Director’s report (Mona Leigh Guha) Reminder about the CYC Snow Policy – 99% we follow Prince George’s County. Will send out a CYC-ALL email to alert parents. Please do not check the College of Education website as it may not be in ‘real-time’. It may also be on Facebook (Ms. Hurst in the Orange Room will update that.) A delayed start for UMD will usually coincide with a delayed start for the CYC as they do defer to UMD since CYC is on the campus.

Please hold the front door open ONLY for people you know – it is a secure building and it is for the safety of your children.

A letter addressing Morning and Afternoon Gathering costs was sent out. CYC is a self-support unit so almost all costs are the CYC’s responsibility (save for two employee lines). There will be a 5% sibling discount for Morning or Afternoon Gathering. The move to split this out has been in the works for years and is more in keeping with their philosophy of being a school rather than a daycare. Addressed some questions by parents regarding flexibility, hours, cost increases, impacts, financial aid availability, etc. Concern from parents was less about the cost increase (although it could be hefty if both morning and afternoon is needed) but more about the communication and the lack of flexibility. Mona is happy to meet with people to address their questions/concerns.

Music Program (Mr. M) Reminder of upcoming events (will send out an email):
- Dec 19th at 4pm – 11th Annual Winter Family Sing-Along in the Great Room
- Feb 2-3 – Singing songs from Sendak/Nutshell books at Old Parish House in College Park, MD
- May 31 at 4:45 – Annual Family Dance at the Clarice Performing Arts Center.

Committee/Events:

International Picnic (Ying Li, Chair) – It was a great success with very yummy dishes! Thank you to everyone who participated. Had craft activities and performance groups. Would like feedback on how to improve for next year or to say what was great. Please email liyingfe@gmail.com

Book Fair (Lisa Hathaway, Chair) – Will be held December 8-13th. Hours are 8-9:30am, 12noon-1pm, and 3-5pm. Please come and buy books for kids to contribute funding for the CYC PTP! Still have volunteer possibilities (1 hour = 1 service point!)

Teachers Luncheon (Deb Patra, Chair) – An opportunity to thank teachers for their efforts on behalf of our children! Please check for still available spots!

Family Night Out (Blessing Enekwe, Chair) – In October, we raised $118.96 from Potomac Pizza! On December 18th, there will be a Family Night out at Jason’s Deli starting at 5pm. Please RSVP online https://www.groupraise.com/events/46077-cyc-umd-at-jason-s-deli by Fri, Dec 15 if you plan to attend. Need to have 20 people or it will be cancelled. The next Family Night Out will be at Franklin’s in Hyattsville – date to be announced, but about Feb 12th. On March 5th, there will be another Family Night Out at Potomac Pizza. If you have any ideas for Family Night Out, please contact Blessing (bessingo@gmail.com).

Silent Auction (Margaret Bereano & Meghan Simpson, Co-Chairs) - The PTP’s biggest fundraising event will be on Saturday, April 21st. Still looking for a place. Emails regarding this will start in the new year.
We will need volunteers to work at and staff the event! Please start thinking about possible donations! If you have ideas, please contact us.

**Research Update** (*Kathleen Feeney, CYC Research Specialist*) – Thanks to our parents who gave consent for studies! Have several ongoing now and new ones will start in the Spring. Please look for and participate in these opportunities!

**CLASSROOM/COMMITTEE Updates:**
- **Red Room** (*Craig and Becca Kier, Rep*) – Doing a vehicle study. Were doing bikes, now focusing on cars. Going to Andy’s Auto Parts and a possibility of being on tv! Will do trucks and emergency vehicles.
- **Yellow Room** (*Megi Renjilian, Rep*) – Doing an airplane study. The class bird died. Had field trips to airport and aviation museum. Labeled parts, did homework. Compared past and present airplanes. Made their own airplane museum.
- **Blue Room** (*Alison Minoque, Rep*) – Doing a photography study. Saw National Geographic award winners. Went to the photo lab on campus, the college of Journalism, and the Portrait Gallery.
- **Purple Room** (*Kristy Murray, Rep*) – Doing a study on farm animals – voted and horses won! Went on field trips to campus farm and Big Purple Barn. Touched animals, Had a board game and counting games, and behaved like animals. Got to see real animals.

**Additional Notes:** Be sure to write down the points you’ve earned in the dedicated points books in the classrooms. This is the parent’s responsibility and Ms. Daniel will check them.

Next PTP Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21st – see you there!