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To: Board of Education
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RE: Board Report
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Community Engagement

- **Community Connections** – The Spring/Summer Catalog went live today featuring cover art from a CSD student. This is part of a new cover art contest to involve each school's participation in drawing the covers for our future catalogs.
- **Arts Collaborative Advisory Board** - We last met on Monday, March 2nd. We have narrowed in on a possible name, and we will be sharing that in the near future. In addition, we have developed programming needs, action steps, and working on a timeline with the thought of starting to run a few classes this spring. We are very excited about our progress.
- **Social Media Initiatives-** We are working on engaging content to highlight staff appreciation, March is Reading Month, and spring/summer programming. We also focused on highlighting our incredible staff during staff appreciation week.

Preschool and After Care

- We had a successful Preschool Carnival last month! We had a large turnout, and appreciate all of the support from our families and community. It was a great event.
- For the past six months, we have spent time reviewing our programming schedules and fee structure for preschool and after care. We looked at care options offered throughout our local community as well as comparables in surrounding areas. In addition, we are striving to better align with our school district in terms of schedule. Taking all of this into consideration, we made some changes to Preschool and Aftercare options and shared them with families. After some initial feedback, we made some minor adjustments to support the needs of our families in terms of scheduled after care options.
- In Preschool we are kicking off March is Reading month with our preschoolers and starting a love for reading early. We're excited to welcome special guests all month long for unique and engaging reading experiences. We'll also kick off the month with Hot Cocoa Storytime on March 5 at 6:30 on Zoom.
- Aftercare has been busy with special events like Thumb Day and our upcoming Middle Name Day. Camp GABIKA registration is open for enrollment and we can't wait to have another fun and busy summer filled with exciting activities, bus field trips, and local visitors.

Community Education

- **Adult Education & Enrichment** – Spring and Summer programming is rolling out. Pottery is continuing as one of our most popular adult courses. We are working with our art instructors to see what other art offerings we can provide for the increase in interest. We also hope to continue expand our offerings as we work toward opening a fine arts enrichment center, particularly in the areas of technical theater and acting.
- **Youth Programming** - Summer camp planning is in full swing. We are putting together the details for WRAP Camp, CAP Theater Camp, and Safety Town. We are also incorporating Mad Science and Chess camps this summer as continuations from the after school programs we are currently providing.
- **Facility Use** – An updated facility use guide is complete, as well as a staff specific guide. Both of these will be sent out this spring.