



**Community
Partnership
School**

2018

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Dear Friends,

Since 2006, Community Partnership School has been guided by the idea that educational inequity in our city can and must be tackled, not just for individual children and their families, but also for our collective well-being. And tackle it we have! From the year our doors opened to now, that idea has framed every decision we have made, and it informs decisions we make now about our work moving forward.



We have always worked in close partnership with our students' parents and guardians, our volunteers and neighborhood stakeholders, and a host of partner schools, agencies, foundations and corporations. The power of this network facilitates the School's success and, most importantly, our students' growth and well-being. With our first cohort of Fifth Grade graduates—the Class of 2011—now graduating from high school, the evidence supporting the efficacy of this approach continues to expand. And with our relocation on the horizon for 2019, the best for CPS is yet to come!

In the end, CPS' success is a byproduct of many hands and hearts. We are delighted to highlight a number of these individuals and initiatives from the most recent fiscal/school year in the pages that follow. Enjoy and thank you for joining us on this inspiring and impactful journey!

Eric C. Jones, Head of School

many thanks

CLASS VOLUNTEERS

These dedicated individuals served as valuable extensions of our teachers, helping to guide students in their learning.

Jane Bonenberger, Amy Connelly, Susan Feldman, John Good, Carolyn Jacobs, Margie Rooke, Emily Rubinfeld, Laurel Stack, Bob Young

LUNCH BUDDIES

These groups and individuals engaged the children in many meaningful conversations throughout the school year. We are grateful for their help!

Janice Block, Willa Kravitz, Danielle Smith, Waldron-Mercy Academy (7th Grade), and Lombard International

PHOTOGRAPHY

Dr. Marvin Greenbaum graciously volunteered his time and talent to photograph our students in the fall. Many of those photos are included in this report, as well as on our website and in other CPS materials. His past work for us also beautifully represents the school and our students.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Kelly Korman generously shared her design talents with CPS, creating the look for our *Celebrate CPS* materials, as well as promotional material for the Gerald Henderson Charity Golf Invitational and Ladies Luncheon. Her eye-catching and sophisticated work has solidified CPS's visual identity.

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Our Programs



Health and Wellness

These partner organizations helped our students live a healthier lifestyle. They showed us that good health includes outdoor activity, healthy eating and a better understanding of our social and emotional needs.

- Cathedral Village
- Haverford College Farms
- Roots of Unity Program
- Healthy Newsworks
- No Place for Hate
- North Philadelphia Peace Park
- Philadelphia Police Department 22nd Precinct
- Smith Playground
- Styer Orchard
- Temple University Theater



Educational Enrichment

To help our students get even more out of the high-quality education we provide, our Educational Enrichment partners provided lessons and experiences that deepened and broadened the time in and out of the classroom.

- Abington Friends School
- AIM Coaching
- American Jewish History Museum
- The Audubon Society
- Awbury Arboretum
- Erdenheim Farms
- Germantown Friends School
- Haverford School Diversity Conference
- Hilltop Preparatory School
- History Hunters
- Morris Arboretum
- Philadelphia City Hall
- Philadelphia Waterworks
- Please Touch Museum
- Temple University Haitian Student Organization
- The Mutter Museum
- The Penn Museum
- Tree House Books



Arts and Culture

Our Arts and Culture partners showed our students what hard work and creativity can do. They opened up new ways to see the world and new ways for our students to see themselves.

- Art Sanctuary
- Fabric Workshop and Museum
- Kulu Mele
- LaSalle Art Museum
- Odyssey Music
- Philadelphia Art Museum
- Philadelphia Magic Gardens
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- Susan LaPalombara
- World Café Live Connections



The Best Part

Our teachers and staff are the heart of what makes our mission work. They instill a love of learning and others through our Three C's—Curiosity, Compassion and Courage. From math facts to life lessons, they are there every step of the way for our students, for every moment, big and small. We asked them to reflect on what made this year at CPS so special for them.



“The best part of first grade was when I realized that the majority of my students were reading on or above grade level expectations.”

—Teri Dodaro, First Grade Teacher

“The Thanksgiving Feast is wonderful because everyone comes together as a family to eat, and we sing about how much we are thankful for. I love seeing the whole school come together as a community.”

—Christina Volcy, Staff Aide

“During Grandparents’ Day, the grandparents started praising CPS and one said, ‘I wish it could be Grandparents’ Day every day!’ Field Day is also a favorite because the whole community is present—parents, faculty and staff, and outside volunteers all come together.”

—Beth Vaccaro, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

“When the Eagles made it to the NFC Championship Game and we had a spirit day before the game with the kids. The Friday before the Super Bowl was another great experience to share. Then, after the Super Bowl, it was really fun to relive the game with everybody.”

—Nate Seidle, PE Teacher



“Celebrate CPS was especially memorable for me. Third Grade had the opportunity to learn and perform a song to honor our classroom volunteer, and CPS board member, Margie Rooke. Seeing their enthusiasm and hard work come together as Margie was smiling nearby is something we will remember for years to come.”

—Tyler Conway, Third Grade Teacher

“Continent Fair is something unique to CPS. Our kids get to learn about the world and truly experience a different culture. I’m always proud to see all the various tables and displays. I love that our families come to see the learning their children have done, and they are eager to get involved, as well.”

—Emma Bechill, Fifth Grade Teacher



“One of the best things is how the teachers are always cheerleaders for students, navigating between moments of praise and challenge where appropriate, and there were moments where students supported each other by modeling the cheerleader example the teachers have set. Another great aspect of working at CPS always has been working with my teacher friends. Because we are a small staff, we can facilitate professional, classroom, and friendship intimacies. We rely on each other and seek each other out for advice.”

—Deb Flores, Pre-K Teacher

“One thing that will stay with me from this school year is the Student-Officer Story exchange. The Fifth Graders worked so hard on their personal stories and were willing to be vulnerable in sharing them with their officer partners. The kids’ openness invited their partners to go deep themselves, and there was a visible shift in the officers’ affects. Their professional reserve melted. They let go of their self-described ‘robot faces’ and met our students in a place of human mutuality.”

—Eliza Taylor, School Counselor



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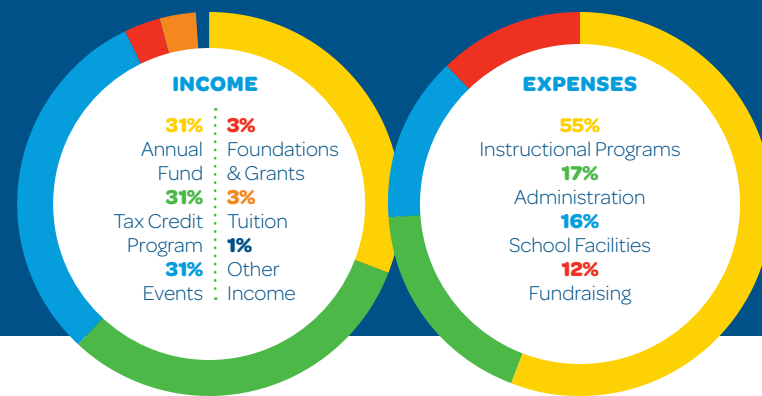
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Special Events

Celebrate CPS 2018: We were overjoyed to honor Margie Rooke for her years of service and for her unending love and support of CPS. The CPS Third Grade started the night off right with a performance to get everyone in a celebratory mood, and NBC10's Aundrea Cline-Thomas graciously joined us again to host the evening. There were many laughs and a few tears as guests reflected on Margie's impact on CPS. Jocelyn Hillman, CPS Board Chair, said it best when she said: *"Margie has an enormous heart, and there is room in there for all of us."* Guests were also treated to a Celebrate CPS first, as we welcomed back the CPS Class of 2011, the first cohort of CPS alums to graduate from high school. We heard from Nasir Young and Ishara Hall about how CPS laid the educational foundation for their successes at William Penn Charter School and Springside Chestnut Hill, respectively. Our nearly 400 guests joined together to give the Class of 2011 a well-deserved standing ovation. The night ended with a record-shattering live auction with help from the volunteer firefighters of Wyndmoor Hose Co. #1. Celebrate CPS 2018 was one for the record books!



An Evening with Jane Sarkin: In November we were invited to be part of An Evening with Jane Sarkin, an event hosted by Neiman Marcus King of Prussia. Eric Jones, CPS Head of School, welcomed the evening's guests and introduced Taylor Ford (CPS '15), who shared remarks about how her time at CPS helped shape her as both a student and a community member. Guests were then treated to great stories and insights from Jane Sarkin's impressive career in journalism, including her more than two decades as Features Editor at Vanity Fair. Ms. Sarkin spoke of the importance of persistence, perseverance, and creating your own path in life. These tenets also speak to the Community Partnership School mission and vision. We are grateful to the event's host committee, our generous partners at Neiman Marcus King of Prussia, and our keynote speaker Jane Sarkin, for helping to make this evening a memorable success.



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All 5th Graders (CLASS OF 2018)

HAD TWO OR MORE MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

ALL 5TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO WILL ATTEND
ADMISSION-BASED SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST

50% Tuition Assistance

Class of 2015

Some of our rising
9th Graders will be attending
these high schools:

- Neumann-Goretti High School
- Germantown Academy
- Germantown Friends School
- The Phelps School
- Little Flower High School
- Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
- Abington Friends School

Class of 2011

Our first class of
CPS graduates is heading
off to these colleges:

- Hampton University
- Kutztown University
- LaSalle University
- Virginia State University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- University of Delaware