WELCOME address by PTP President and introduction of new PTP Officers and Committee/Event Chairs.

PTP Officers:

President – Blessing Enekwe
Serves on the advisory board for the PTP – tuition was a topic of discussion and there are increases slated for the future. If you have an interest in being part of the discussion or would like to comment, please see Blessing. Please note, though, that the CYC is a self-sustaining unit so any increases to salaries (such as COLAs) must be self-funded. Tuition will have to increase but how it will increase is open for discussion.

Vice President – Jacqueline Kautzer
Overseeing fundraising/development. Is there interest in having a T-shirt sale? If you have ideas or suggestions. Please see Jackie.

Secretary – Patricia Woodwell
Please note the PTP Bulletin Board in the front vestibule. This will have postings of meeting or events. At the bottom of the board is a “Community PTP” area where the CYC community can post notices of items of interest, things to sell, information that could be useful, etc. If you have items you would like to post, email them to Patty.

Treasurer – Hilary Sazama
Would like to be transparent with the budget. Please see slides at the end of the minutes. The bulk of the funds come from the Silent Auction. Funds are also raised through the Book Fair, Families Night Out, and other miscellaneous fundraisers such as the Wee Sale. The PTP will be purchasing new chair racks for the CYC and will once again, fund teacher gifts.

POSITIONS STILL NEEDED! This is a wonderful way to fulfill your PTP points requirement!
Purple Room Representative
Giant Bonus Bucks Coordinator

Committee/Events:

Historian (Aimee Duncan, Chair) - The historian creates and maintains notes and outlines for past events to facilitate planning for future years. If you have any materials, please send them to Aimee.

Major Fundraising Team (Meghan Simpson, Margaret Bereano, Erin Hogan) - We had a very successful Silent Auction last year and this was the main fundraising event. A mini-survey was done of CYC parents regarding the types of fundraising to do. The consensus seemed to be more family-oriented events for fundraising. Stay tuned for further fundraising event opportunities! If you are interested in assisting or have experience in this area, feel free to reach out to one of us.

International Picnic (Ying Li, Chair) – Our major community building event will happen on Saturday, October 20th from 10am – 1pm. An email was sent out about the event – please note the various volunteer opportunities that will be available for service points at this event. Parents will bring dishes to share and children can play! Will have craft tables/activities and we will be doing clay lamp (deepa) decorating to celebrate Diwali (the Hindu Festival of Lights) as one of the activities. There will be 2 student performance teams from UMD and are open to having talent performances by kids or parents. It is a nice time to mingle/share with other parents – bring your extended family, all are welcome! Feel free to dress in ethnic clothes/costumes to celebrate our diversity here at the CYC.

Book Fair (Lisa Hathaway, Chair) – The book fair is set for December 6-12th. Will communicate via email and flyers as the time approaches and details are more forthcoming. Please note that December 7th is the parent/teacher conference day so come prepared to go shopping for the holidays! You can also earn service points by working at the Book Fair. See Lisa for details if you are interested.
**Teachers Luncheon** *(Amanda Pike-McCradden, Chair)* – Teachers Luncheon will happen twice a year – in the fall and spring. It is an opportunity for us as parents to show our appreciation to the teachers for all they do for our children throughout the year. Information will become available as we draw closer to those dates.

**Family Night Out** *(Stacy Siegel, Chair)* – This is not only a funding opportunity but also an opportunity for us to join together to be able to spend time outside of dropping off and picking up kids and socialize a bit more. There will be approximately one a month (if possible) and the first will be Wednesday, 10/10 at Potomac Pizza on Route 1. Come out and support the CYC as we will receive 20% of the sales that evening from either dine-in or carry-out! Will be sending out a doodle-poll to see what restaurants may be preferred for future FNOs! Stay tuned for future emails to alert us to upcoming FNOs!

**GREEN Committee** *(Ms. Vera Wiest, CYC In-house Sub & Web Developer, Jackie Madoo, Chair)* - The CYC is a Maryland Green School. We have Trash-Free Tuesdays – the Blue Room weighs the trash for the school on Tuesdays and this past Tuesday we had only 2.5oz of trash for over 100 people! We teach the kids to be as green as possible – composting in the rooms, recycling and trying to keep as little as possible in landfills. Please compost at home! To encourage being ‘green’, for the International Picnic, we will use actual plates and not disposables. Vera has volunteered to wash dishes and other volunteers are welcome to assist (for service points even!) If we all do this, the PTP will buy each classroom a subscription to *Ranger Rick* magazine. Please join the Green Committee if you are interested!

**MUSIC program at CYC** *(Mr. M)* - Mr. M is in charge of the CYC Music programs and comes twice a week – one day is a circle time with instruments and dance and the other is a sing-along day. He teaches traditional songs and dances. We all remember songs we learned from when we were young and he is very happy to teach these kinds of songs to our kids. Two dates to keep in mind: 12/20 – Winter Family Sing-Along in the Great Room at the CYC, 5/30 – Family Dance at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. More information will be sent as these events and other events get closer. Please come say hello to me and tell me who your child is!

**FAMILIES READ program** *(Ms. Anne Daniel, CYC Asst. Director & Becca Rapoport, Chair)* - This program started in 2004 and we are in our 14th year! We have a 95% average participation rate. Mrs. Daniel chooses 5-8 books for the program twice a year (we are so fortunate to have her as she is an expert in this area having taught early childhood children’s literature at UMD for 17 years!) The Families Read program/books are on a bulletin board and bookcase in the Great Room. Every child gets a punch card, and once they read a book in the program, Mrs. Daniel talks to them about the book and they punch their card and put a pompom in the corresponding jar as a visual aid as to how many children have read each book so far. There is also a book report form to fill out for each book. It is an excellent way for children to give their opinions and have their voices heard. At the end of each fall and spring, every child who has read all the books gets a certificate. A table will be set up in the entry foyer to help explain the program and introduce the books. This fall, the Families Read program books are:

- *A Pile of Leaves* – Jason Fulford and Tamara Shopsin
- *Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep* – April Pulley Sayre
- *Who Done It?* – Olivier Tallec
- *Caps for Sale* – Esphyr Slobodkina
- *My Favorite Things* – Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein
- *Little Humans* – Brandon Stanton
- *Help Find Frank* – Anne Bollman

The CYC Lending Library is open! It is located outside Ms. Daniel’s office door in the main hallway.

**CLASSROOM/COMMITTEE Updates:**

**Red Room** *(Rita Choula, Rep)* – The children are getting to know each other and the class rules. They created books for the classroom to send home and are working “All About Me” books. We had to say goodbye to Ms. Bowman, one of the Red Room teachers, we will miss hers spirit and her love for our children. We will have a new teacher, Ms. Kain joining the Red Room.
Orange Room (Susan Miller, Rep) – We have been learning rules and getting to know about families. Learning about voting, using surveys, and graphs – pancakes or applesauce? Shoes or Noodles? Comparisons. Will vote on what to study.

Yellow Room (Caitlin Marshall, Rep) – Working on book-making to introduce families to kids. Doing observations and making observational drawings. Working on family projects – practicing public speaking to introduce them. Learning to sort in different ways – gender/age/etc. Making a graph of “only/youngest/oldest”.

Green Room (Bryon Bereano, Rep) - Acclimated to the room, learning its stations, etc. Used puppets to demonstrate social interactions and how to resolve things in a kind manner. Investigating other pets in CYC and determining what their new pet will be.

Blue Room (Stacey Carlson, Rep) – Learned about Blue Room privileges and having grown-up privileges. Wrote a Blue Room “Important” book – important things to know about each person. Practiced literacy block, writing/drawing, measuring heights, etc. Study will be Playgrounds!

Purple Room (POSITION OPEN, Rep) – Made a book for Ms. Sampson’s baby. Learning names. Found a grub in the garden – so exploring pictures/lists, etc. Bringing in critters for a closer look. Study will be ‘things in the garden’.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- CYC Facebook Page – get info/address from Ms. Hurst (Orange Room teacher). Please follow us!
- Family Directory will be coming soon!
- School Portraits will be on October 23rd!

QUESTIONS/COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM:

- Summer Camp at CYC enabled some parents to have a conversation about schools that children will go to upon leaving CYC. Could this possible be a community event? The Blue Room does do an email to former parents with feedback to share.
- Do an alumni flyer? “Where are you now?”
- Invite former CYC families to events like Families Night Out.
- Do a closed Facebook group? Current parents and alumni to exchange information. Perhaps start a bimonthly thing by reaching out to alumni? A sort of “What Do You Wish You Had Known?” etc.

If you have any ideas you’d like to share or would like to assist or participate in the PTP, please contact any of the PTP officers or email cyc-ptp@umd.edu.

Next PTP Meeting will be held a day early on Tuesday, December 4th due to the Book Fair – hope to see you there!
PTP Funds 2017-2018

Fund Sources and Allocations

PTP 2017-2018 Fund Sources

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- Auction: 92.3%
- Miscellaneous: 2.9%
- Family Night Out: 2.6%
- Book Fair: 2.2%

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* Wee sale, yard sale, closet clean out.

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- Event Expenses: 30.4%
- Families Read: 1.1%
- Magazine Subscription: 1.3%
- PTP Meeting Costs: 33.6%
- Teacher Gifts: 28.5%
- PTP Gift: 5.1%

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