

The Parent Circle met last Wednesday, October 12. Below are some highlights. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the parent circle.

Administration Update:

- The Kindergarten classes are beginning to go inside for puppet shows on Wednesdays, put on by Leimomi and Kate.
- It's important to start dressing the children in layers, as the mornings can be cold but the afternoons warm up. Water play is year-round, so they should wear waterproof bibs over their clothes with the straps under the boots.
- Parent-child classes are beginning on Tuesday mornings in the Sycamore classroom. It includes two evening virtual parent-only classes and is for parents of children ages 18-30 months.
- Parent-teacher conferences are coming up on October 31 and November 1. Mariam is also setting aside time to meet with parents during this time.
- The lantern walk is on November 10, and the children will be making lanterns in class. Siblings are welcome to attend the lantern walk.

Board update:

- Kai Parker is the new Board chair.
- The Board has had the first meeting of the year.
- The DEI, Development, and Enrollment Committees are open to all parents.

DEI update:

- The DEI Committee met on October 11.
- The committee is inviting everyone to participate in a book club, reading *How to Raise an AntiRacist* by Ibram X. Kendi. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month indoors at Acorn Hill from 7:30 pm - 9 pm. The next meeting is November 8.

Upcoming events:

- Coffee hour on October 19 at 9:15 in the Sycamore classroom. We will have the clothing exchange at the same time. Bins are by the front door at Acorn Hill if you'd still like to contribute clothes sizes 2-6. Maria will be sorting clothes after drop-off on Tuesday, for those who are able to help.
- Halloween events. In the meadow across from Acorn Hill. Tentative dates and times are Oct. 29: Dogwood at 11, Spruce at 1; Oct. 30: Oak at 11, Willow at 1. Class captains will organize the event for each class. Children generally bring tokens to share for a "trick or treat," and families can bring pumpkins to carve.
- Wee Shoppe on Saturday, Dec. 10. Families can start thinking about small items to make or contribute, generally between \$1 and \$6 each.