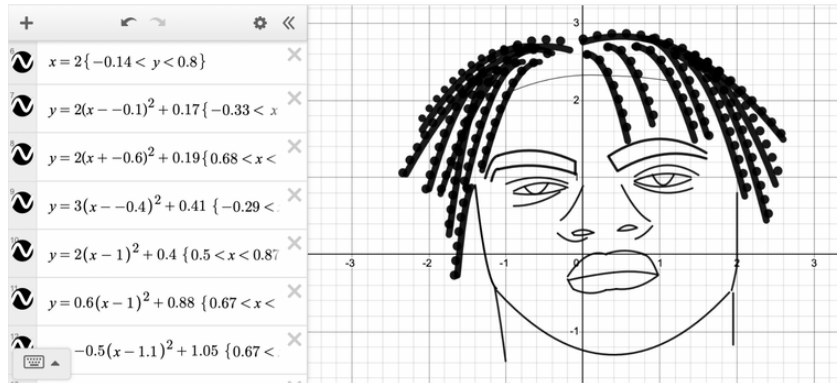
Students from City Neighbors Soar

Tuning Out and Tuning In

Learn With Us: The Progressive Education Series and DIY PD

City Neighbors in Annapolis

Come Teach at City Neighbors

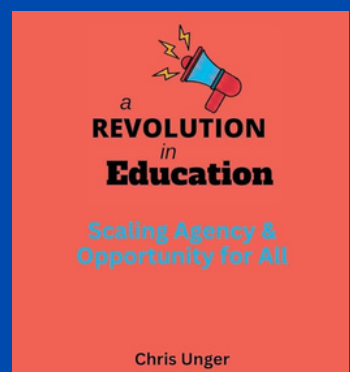


TEACHING ALGEBRA THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

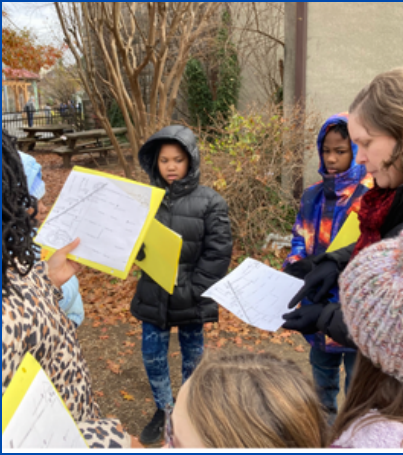
The 9th grade Algebra students at City Neighbors High School recently learned about math coordinates in a unique way. Each student selected a self-portrait and used the software program Demos to sketch their own faces. The catch was that they could only use the X and Y axis to recreate their original self-portrait. After successfully creating their faces with coordinates, students were then tasked with matching the coordinate images to the students.

CITY NEIGHBORS: PART OF AN EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Recently, the City Neighbors schools were recognized in a new book titled "A Revolution in Education" by Christopher Unger from Northeastern University. City Neighbors is named as both a national example of an "Innovative, Learner-Centered" school and a national example of a "school pursuing meaningful real-world learning."



A 3RD-GRADE PROJECT STUDY AT CNCS: GETTING READY TO EXPLORE THE WORLD



In December 2023, 3rd Graders at City Neighbors Charter culminated both a writing unit on friendly letters and a project unit on maps. Students were tasked with writing to their new pen pals and then navigating to the local post office 1.2 miles from school using their map reading skills. Parents were instrumental in the success of the field work, from providing the address for family and friend pen pals, to chaperoning small groups as they walked to the post office.

They carefully followed the map, checking street signs and landmarks along the way. When they arrived at the post office, they eagerly purchased stamps and mailed their letters, each beaming with pride at the accomplishment of sending a letter on their own.

CITY NEIGHBORS 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: FIELD WORK IN PUERTO RICO



This May, 27 students from City Neighbors Charter School and City Neighbors Hamilton are off to Puerto Rico for their 8th graders capstone trip. This year, students will spend a week in Puerto Rico, as part of a Global Works excursion combining cultural studies, ecological learning, and community service.

Our City Neighbors schools are rallying around the students signed up for the trip to conduct fundraisers and to request donations from our community. We would be grateful for your support!

To support a City Neighbors Hamilton students go to [PayPal](#).
To support a City Neighbors Charter School student go to [PayPal](#).
(please note "Puerto Rico 2024" with your donation.)



SYRAE JENNINGS AND TRAVIS WINSTEAD: STUDENTS FROM CITY NEIGHBORS SOAR

SYRAE JENNINGS

Syrae Jennings, a Senior at City Neighbors High School, was named Baltimore City Schools Scholar of the month for January. Throughout her high school career, Syrae has excelled in all of her classes and has become a role model for her peers. Her passion for learning extends beyond the classroom, as she has also taken on leadership roles in extracurricular activities.



Syrae is also a Board member of Education Reimagined, a nonprofit organization that aims to transform education. She is a passionate advocate for education reform believing that every student deserves access to a high-quality education.

Syrae’s ultimate goal is to make a significant impact on the education system. With her intelligence, dedication, and leadership skills, there is no doubt that she will achieve this goal and continue to inspire others along the way.

TRAVIS WINSTEAD

Travis Winstead III, a recent graduate of City Neighbors Charter School, was recently featured in the Baltimore Banner. Travis has combined his love of sports with a passion and talent for photography. Currently a student at City College, Travis is interested in capturing images of fellow student athletes. Check out the feature [here](#) and samples of his photos below!

If you need someone to capture your events, he’s available!



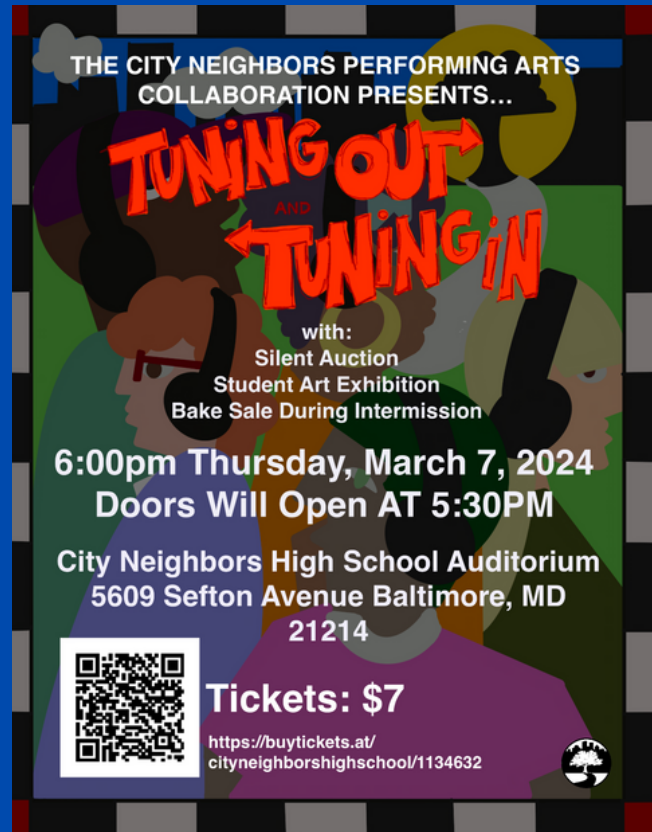
EXCITING ARTS EVENTS AT CITY NEIGHBORS!

TUNING IN AND TUNING OUT: JOIN US!

City Neighbors Charter School, City Neighbors Hamilton, and City Neighbors High School come together for our 2nd Annual Three-School Performance!

Mark your calendars for March 7, 2024, and come be a part of our evening celebrating the ARTS. Everyone is welcome! Our event will showcase City Neighbors students in a range of performances, including singing, spoken word, acting, dancing, steel pan percussion, and more. In addition, we will have a display of student artwork in the area outside of our auditorium. Don't miss out on this artistic experience!

Tickets are only \$7.00 and are on sale now. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.



SYGGE HYGGE: THE CITY NEIGHBORS CHARTER SCHOOL WINTER PERFORMANCE

City Neighbors Charter School recently held its first Sygge Hygge event. The Danish word Hygge refers to a warm and cozy atmosphere, accompanied by good company and positive energy. The school's art department and students converted Hightman Hall into a walking art gallery, creating a welcoming space for families, students, and staff. Attendees were treated to an array of artwork from City Neighbors Charter students, as well as performances featuring musical and acting talents from different grades.



THE 13th ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION SUMMIT



Our 13th Annual Progressive Education Summit was snowed out.

But, stay tuned! The 13th Annual Progressive Education Summit will rise again. We are currently finalizing a new date with Dr. Clint Smith and, once completed, we can hopefully gather everyone together for a day of learning, connecting and aspiring. More news to come!

IN THE MEANTIME...JOIN US AT DIY PD AT CITY NEIGHBORS



Join us on Tuesday, February 27 from 5-6:30 pm for our next DIY PD and Dinner at City Neighbors. DIY PD is an opportunity to connect with like minded educators, participate in two twenty minute learning sessions, and grab dinner. The event is free.

The DIY PD will be in-person at our City Neighbors Charter School location at 4301 Raspe Ave. Click to register [here!](#)

EXPERIENCE BALTIMORE SCHOOLS: A PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION SERIES

Register at www.cityneighborsfoundation.org.



We are very excited to announce a new collaboration with the Park School of Baltimore, Holabird Academy, Watershed Public Charter School, Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School, and Lillie May Carroll Jackson Public Charter School - a new opportunity for those who want to continue learning and connecting with schools right here in Baltimore who are aspiring for child-centered, authentic, and democratic practices.



PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION SERIES EVENTS

THE PARK SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE ADVOC8



FEBRUARY 29, 11 AM - 1 PM
www.parkschool.net

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with facilitators to ask questions and then see our 8th grade students in action, discussing their Advoc8 topics and processes. Advoc8 is a research-based capstone project in our middle school, which asks students to look at and present on root causes of a local issue of justice and equity.

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOLABIRD ACADEMY EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH WELL ROUNDED CURRICULUM EXPERIENCES



MARCH 14, 4:30-6 PM
<https://sites.google.com/bcps.k12.md.us/holabirdacademy/home>

Participants will experience unique school based programming which supports the education of the whole child for students in PK through 8th grade. Participants will rotate through three experiences including Sound Body & Mind (yoga and mindfulness practices); Nature Explorations (sustainability & environmental education); and Immersive Media (3D printing, VR headsets, and programming using tech gear).

WATERSHED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT MATTERS



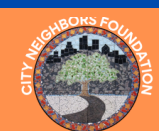
MARCH 29, 1-2:30 PM
www.watershedpcs.org

You are cordially invited to observe and discuss how to use the outdoors to enhance student self-regulation, academic content acquisition and student engagement at any school. Together, we will go outside to see two different styles of outdoor environment usage (even in cold weather) and how teachers use the environment to help students reflect and grow.

Check out www.cityneighborsfoundation.org for other Series Events including:

Montessori 101: Deep Dive into the Children's House on April 9

Activism in Action: LMCJ's Spring Celebration of Learning, students "Taking Action for Equity in Our City" on May 30



CITY NEIGHBORS STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF ADVOCATE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL LEGISLATION

Advocacy is in the DNA of City Neighbors. Last Wednesday, five adults and twenty eight students from our schools traveled to Annapolis to attend the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools' Advocacy Day. Our students, together with advocates from other charter schools and organizations, met with Senator Cory McCray, Representative Caylin Young, and others to support new charter school facilities funding legislation.



Charter schools are the only public schools not to receive facilities funding. Two legislative studies have confirmed this inequity in public school funding. New proposed legislation would, for the first time, allow charter schools to receive facilities funding to support expenses such as debt service, rent, utilities, facility staff, cleaning, safety/security, insurance, landscaping, regular repairs and maintenance, allowing funds intended for student programming to be used to support students.



CITY NEIGHBORS IS HIRING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

SUPPORT AND FOLLOW OUR CITY NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY

WORK WITH US!
 2024-2025 & BEYOND

CITY NEIGHBORS
 PROJECT-BASED . ARTS-INTEGRATED. STUDENT-CENTERED

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- High School Physics Teacher
- Special Education Teachers
- High School Computer Science
- Lower Elementary School Teacher
- Upper Elementary School Teacher

Send your resume and cover letter to:
hiring@cityneighborsfoundation.org

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