ANC 6C Commissioner and proud Maury School parent Anne Phelps at the July 4th Parade.

Photo: Andrew Lightman
Kids on the Hill

Moms on the Hill is both a virtual and real-world community. It exists in the realm of cyber space and within the hearts of the community of parents on the Hill who have found friendship, information and sometimes solace within the mysterious world of Xs and Os.

MOTH now boasts nearly 2500 members on the simple Yahoo list serve. It is by far the most active community list serve on Capitol Hill with hundreds of messages being exchanged weekly. The Yahoo Group has served as the backbone of the community for almost 8 years.

MOTH began out of a weekly play-group that began meeting at the Breastfeeding Center downtown. The Hill-based moms began meeting several times a week at each other’s homes and in the parks. We began to meet socially (without our kids!) for the occasional MNOs as well. (MNO is internet shorthand for Moms Night Out.)

Our little group was constantly increasing. Whenever we ran into an exhausted, shell-shocked, new mom at the Safeway or the old Stompin’ Grounds coffee shop we would add her to our email lists and she would begin meeting up with us.

The number of emails were beginning to annoy some, so the clever Rocio Gonzalez set up a Yahoo Club where we all could join and hash out our schedules online without clogging up communal in-boxes at home. That was it. There were maybe 10 of us on that original list serve. We all were fairly close at that point and a scroll through those old emails shows the easy humor we shared. The list serve made it easy for our friends who worked outside the home to keep in touch with us.

But a good idea can’t be stopped! We all continued our practice of adding new moms on a random basis. Then I wrote a piece for the Hill Rag talking about new parenthood and how MOTH saved my life and that of my new friends. I included my email in my article and the requests to join started pouring in.

That was the first time we had to establish rules or guidelines for MOTH. The group is not open to the public. One must be invited to join. The only criteria for membership are parenthood and living on the Hill. I realized that I could not verify that parenthood status through email. We began requiring potential new MOTHs to meet us at the park for a playgroup. This

Connecting with Moms on the Hill

BY JEN DEMAYO

Lincoln Park on a Sunday. Photo: Helen Betts.
practice quickly became ridiculous and unwieldy.

Luckily I began adding fellow MOTH die-hard fans to join me in moderating what was quickly becoming a full-time job for me. The membership had grown beyond being made up of “my” friends. There were and are many people with wildly different opinions on parenting styles and politics. The debates over topics like birthing choices and sleep training techniques could get heated and occasionally ugly. What saved MOTH from deteriorating into a snarkfest, which has happened on other parenting forums, was the fact that we kept the membership local and that we established posting rules and guidelines.

The rules are fairly simple; you may not agree with someone but you may not call her an idiot. Debate is not forbidden. MOTHs may post their passionate feelings but they may not resort to insults and name calling. Members have done an excellent job of policing themselves. When rules are broken the moderators quietly issue warnings offline.

As the site and our children grew we began to look beyond the cribs and out into our community. Meg Shapiro began coordinating a Thanksgiving basket drive benefiting families being helped by the Capitol Hill Group Ministry. Education-minded folks began a School Information Night (lovingly referred to as SIN) as a way to gather all of the available school options into one room to inform local parents of their choices. Fun-loving MOTHs established the yearly MOTH picnic complete with the Northeast vs. Southeast Tug of War competition.

As MOTH has matured, the moderators still strive to maintain an environment where members can comfortably share and ask questions. Unlike the more expansive DC Urban Moms list serve, we deem no topic as being OT (that's Off Topic in internetese.) We consider all of life to be a part of parenting and therefore allow folks to post as they want. The concept is quintessential old-fashioned neighborliness and yet would be impossible without the internet. I love bringing dinner to strangers! It's a truly intimate gesture which acknowledges our shared experience and illustrates the way we accept help when we need it and give help when we are able.

Individual members have led initiatives during the WASA lead crisis; they have given rise to new strong support groups behind Brent Elementary, Maury Elementary, Ludlow-Taylor Elementary, Tyler Elementary and to Two Rivers Public Charter School. Individual MOTHs organized a massive support drive for the victims of hurricane Katrina and for local families during times of need.

My personal favorite “program” of MOTH is Meals on Wheels. Members sign up on an online database on the MOTH site and volunteer to bring dinner to a family with a new baby. The concept is quintessential old-fashioned neighborliness and yet would be impossible without the internet. I love bringing dinner to strangers! It's a truly intimate gesture which acknowledges our shared experience and illustrates the way we accept help when we need it and give help when we are able.

Those of us who were around at the beginning of MOTH marvel at how it's changed and how vast the reach is. We don't force people to leave the site when they move which has been a tremendous asset to the reach of MOTH. We have very active members who post frequently from around the country and overseas. Many folks move away only to return to the Hill eventually. As anyone who has moved away can tell you, there is nothing like MOTH anywhere else.

To Join MOTH:
Please send an email directly to Moth-invites@yahoo.com and include the name, email address, Hill address, and parent or parent-to-be status of the person you wish to invite. Please submit only the names of parents who live on the Hill, as this is a parents’ site for Hill residents - and former Hill residents - only.

Our boundaries are:

North and South Capitol to the west, the river to the east, and the two M streets to the north and south.

If you have any questions, please email the moderators at momsonthehill-owner@yahoogroups.com. ★

MOTH moms at the annual MOTH picnic held in June.
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<td>• Sports On The Hill and Nearby</td>
<td>GSA Child Care Centers: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/childcare">www.gsa.gov/childcare</a> GSA manages over 110 childcare centers across the country. Find a complete listing of these centers as well as helpful links for government and non-government child care resources at the GSA Web site.</td>
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www.whitehousenannies.com
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Also check the Day Care Directory that follows in this section of the guide. Remember to check the references for any caregiver, and visit the facility to ensure that it is an acceptable setting.

CHILDREN’S CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts
National Capitol Area Council (NCAC)
9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20814
301-530-9360
www.boyscouts-nCAC.org
The NCAC is one of the largest Boy Scouts of America (BSA) councils, with 16 metro area counties and DC. Several units meet on the Hill. Call for info on troop meeting places and times. Volunteer opportunities available for adults.

Chinese Language on the Hill
202-885-9406
www.ChineseHorizon.com/consultant/
Prof. Helen Zhu specializes in adult and children training, teacher training and curriculum development for schools and organizations. She offers one-on-one private, two-person group, adult group and children’s group instruction.

Stuart and Sawyer sell hot chocolate in front of their home on 6th St.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
301-562-2000
www.bgCgw.org
Hopkins Branch
1000 12th St. SE
202-724-8510
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington are open to boys and girls of all backgrounds, with an emphasis on at-risk youth. The club mission is to help young people build confidence, develop character and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults. Activities include: art & crafts, career exploration, job training, individual and family counseling, tutoring, community service projects, field trips, and college preparation and selection. Facilities include a computer lab, games room, dance studio and gym. Volunteer opportunities available for adults.

Girl Scouts
Girl Scout Council of the Nations Capital
4301 Connecticut Ave. NW Ste. M-2
Girl Scouting is dedicated to helping girls develop their full potential. Open to all girls ages 5-17. Volunteer opportunities available for adults.

Higher Achievement Program
317 Eighth St. NE
202-544-3633
www.higherachievement.org
The program offers middle school students year-round educational enrichment opportunities through after-school and summer academies. The Ward 6 center is located at Ludlow-Taylor elementary school.

Capitol Hill and the Washington area abound with weekend activities and workshops for children. The following are just a few options available.

Adventure Theater
Atlas Performing Arts Center
1333 H St. NE
202-399-7993
www.atlasarts.org/classes.php
Washington’s oldest children’s theater company offers drama classes for kids aged 2-12.

Capital Children’s Museum
202-675-4120
www.nationalchildrensmuseum.org
The Capital Children’s Museum will reopen in 2013 with a new name and a new location. The new National Children’s Museum will be housed in a 140,000 square-foot space at L’Enfant Plaza. In the interim, check the museum’s Web site for listings of special events for its “Museum Without Walls.”

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW)
545 Seventh St. SE
202-547-6839, www.chaw.org
CHAW's after-school youth arts program has an extensive range of classes in art, music, dance and drama for children 5-12 years old. Van pickup from area schools is available. Summer day-camp programs provide an arts intensive experience. Private music instruction is also available. See ad on page 163

Capitol Hill Youth Chorus
202-547-6839
www.chaw.org/youth_chorus.php3
The Capitol Hill Youth Chorus offers professional voice instruction to all children ages 6 and up. Children are not required to audition; the only qualification is a desire to learn, rehearse, and perform. Scholarships are available.

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Corcoran Gallery of Art
500 17th St. NW
202-639-1700, www.corcoran.org
The Corcoran Gallery of Art sponsors family days that are either free for all or free for members with a small fee for non-members. Family days in the past have included art-making workshops, storytelling, live music, theatrical performances, and tours of the Corcoran's current exhibition. Family workshops on select Saturdays include a tour and an artist-led activity for kids ages 8-12. Art and sculpture classes offered year-round for children ages 4 and up.

Dale Shifler
301-991-4300
ashifler@msn.com
For eight years, Dale Shifler has been teaching piano through a creative and discovery approach to students of all ages. His lessons are held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on the Hill. Shifler holds performance degrees from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and New England Conservatory of Music.
See ad on page 163

Itsy Bitsy Yoga
St. Mark’s Yoga Center
301 A St. SE
202-546-4964
www.stmarks.net/arts/yoga.html
Rebecca Gitter teaches two classes, one for babies aged 4 weeks to almost crawling and the other for crawlers to age 3. Classes are $14 each or $60 for five classes.

The Family Room
411 Eighth St. SE,
Second floor
202-640-1865
www.thefamilyroomdc.com
The Family Room offers Kindermusik classes for infants and children up to age 5, including a Sign and Sing course. They also have French and Spanish language classes and story times. Some classes are part of a session, but others are drop-in on a first-come, first-served basis, and some are free with admission.
See ad on page 163

Healthy Motions Massage Therapy
702 K St. NE - Lower Level
202-246-4738
www.healthymotions.com/Infant_Massage.html
Healthy Motions offers infant massage classes for babies from 4 weeks to pre-crawling with instructor Granetta Coleman.

Joy of Motion
Atlas Performing Arts Center
1333 H St. NE
202-399-6763, www.joyofmotion.org
Joy of Motion offers an early childhood dance program called Kidmotion, summer youth dance camps, a youth dance ensemble program for young children who are interested in making dance a primary focus, and youth dance companies for young dancers. Youth classes are available for children ages 3 to 18. Toddler classes begin at 13 months of age. Joy of Motion offers classes in: creative movement, dance basics, ballet, kid-hop, tap, broadway jazz, modern dance, hip-hop (for older children), flamenco/Spanish dance, belly dancing, break dancing, street jazz, ballroom and salsa dance.

Mary Leonino
Capitol Hill
202-544-3106
Performing arts: music and movement, visual art, kids band, Chinese opera, dance, yoga, piano, voice, therapeutic arts and more. All ages welcome.
See ad on page 163

Neighbors United
P.O. Box 15479, Washington, DC 20003
202-441-2755
www.neighborsuniteddc.org
Neighbors United is a non-profit organization founded two years ago. It is offering programs in the former Computer Corner at 15th and D Street, SE, as well as
youth programs in the Payne Elementary School Recreation Center including after-school academic programs, sports programs including basketball and cheerleading, and an SAT prep course at Eastern High School. For more information contact Executive Director Jerry May at jmay@neighborsuniteddc.org.

**St. Mark’s Dance Studio**
301 A St. SE
202-543-0054
www.stmarks.net/arts/dance.html
For over 40 years the St. Mark’s Dance Studio has trained dancers in ballet and jazz, primarily. Classes are for pre-schoolers, children, teens, and adults; from beginner to advanced level. Pilates and Parent/Me Classes are also available.

**Shakespeare Theatre Company**
516 Eighth St. SE
202-547-5688
shakespearetheatre.org/education
The Shakespeare Theatre Company has a few different programs through the Company’s school programs that target young people. Students ages 10-18 can enroll in Camp Shakespeare, high school students can participate in workshops in-school, and teachers can work with the Company to learn the best approach to integrating the arts and theatre into the curriculum. Master acting classes are also available for young adults.

**Washington DC JCC**
1529 16th St. NW
202-518-9400
http://washingtondcjcc.org/kids-and-parents/
The Washington DC Jewish Community Center (DCJCC) offers programs for infants, pre-school for toddlers, and summer camp and after-school classes for school-aged children.

**CHILDREN’S CONSIGNMENT OUTLETS**

**Merry-Go-Round Kids Clothing**
1244 H St. NE
202-236-3948
Opened in 2008, they sell gently used children’s clothing. Hand-selected and in impeccable condition, owner Charlene Anderson provides a wide selection of designer children’s clothing at a reasonable price.
See ad on page 99

**Monkey’s Uncle**
323 Seventh St. SE
202-543-6471
monkeysuncleontheshill.com
A new consignment store on Capitol Hill, and a great resource for parents looking for gently used or sometimes new clothes at very reasonable prices. Buy or sell. Consignments will only be accepted during the week. Hours: Tues - Wed 10:30am - 6 pm; Thurs 11am - 7 pm; Fri 10:30am - 6 pm; Sat 9am - 6 pm; Sun11am - 5pm. Check website to confirm hours and consignment guidelines.
See ad on page 99

**CLOTHING, BOOKS, DECOR, FURNITURE AND TOYS**

**Dawn Price Baby**
325 Seventh St. SE
202-543-2920, www.dawnpricebaby.com
Dawn Price Baby sells unique, high-quality children’s products -- clothing, furniture, baby care items, and toys. Baby registry available.
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**Fairy Godmother**
319 Seventh St. SE
202-547-5474
This children’s store has thousands of children’s books, classic toys, and tasty kid’s treats for sale. Story time held on occasion.
See ad on page 97

**Groovyland Toys**
425 Eighth St. SE
202-544-7474, www.groovydc.com
Whether you need to find a gift for your nephew or reconnect with your inner-child, visit this playland of plush stuffed animals, art supplies, a good selection of puzzles, children’s books, novelty toys, old school classic toys, puppets, wagons, fun hats and much more.

**Spoiled and Rotten Kids Boutique and Spa**
1204 H St. NE, Second Floor
202-277-1772
www.spoiledrottenboutiqueandspa.com
Kids (and parents) can shop for organic children’s clothing and regular apparel, and get a manicure in the same visit at this boutique on H Street.
See ad on page 99

**Surlemur**
202-547-3197, surlemur04@yahoo.com
Surlemur is a Capitol Hill company that offers custom hand-painted murals for babies and children. Artist Heather Lezla, a Capitol Hill mom, will work with your child to create a one-of-a-kind mural design. She will give your child a room that inspires dreams and sparks their imagination. Heather has a degree in art from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and has for more than 15 years of museum experience. Contact Heather.
See ad on page 163

**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

**Amigas Vecinas**
www.geocities.com/amigas_y_vecinas
Amigas Vecinas was formed as an online group for parents in the DC area, who are interested in raising their children bilingually in Spanish. Monthly meetings, playgroups, adult enrichment lectures, local bilingual family events, educational resources, and online discussions are available to members.

**Car Seat Installation and Inspection**
DC Fire/EMS
1923 Vermont Ave. NW
(off of U Street)
Contact: Terrie Matthews
202-904-6887
www.fems.dc.gov
DC Fire/EMS offers residents the opportunity to have certified child safety seat technicians install and inspect child seats in their vehicles Monday to Friday between 8am and 4pm at 1923 Vermont Avenue NW. Call Terrie Matthews at 202-904-6887 to make an appointment. They also offer the service on the second Saturday of each month at two rotating locations: Engine Company 24 at 5101 Georgia Avenue NW or Engine Company 33 at 101 Atlantic Street SE. Check the Calendar on the FEMS website to find out where the monthly session will be held.

**DC Metro Dads**
www.dcmetrodads.com
DC Metro Dads is a local support network for stay-at-home-dads offering organized events like playgroups, Dads Nights Out, lunches, and camping trips.

**The Family Room**
411 Eighth St. SE, Second floor
202-640-1865
www.thefamilyroomdc.com
The Family Room provides a safe, child-friendly environment that allows kids to...
play and parents and caregivers to be adults...kids will be close enough for you to monitor, yet far enough for you to get away. See ad on page 163

**International Moms Club**  
[www.momsclub.org](http://www.momsclub.org)

Local chapters organize playgroups and provide support to stay-at-home mothers. The club's goals are: to provide a support group for mothers who choose to stay at home to raise their children; to provide a forum for topics of interest to mothers; to help children in the community; and to perform at least one service project yearly helping needy children. For more information on local meetings, please visit the Web site.

**Interracial Family Circle (IFC)**  
[www.interracialfamilycircle.org](http://www.interracialfamilycircle.org)

A support group for interracial families offering programs to educate members and the greater community about issues pertaining to interracial and multicultural families. IFC also sponsors social events and activities geared to young children and adolescents.

**La Leche League (LLL)**  
[www.llofmd-de-dc.org](http://www.llofmd-de-dc.org)

The mission of La Leche League is to help mothers worldwide to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, education, information, and encouragement and to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother.

**MoTH (Moms on the Hill)**  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/momsonthehill](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/momsonthehill)  
momsonthehillowner@yahoo.com

MoTH is open to moms, dads, and guardians on Capitol Hill. This support group has over 2,400 members who discuss parenting issues on the listserv and meet up for many activities around the Hill, like playgroups, Meals on Wheels for families with new arrivals, education fairs and community activities. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about MoTH, please e-mail momsonthehillowner@yahoo.com. (See article at the beginning of this section.)

**Mocha Moms**  
[www.mochamoms.org](http://www.mochamoms.org)

MoTH, please e-mail momsonthehillowner@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining or finding out more about MoTH. Mocha Moms is a support group for stay at home moms of color with chapters across the country. Members organize "mommy & me" outings, meet & greet teas, moms only events, book clubs, scrapbook clubs, and community service projects.

**Parents without Partners**  
PO Box 2889  
Gaithersburg, Md. 20886  
301-588-9354  
[www.pwp60.org](http://www.pwp60.org)

The group organizes family events, socials and discussions for single parents.

**Rainbow Families DC**  
[www.rainbowfamiliesdc.org](http://www.rainbowfamiliesdc.org)

A social and support group for DC-area lesbian and gay parents. The listserv includes information about upcoming events, area resources and more.

**ShalomBaby**  
[www.shalomdc.org](http://www.shalomdc.org)

ShalomBaby is a program to welcome any Jewish baby born or adopted within the past 12 months to the Washington Jewish community. If you would like to receive a "ShalomBaby Welcome to our World" baby bag, call 301-770-4848. ShalomBaby Welcome Ambassadors are also needed. For more information on becoming a Welcome Ambassador, call 1-888-246-1818.

**Destinations for the Whole Family**

**The Children’s Discovery Theater**  
Smithsonian  
1100 Jefferson Drive SW  
202-633-8700  
[www.discoverytheater.si.edu](http://www.discoverytheater.si.edu)

The Smithsonian’s Discovery Theater, located in the Ripley Center on the National Mall, delivers live performances for young people. Each season more than 300 performances of thirty productions feature puppets, storytellers, dancers, actors, musicians, and mime performances that present classic stories for children, folk tales from all over the world, American history and cultures, and innovative theater techniques. Discovery Theater strives to unite ideologies, enact themes that reflect the diversity of its audiences, open avenues of self-reflection, and demonstrate life’s lessons. Visit the Web site for show times.

**International Spy Museum**  
800 F St. NW  
202-393-7798 (202-EYE-SPY-U)  
[www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org)

The International Spy Museum is the only museum of its kind in the world. Children and families are invited to partake in workshops that teach disguise-making, spy gadgetry, spy science, and inventing concealment devices. Spy Adventure overnights in the Museum provide kids with a "behind the scenes" look at the Museum and the world of espionage. A self-guided tour designed especially for families, highlights areas of the Museum’s exhibitions and collection that are of particular interest to kids. Free admission for DC public school fifth graders.

**Living Classrooms**  
(home of Discovery Creek Children’s Museum of Washington)  
202-488-0627,  
[livingclassroomsdc.org](http://livingclassroomsdc.org)

Discovery Creek joined the Living Classrooms family in 2007. The organization’s goal is to help all children experience, appreciate, and become stewards of the natural environment. Outdoor programs are offered for babies, toddlers, families, school groups and scouts. Most programs include live animal encounters, art projects, hikes and other hands-on activities. They offer programs at schools and at parks including at Kingman Island Park, next to RFK stadium. In addition to the children’s programming, Living Classrooms provides workforce development for youth and adults. Visit the Web site for more information. Discovery Creek Summer Camp offered.

**National Aquarium**  
Commerce Building  
14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW  
202-482-2825  
[www.nationalaquarium.com](http://www.nationalaquarium.com)

The aquarium is small but perfect for young children. A special shark day is held in mid-summer and a reptile day in the fall. Check the schedule for regular feeding times for sharks and other exhibits in the aquarium.

**National Building Museum**  
National Mall  
The Mayor’s Office  
1st Street and Constitution Avenue NW  
202-482-2825  
[www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org](http://www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org)

The National Building Museum’s Spring Break Camp includes information about upcoming exhibitions and collection that are of particular interest to kids. Free admission for DC public school fifth graders.

**Office of Community Partnerships**  
[www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org](http://www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org)

For more information on becoming a Welcome Ambassador, call 1-888-246-1818. Join the program to welcome any Jewish baby born or adopted within the past 12 months to the Washington Jewish community. If you would like to receive a “ShalomBaby Welcome to our World” baby bag, call 301-770-4848. ShalomBaby Welcome Ambassadors are also needed. For more information on becoming a Welcome Ambassador, call 1-888-246-1818.

**National Aquarium**  
Commerce Building  
14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW  
202-482-2825  
[www.nationalaquarium.com](http://www.nationalaquarium.com)

The aquarium is small but perfect for young children. A special shark day is held in mid-summer and a reptile day in the fall. Check the schedule for regular feeding times for sharks and other exhibits in the aquarium.

**National Building Museum**  
National Mall  
The Mayor’s Office  
1st Street and Constitution Avenue NW  
202-482-2825  
[www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org](http://www.nationalbuildingmuseum.org)
1. Brent Elementary School  
   330 3rd St., NE  
   202-724-4735

2. Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School  
   659 G St., NE  
   202-724-4752

3. Brown Elementary/Middle School  
   850 26th St., NE  
   202-724-4547

4. Maury Elementary School  
   1250 Constitution Ave., NE  
   202-724-4694

5. Miner Elementary School  
   601 15th St., NE  
   202-724-4565

6. Payne Elementary School  
   305 15th St., NE  
   202-724-4674

7. Peabody Elementary School  
   425 C St., NE  
   202-724-4683

8. Tyler Elementary School  
   1001 G St., SE  
   202-724-4739

9. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School  
   401 I St., SW  
   202-724-4867

10. Watkins Elementary School  
    420 12th St., SE  
    202-724-4714

11. Wilson, J.O. Elementary School  
    660 K St., NE  
    202-698-4733
The museum incorporates several activities geared toward children including “The Building Zone” with blocks and big legos for kids ages 2 to 6, “Amazing arches where kids can build a 7-ft arch out of soft blocks, and “Family Tool Kits” with a range of activities to guide you through the museum.

**National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden & Ice Skating Rink**

Seventh Street & Constitution Avenue NW
202-289-3360
www.nga.gov/ginfo/skating.shtm
www.nga.gov/exhibitions/sculptureinfo.shtm

During winter months, the fountain becomes an ice skating rink. The Pavilion café on-site serves wraps, salads, gourmet pizzas and sandwiches.

**United States Botanic Garden**

100 Maryland Ave. SW
(at the foot of the US Capitol)

The newly renovated conservatory houses new plant exhibits that include nearly 4,000 living specimens. Included are the jungle, orchid house, and a new permanent exhibit in the west gallery, “Plants in Culture.” Children and Family Programs are held on occasion. Check the Web site for a list of upcoming events.

**SPORTS**

Within a few miles of Capitol Hill, you and your family can enjoy individual and team sports year-round.

**Capitol Hill Baseball & Softball League**

Contact: John Parker
202-741-1769
www.sportsonthehill.org

The Capitol Hill Baseball and Softball League starts its 19th season in June. Developmental baseball is offered for tee-ball (coed age 6 and under) and coed baseball for 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 year-olds. Competitive baseball is offered to children ages 9-15; girls’ fast-pitch softball is offered to children ages 10-14. Fall clinics are also offered. Registration fee, but scholarships are available.

**Fort Dupont Ice Arena**

3779 Ely Place SE
202-584-5007, www.fdia.org

FDIA is committed to offering a wide variety of skating programs to DC kids ages 5-18. Through FDIA’s Kids on Ice program, kids can enroll in group skating lessons, ice hockey, speed skating, and summer camp activities. And DC public schools have partnered with FDIA to provide ice skating to students during the school day. The arena also has a party room that’s perfect for children’s birthday parties. See ad on page 171

**Sports on the Hill: Basketball**

Contact: Larry Kaufer (coed and boys)
202-543-4582
Contact: Cathy Townsend (girls)
202-744-2926
www.sportsonthehill.org

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to join Capitol Hill basketball. The objective is to teach the game of basketball through fundamental skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. The pee-wee league is for 4- to 5-year-olds; developmental league is for boys, ages 6-7, and girls, ages 6-8. Single-sex teams form for the older children, and games are played with the Palisades Basketball League on Saturdays in January and February, ending with a tournament in March. The fees are: $30/pee-wee; $55/developmental; $75/boys league; $100/girls league. There’s a $15 discount for the second child in the same family; there are no additional fees after the second child. Scholarship aid is available to those in need.

**Sports on the Hill: Lacrosse**

Contact: Malcolm Lester
202-537-5703
www.sportsonthehill.org

Capitol Hill Lacrosse began in 2006 and has held clinics in the spring, summer and fall. Malcolm Lester is always looking for volunteers who would like to help with the program - contact Malcolm for details.

**Sports on the Hill: Paddling**

Contact: Susan Chapin
202-365-0803
www.sportsonthehill.org

Recreational paddling is the newest sport to come to the Hill. This program is non-competitive and is open to anyone - adult or youth - who would like to paddle on the Anacostia River. Annual membership...
fee is $70 for each primary member and $10 for each secondary member.

Sports on the Hill: Soccer
Contact: Larry Kaufer
202-543-4582
www.sportsonthehill.org
Soccer on the Hill sponsors games on Saturdays in the spring and fall for boys and girls ages 3-18. This is a wonderful way for kids from all over the Hill to get to know each other. The league is always looking for coaches and other volunteers; training is available.

Sports on the Hill: Street Hockey
Contact: Daryl Sink
202-413-1042
www.sportsonthehill.org
This program is a loose affiliation of hockey enthusiasts. Pick-up games are currently scheduled one day a week on Sundays at 2 pm at the Mary O’Neill Rush Memorial Rink at Watkins Elementary School. The hockey program is not yet an official part of Sports on the Hill, but information about the program is available at the SOTH Web site.

Sports on the Hill: Track & Field
Contact: Ben Bonham
202-388-5247
www.sportsonthehill.org
The Track & Field program is open to children of any skill level, ages 5-18; the season runs from March to July. Practices are held at Gallaudet University, located at Eighth Street and Florida Avenue NE. Track meets are attended on weekends around the DC Metro area. There are many events and distances to fit the interests and capabilities of any kid. $55 registration includes a membership to USA Track and Field and a uniform jersey.

Sports on the Hill: Wrestling
Contact: Greg Frane
202-374-0820
www.sportsonthehill.org
The wrestling season runs from December to mid-March. Wrestling is coed and open to children ages 4-14. Practices are held two evenings a week, and meets are scheduled thru the Northern Virginia Wrestling Federation and are on Saturdays or Sundays at high school gyms in Northern Virginia. Matches are made between kids of similar age and weight groups.

Rosedale Recreation Center: Football
17th & Gales streets NE
202-724-5405, app.dpr.dc.gov
Facilities at the Rosedale Recreation Center include a recreation center, lighted multipurpose field, lighted basketball courts, tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool.

William H. Rumsey Sr. Aquatic Center
(Capitol East Natatorium)
Seventh Street and North Carolina Avenue SE
202-724-4495, app.dpr.dc.gov
The aquatic center’s indoor pool (heated in winter) offers many classes for children and adults of all skill levels. Most classes are free for DC residents, and admission is free for DC residents. The Rumsey pool in Eastern Market is open M-F 6:30-10 am, 12-5 pm, 6:30-9 pm; Sat 1-5 pm; Sun 10 am-5 pm. Part of the pool is reserved for lap swimming.

SCHOOLS AND DAYCARE
DAY CARE, NURSERY AND PRESCHOOLS

Amidon Before and After-School Center
401 Eye St. SW
202-727-3958
This licensed early childcare facility opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Approximately 60 children are enrolled.

AppleTree Early Learning PCS
680 Eye St. SW
202-666-0500
401 Eye St. SW
202-666-0094
www.appletreeinstitute.org
The mission of AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School (PCS) is to provide young children with the social, emotional & cognitive foundations that will enable them to succeed in school. The school’s emphasis is on early language & literacy.

Azeeeze-Bates (CDI Head Start Program)
444 16th St. NE
202-397-3698
Accepts children between the ages of 3 and 5. Payment based on a sliding scale. The Center is free for Head Start parents who use it between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Board of Child Care Day Care & Early Education Center
308 15th St. SE
202-291-3330
Provides day care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, using the Creative Curriculum. There is a rooftop playground, and parents can watch their child through the Internet. The hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bright Beginnings
128 M St. NW
202-842-9090
www.brightbeginningsinc.org
Full day child development program for homeless children ages 6 weeks to 5 years; healthy and development screening; preschool education.

Capitol Hill Cooperative Nursery School
Watkins School, 12th and C streets SE
www.chcns.us
Affectionately known as Miss Frances’, the Cooperative accepts children who turn three by Dec. 31. Two schedules are available: Mon, Wed, Fri or Mon, Tue, Thurs. Monthly themes are pursued through art, music and activities and the class size of ten (twenty on Mondays) creates an intimate atmosphere. Parents are required to assist in the classroom about once a month. Parent involvement keeps the fee low. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Miller, Membership Coordinator at membership@chcns.us.

Capitol Hill Cooperative Playschool
212 East Capitol St. NE
202-543-7355
www.monarchsolutions.com/chcps
CHCP is a cooperative, wholly parent staffed playschool for Capitol Hill two-year-olds. The program accepts children who turn 2 by Dec. 31. The program runs from approximately 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on three separate schedules: Mon/Wed, Tue/Thu, or Fri only. Parents serve as teachers 2-3 times per month depending on their child’s schedule. Class size is never more than 12-15 children. A nominal fee is charged.

Catholic Charities Model Cities Center
1125 Neal St. NE
Catholic Charities Day Care provides quality childcare for children from six weeks to 4 years old. The center’s curriculum encourages cognitive development, language and fine and gross motor skills and provides music and art programs as well. Open weekdays, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Part-
time programs negotiable. Daycare has private and government-subsidized slots.

The Fishing School  
(after-care only)  
1240 Wylie St. NE  
202-399-3618  
www.fishingschool.org  
A faith-based, after-school family and child support center that provides a safe environment for vulnerable children and youth. Various programs and services teach children how to be independent, productive and contributing members of society.

G Street Cooperative Playgroup  
620 G St. SE, www.gstreetcoop.org  
A wholly parent-run cooperative located in Christ Church, the program accepts children who turn two by Dec. 31. Programs run from approximately 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on three separate schedules: Mon/Wed, Tue/Thu, or Fri only. Parents serve as teachers about twice a month depending on their child’s schedule. Classes are no larger than eight children, and a nominal fee is charged.

Gallaudet University Child Development Center  
800 Florida Ave. NE  
202-651-5130  
www.gallaudet.edu/af/cdc.xml  
The Gallaudet CDC provides children with a bilingual program in American Sign Language and English. Full and part-time hours available, with a special eight-week summer camp for children up to age 9. Regular program accepts children 19 months to 5 years.

The Hill Preschool  
337 North Carolina Ave. SE  
202-399-5372, hillpreschool.org  
The Hill Preschool operates as a nonprofit parent-teacher cooperative and is housed at the Church of the Brethren. Parents earn co-op points by volunteering to help with activities, fundraising efforts, or building maintenance. Children are accepted from ages 24 months (by end of October) to 38 months (at start of school year) and do not have to be potty trained. Full- and part-time schedules are available year-round. Family consultations are offered on an ongoing basis. See ad on page 171.

Juanita Thornton Early Childhood Development Center  
625 H St. NE  
202-547-0280  
The Juanita Thornton Center operates as a DC government subsidized preschool for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Meals and snacks are provided as part of the city’s Child and Adult Food Care Program. Hours of operation: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. For enrollment call United Planning Organization at 202-238-4600.

Jenkins Hill Child Development Center  
1527 Pennsylvania Ave. SE  
202-543-4664, www.jkinchinhill.org  
Jenkins Hill provides developmentally appropriate programs to children between the ages of 6 weeks and 3 years. Class sizes are small with teacher to student ratios set at 1:3 for infants and 1:4 for toddlers. Parents are asked to volunteer 25 hours during the school year. Full-time program available, Mon through Fri, year-round, with hours between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Little Scholars Child Development Center  
601 East Capitol St. SE  
202-547-5222  
Little Scholars, an affiliate of the Library of Congress, accepts children from three months to 5 years old. The curriculum celebrates diversity, encourages exploration, and creates a love of learning. Open Mon-Fri, 7:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., with a maximum of 47 1/2 hours per week. Library of Congress employees have priority.

Northeast Stars Montessori Learning Center  
1325 Maryland Ave. NE  
202-399-2208, www.nestars.net  
Northeast Stars adheres to rigorous Montessori standards taught by highly qualified Montessori-certified teachers. Montessori program embraces the concept of a multi-age, three-year age span classroom community as optimum for academic, social and emotional learning. Accepts children ages 2.5 to 5. See ad on page 171.

Payne Day Care, Head Start, Before-and-After Care  
305 15th St. SE  
202-673-8091 –  
Before-and-After Care  
202-724-2118 – Day Care  
Located inside Payne Recreation Center, the Day Care program serves children between the ages of 2 and 5, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided. Parents are asked to participate in planning, activities and policy committee meetings. Before-and-After Care serves children from ages 4-12 beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.

River Park Nursery School  
212 East Capitol St. NE  
River Park Nursery School is a parent-run co-op offering families a traditional nursery school program for children ages 3-5. Each year’s class is small and structured to provide both individual growth and social experiences through developmentally appropriate play and learning activities. A parent co-ops in the room once a week with the director and her assistant. Hours: 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Mon-Fri with 3, 4 and 5 days/week schedules available. Rates vary.

Thurgood Marshall Child Development Center  
One Columbus Circle NE, Room M200 (in the Federal Judiciary Building)  
202-502-2475, 202-502-2472  
Accredited by the NAEC, Thurgood Marshall accepts children from three months to five years old. Thurgood Marshall encourages learning through play in a nurturing environment. The center offers the Creative Curriculum program. Rates vary depending on the child’s age.

Watkins Day Care  
420 12th St. SE  
202-727-5488  
Operated by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation and located just outside the Watkins Elementary School, this center serves children ages 2 through 4.

Ester Peterson Department of Labor Child Development Center  
200 Constitution Ave. NW (inside US Department of Labor building)  
202-693-7979  
Accredited by the NAEC, Ester Peterson CDC accepts children from 6 weeks to 5 years old, plus there is summer camp for school age children. Rates vary depending on the child’s age. They are open from 7:30am to 6pm.
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SCHOOLS - ON THE HILL

This is a selection of public, parochial and independent Schools on Capitol Hill. A DCPS school boundary map appears in this guide. Information on other local schools can be obtained at: www.k12.dc.us

Brent Elementary
301 North Carolina Ave. SE
202-698-3363, brentelementary.org

Brent Elementary, part of the DC Public Schools, is a museum magnet school that has partnered with the Smithsonian Museums. Students frequently visit the museums on field trips, maximizing their exposure to the Smithsonian and its programs. The PTA at Brent is one of the strongest and fastest growing on the Hill. Before-and-after-school programs are available.

Capitol Hill Cluster School
The Capitol Hill Cluster School has three locations, with grades from preschool to kindergarten at Peabody first to fourth grade at Watkins and 5th to eighth at Stuart Hobson. For more information see individual entries in this section.

Capitol Hill Day School
210 South Carolina Ave. SE
202-547-2244, www.chds.org

Capitol Hill Day serves approximately 230 students, pre-K–eighth grade. The school offers a strong academic program in a creative environment. Faculty regularly uses field trips to augment the curriculum and expand the campus into the city and beyond. The art program is integrated into other subjects including math, literature, science, and social studies. French and Spanish are introduced at the early childhood level, followed by a choice of French or Spanish in first grade and continuing through eighth grade. Maximum class size is 24. After-school program and summer camp available. Need-based financial aid is available.

See ad on page 171

Center City Consortium
145 Taylor St. NE
202-234-4611
www.faithinthecity.net

The Center City Consortium was established in 1997 under the direction of James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop of Washington, as a “Faith in the City” program to improve Catholic urban education in the

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS

School Support Groups and PTAs

Brent (Elementary School) Neighbors
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brentneighbors/

The Brent Neighbors are a group of local parents (most with small children) and other interested community members working with Brent Elementary School and its PTA to support the school. The group communicates mainly through an online users group. To join the listserv, send an e-mail to brentneighbors.owner@yahoo.grpop.com.

Friends of Tyler School (FOTS)
1529 Pennsylvania Ave. SE
Tutoring Program: 202-547-0006
Computer Center: 202-547-1345
Donations: 202-547-8855
www.friendsoftylerschool.org

The award-winning FOTS program serves more than 50 disadvantaged children and youth between the ages of 6 and 18 by offering a one-on-one tutoring program, after-school classes, pre-teen and teen discussion groups, and a computer center.

Ludlow-Taylor Friends (LTF) groups.yahoo.com/group/ludlow-taylor_friends/
Ludlow-TaylorFriends@hotmail.com

A loose group of families, neighbors and volunteers committed to supporting what Ludlow-Taylor elementary school offers students.

Maury (Elementary School) Friends and Family groups.yahoo.com/group/maury_elementary/

Maury Friends and Family are a group of parents, educators, and community members who have a vested interest in the children at Maury ES and who are interested in working with Maury and its PTA to support the school. The group communicates through an online users group. To join the listserv, please visit the Web site listed above.

See ad on page 171

Kindergartners at Ludlow Taylor Elementary School.
heart of our nation’s capital. Today, the consortium is a group of four inner-city Catholic schools dedicated to serving the educational needs of children in under-served communities.

**Center City Public Charter School**

Capitol Hill Campus  
1503 East Capitol St. SE  
202-547-7556

Formerly the private Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian’s Roman Catholic school, the school was converted to a secular charter school in the 2008-2009 academic year as one of seven campuses in the Center City Public Charter School group. With class sizes no larger than 25, the traditional liberal arts curriculum is paired with a strong emphasis on character development.

**Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy**

709 12th St. SE  
202-547-3424  
www.cesar查封eszs.org

CCPCS for public policy enrolls 400 students in grades 9-12 and operates under the mission to “develop young people who will make the country a better place by influencing the public policies that affect their communities.” Students are provided with opportunities to analyze policy, act socially, and learn necessary skills to become influential citizens. All students are expected to graduate with at least one college acceptance.

**City Lights PCS**

62 T St. NE  
202-832-4366, www.citylightspcs.org

City Lights is a public special education high school that offers a supportive learning environment for children and adults, ages 14-22, who have emotional and behavioral disabilities. In addition to academics, City Lights offers a vocational program, individual and group counseling, and transitional services into the real world.

**Eagle Academy PCS**

770 M St. SE  
202-544-2646  
www.eagleacademypcs.org

Eagle Academy PCS enrolls 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children and develops in them a strong, academic foundation for pre-reading and pre-math skills. Students move on from Eagle Academy with social, emotional, personal and academic skills that prepare them to succeed in elementary, middle, and high school. Small class sizes allow for individualized instruction.

**Eastern High School**

1700 East Capitol St. NE  
202-698-4500

Eastern High School, built in 1923 and part of the DCPS system, offers students in grades 10-12 “schools within the school,” which include a gifted and talented program, a law and legal services program, and a health and human services academy. Competitive athletic programs and musical instruction are some of the extra-curricular activities available to students.

**Eliot-Hine Middle School**

1830 Constitution Ave. NE  
202-939-5380  
www.k12.dc.us/schools/eliot/homepage.htm

Eliot-Hine Middle School is named after Charles W. Eliot, an educator and former president of Harvard University. The school, part of the DCPS system, enrolls students in grades 6-8. Giant and Safeway supermarkets continue to offer financial support so that the school can offer its students the latest technology.

**Friendship PCS**

Chamberlain Campus  
1345 Potomac Ave. SE  
202-547-5800  
www.friendshipschools.org

Friendship PCS Chamberlain campus enrolls more than 700 in grades pre-K3 through 8th. The curriculum includes reading, science, Spanish, writing and language arts, math, history and social science, fine arts, physical fitness and health. Extended learning programs, both before and after school, include tutoring, music and dance, arts and crafts, drama, competitive team sports, golf, and life skill development.

**Gonzaga College High School**

19 “Eye” St. NW  

Gonzaga is a Roman Catholic, all-boys high school (Grades 9-12) founded by the Jesuits in 1821, making it the oldest educational institution in the old Federal City of Washington. Gonzaga offers a rigorous academic curriculum, and students also participate in a wide variety of activities like drama, rugby, school newspaper, squash, water polo, and many more. Gonzaga enrolls 930 students. Need-based financial aid is available.

**J.O. Wilson Elementary School**

660 K St. NE  
202-698-4733

JO Wilson ES, part of the DCPS, serves the H Street corridor, enrolling approximately 345 children in grades pre-K-5. Public/private partnerships recently renovated both the school library and added a new playground. Extended day programs are available.

**KIPP DC/KEY Academy**

4801 Benning Road SE  
202-582-KIPP (5477), www.kippdc.org

The Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) DC/Key Academy enrolls 320 students in grades 5 – 8. The academically rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum sets a foundation for success in high school. Optional activities include art, music, drum line, publishing, strategy games, orchestra, test preparation, flag football, African dance and drama. After-school programs are available.

**Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School**

659 G St. NE  
202-698-3244

Ludlow-Taylor, part of the DCPS system, enrolls about 185 students in grades pre-K through fifth. The school has undergone many cosmetic improvements over the past few years, including the addition of a courtyard garden created by students, called the Ludlow-Taylor Rainbow Garden. Also, in 2008, the library/media center was renovated.

**Maury Elementary School**

1250 Constitution Ave. NE  
202-698-3838  
www.k12.dc.us/schools/maury/index.html

Maury, part of the DCPS system, enrolls approximately 200 students in grades pre-K-5. A three-year-old program is also available. The school offers students a math and reading lab, art and dance classes and character education. Before- and after-school programs are available.

**Miner Elementary School**

601 15th St. NE  
202-397-3960
Options PCS
1375 E St. NE
202-547-1028
www.optionschool.org
Options Public Charter School was DC’s first charter school and operates with the support of the Capitol Children’s Museum. The school targets the city’s “most-at-risk” students in grades 5-10, and strives to improve their standardized test scores while motivating them to learn. Teachers focus on improving critical thinking skills as they relate to reading, math, science, English, geography and history. Computer lab is available. Extended day programs are available.

Payne Elementary School
305 15th St. SE
202-698-3262
Payne enrolls about 230 students in grades pre-K through 5th. Payne, part of the DCPS system, is one of the eight schools targeted by the “School Libraries Project,” which renovated the school’s library in summer 2007. Before- and after-school programs are available through the DCPS and Before and After-Care programs are also run by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Peabody Early Childhood
Campus and School Within a School (SWS) at Peabody
425 C St. NE
202-698-3277 – Peabody Campus
202-698-3283 – School Within a School
Peabody Early Childhood Center is an age-appropriate, literacy-centered instructional program for 3 to 5-year-olds. Pre-K children must be 3 by September 30. The school provides a solid entry for your child’s school career. Children can spend three years at Peabody before going to Watkins campus for grades 1-4. Peabody houses a “traditional” program on the first and second floors and a “School-Within-School” Reggio Emilia program on the third floor. Pre-K classes have a teacher student ratio of 2:15 while the rest of the classes have a 2.22 ratio. Each class has a teacher and an assistant teacher, and dedicated art studios where children in both programs work on individual and group projects. The school also offers an excellent library, music, and language and movement classes.

St. Coletta of Greater Washington
1901 Independence Ave. SE
202-350-8680
www.stcoletta.org
This private, nonprofit organization operates a school and adult day program for children and adults, ages 3-22, with mental retardation, autism and multiple disabilities. St. Coletta has operated out of this location since September 2006.

St. Peter’s Interparish School
422 Third St. SE
202-544-1618
www.stpetersinterparish.org
Founded 141 years ago by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Peter’s offers a quality education to students in grades pre-K-8. With a focus on differentiated instruction, the curriculum adapts to student needs. Spanish, art, music, PE and computer instruction are an integral part of school life. The average class size is 25 students, and most come from the Hill. The admission cycle begins in late January with an open house. Tuition assistance is available.

Stuart-Hobson Museum Magnet Middle School
410 E St. NE
202-698-4700
www.capitolhillclusterschool.org
Stuart-Hobson, part of the Capitol Hill Cluster School, enrolls students in grades 5-8. Through a partnership with the Smithsonian, Stuart-Hobson uses Washington’s Smithsonian museums as additional classrooms. Classes are scheduled in two-hour blocks to maximize time for field trips or lessons from museum curators and outside speakers. Stuart-Hobson is home to an award-winning Odyssey of the Mind team as well as sports teams, a school choir, and a builders club. Class sizes in fifth and sixth grade average 20 students; seventh and eighth grade average 25.

Two Rivers Public Charter School
1227 Fourth St. NE
Two Rivers uses the Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound instructional model. This is a project-based, hands-on, interactive teaching method in which most subjects are taught in conjunction with real world “expeditions.” Language arts, math, science, social studies, music, performing and visual arts, Spanish, and physical education are offered with a special emphasis on literacy, the arts, and Spanish language instruction. The school currently enrolls children from preschool through seventh grade but in the 2009-2010 academic year will include eighth grade as well.

Tyler Elementary School
1001 G St. SE
202-698-3577
www.tylertigers.org
Tyler, part of the DCPS system, serves students in grades pre-K-5. The traditional academic curriculum focuses on reading, writing and math. Students also have “specials” which are weekly classes in science, Spanish, PE and music. The school offers a Spanish immersion option for its youngest students. After-school programs are available for all grade levels through DC for All.

Washington Math, Science, and Technology PCS
1920 Bladensburg Road NE
202-636-8011
www.wmstdc.org
WMST is a public charter high school, grades 9-12, that integrates science, math and technology instruction into its curriculum. WMST was recently ranked in Newsweek as one of the top 3% of high schools nationwide, and has been cited as one of the District’s most demanding high schools. AP courses, National Honor Society, Air Force ROTC, Model UN, and SAT prep courses are some of the options offered at WMST. Before- and after-school, as well as summer programs are available.

Watkins Elementary School
12th and E streets SE
202-698-3355
Watkins serves as the first- through fourth-
Saint Anselm’s
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• Ambitious college-preparatory curriculum
• Catholic traditions, welcoming of all faiths
• Personal attention from teachers and staff
• 40-acre Abbey campus
• Full range of sports, arts, music, and extracurricular programs
• Close to Metro; Carpool facilitation available

Admissions Open House: Sunday, Nov. 2, 11am – 3pm

4501 South Dakota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017
admissions@Saintanselm.org

A small parent-supported school with an interactive learning approach. Project-based, hands-on learning.
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www.tworiverspcs.org
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grade campus of the DCPS Capitol Hill Cluster School. The traditional academic curriculum focuses particularly on science and technology. The students also have “specials” which are weekly classes in art, garden science, science lab, PE, library and computer all in state-of-the art dedicated labs and studios. A Montessori option is available for students ages 3-7. Class sizes average about 24; aides assist in the Montessori and in first grade classes.

Academy for Ideal Education
1501 Gallatin St. NW
202-399-0707, 202-726-0313
2600 12th ST NE
202-723-6008
members.tripod.com/~idealschool
In the fall of 1979, former DC public school teacher Rev. Paulette Bell-Imani opened the Academy for Ideal Education, a holistic tutorial and enrichment center. In 1991, it was expanded to include a full-time, spiritual based educational program for Head Start to 12th grade students. The Ideal Alternative School, opened in 1993, offers a level IV special education program for boys between 12 & 18 years of age.

Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School
3500 Woodley Road NW
202-537-6485
www.beauvoirschool.org
Beauvoir has been educating children for 75 years. The school accepts children between pre-K and third grade with current enrollment around 380. The school also offers an extended day program until 6 p.m. schooldays. Financial aid available.

British School of Washington
2001 Wisconsin Ave. NW
202-829-3700, www.britishschool.org
The British School of Washington provides British primary and secondary education to a diverse student population of approximately 360 students (preschool-grade 13). Teachers are recruited from the UK or other international schools, and classes are limited to 20 students. After-school programs are available. See ad on page

Burgundy Farm Country Day School
3700 Burgundy Road
Alexandria, Va. 22303
703-960-3431, www.burgundyfarm.org
Burgundy Farm Country Day School enrolls students in grades pre-K-8 and teaches a traditional curriculum of science, math, art and athletics. Financial aid is available. Summer programs offered.

The Congressional Schools of Virginia
3229 Sleepy Hollow Road
Falls Church, VA 22042
703-533-9711
www.congressionalschools.org
Founded in 1939, Congressional educates approximately 375 students from ages 2 years to grade eight on a beautiful 40-acre campus in Northern Virginia. Summer camp and extended day care available. See ad on page 177

Community Academy Charter School
1300 Allison St. NW
1351 Nicholson St. NW
33 Riggs Road NE
5 Thomas Circle NW
1400 First St. NW
202-234-5437
www.capcs.org
Founded in 1998, CAPCS serves students in grades preschool through eighth, on its four centrally located campuses in the city. CAPCS also has an online “campus,” designed for students who otherwise may not be able to attend a regular bricks-and-mortar school. See ad on page 177

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
3500 R St. NW
202-282-0123
www.ellingtonschool.org
Ellington School, part of the DCPS, combines arts education with the academic high school curriculum. Programs in dance, literature, museum studies, music, theater and the visual arts offered. Current enrollment is nearly 500.

Edmund Burke School
4101 Connecticut Ave. NW
Edmund Burke admits students in grades 6-12 with current enrollment near 300. The average class size is 15, and the faculty to student ratio is 1:7. Burke’s curriculum is designed to be rigorous, engaging, respectful and inclusive. Financial aid is available.

Georgetown Day School
Lower and Middle School
4530 MacArthur Blvd. NW
202-295-6200
High School
4200 Davenport St. NW
202-274-3200, www.gds.org
Georgetown Day School admits approximately 1020 students in grades pre-K through 12. GDS offers rigorous academics, in-depth exposure to the arts, physical education and athletics, extracurricular activities, and community service. Financial aid is available.

Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation’s Capital
Kay and Robert Schattner Center
6045 16th St. NW
202-291-JPDS (5737), www.jpds.org
Jewish Primary Day School offers a dual curriculum of general and Judaic studies to students in grades pre-K-6. Class sizes are small, and current enrollment is about 225. DC and Montgomery County bus. After-school programs are available.

Lowell School
1640 Kalmar Road NW
Lowell is a progressive school of 315 students from nursery to sixth grade. The curriculum promotes active, collaborative learning with an emphasis on analytical thinking and problem solving. Aftercare is available.

Maret School
3000 Cathedral Ave. NW
Maret School is an independent, co-edu-
cational school that accepts children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The current enrollment is approximately 600 students. Academic scholarship and financial aid is available.

**Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School**
2801 Calvert St. NW
202-671-3111
www.oysterbilingualschool.com
Oyster Bilingual is a public, pre-K-8th grade, dual-language school where every class is taught in English and Spanish. The school features a computer lab, library, gym and classrooms designed to accommodate the school’s bilingual education program.

**The Potomac School**
1301 Potomac School Road
PO Box 430, McLean, Va., 22101
703-356-4100, www.potomacschool.org
The Potomac School is a coed school with about 950 students in grades K-12. The school, founded in DC over 100 years ago, is currently situated on 90 acres in McLean, Virginia. The school offers athletic fields, tennis courts, three gyms, squash courts, computer labs common, and music rooms. Transportation offered from many points in Va., DC, and Md. Extended-day programs available through grade 8. Summer programs offered.

**School Without Walls**
215 G St. NW
202-698-3793, www.swwhs.org
School Without Walls is a non-traditional DC public high school, with a small student population of around 410. The school’s teaching approach uses the “city as a classroom” to encourage students to develop methods of learning outside the classroom. Admission requirements include an application, recommendation letters, test scores an interview and transcripts. The school will be changing locations in June 2009.

** Sheridan School**
4400 36th St. NW
202-362-7900 www.sheridanschool.org
Sheridan School accepts children in grades K-8, and current enrollment is 220 students. The Sheridan School has two campuses that complement each other: the main campus in DC, and a “mountain campus” in Luray, Virginia. The mountain campus is home to the camp facility and the Nature Center where students focus on environmental studies.

**St. Anselm’s Abbey School**
4501 South Dakota Ave. NE
202-269-2350, www.saintanselms.org
St. Anselm’s was established in 1942 by the St. Anselm monks to provide a classically-oriented, college preparatory education for boys. St. Anselm’s provides individualized instruction in language, literature, religion, mathematics, the sciences and the fine arts. Enrollment is approximately 250 in grades 6-12.

See ad on page 175
Sidwell Friends School
3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW
202-537-8100, www.sidwell.edu
Sidwell Friends School offers a coeducational program in a Quaker day school setting. Students in grades pre-K through four attend the lower school campus in Bethesda; students in grades 5-12 attend the DC campus. Current enrollment is 1,100 students. Summer camp offered.

Washington International School
Primary School
(Nursery to fifth grade)
1690 36th St. NW
202-243-1800, www.wis.edu
WIS serves a diverse population – its students, parents, faculty and staff represent over 90 countries. Students graduate from the school proficient in at least two languages and with the prestigious International Baccalaureate degree. Average class size is 15; 890 students enrolled. Summer camp offered.

William E Doar Jr. PCS for the Performing Arts
705 Edgewood St. NE
202-269-4646, www.wedjschool.us
WEDJ PCS opened in fall 2004 to 160 pre-K-fifth graders. It has since expanded to include 7-11th grades. Students have a five-day school week with rotating academic tutoring, rehearsals and special events scheduled on Saturdays. The school offers a college-based curriculum as well as professional-grade artistic instruction in visual, performing, written and physical arts. Extended day program is available.

A FEW SUMMER CAMPS

Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp
3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria, Va.
703-960-3431, www.burgundycamp.org
Burgundy Farm offers eight weekly day-camp sessions to children ages 3-15. Swimming, visual and performing arts, science and computers are just some of the activities campers enjoy. Bus transportation and extended day programs available.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop
545 Seventh St. SE
202-547-6839, www.chaw.org
CHAW offers half- and full-day camp sessions for children ages 5-12, from mid-June to mid-August. Camp runs for four, two-week sessions. The morning session focuses on art, ceramics, and music and movement; the afternoon session features recreational activities like swimming, museum visits and field trips. Sibling discount available. Students must turn 5 by June 1.

Capitol Hill Day School
210 South Carolina Ave. SE
202-547-2244, www.chds.org
Capitol Hill Day School’s summer day camp is for boys and girls ages 4-14. The camp runs from mid-June to August and consists of seven, one-week sessions. Campers participate in field trips, arts & crafts, museum trips, computer time, swimming, sports, history, camping and more. Extended care available. See ad on page 171

Discovery Creek Summer Camps
Living Classrooms
202-488-0627 x236
livingclassroomsdc.org
Discovery Creek joined the Living Classrooms family in 2007. The summer camps encourage kids ages 4 to 14 to become stewards of the natural world through a range of experiences at different camp locations. Some offer rock climbing, canoeing and cycling, while others offer horseback riding, botany and biology. For more information, check out their website.

St. Anselm Abbey School
4501 South Dakota Ave. NE
202-269-2350, www.saintanselm.org
St. Anselm’s offers boys and girls, ages 9-16, academic enrichment and sports camps concentrated in one, two, and six-week sessions.

Washington International School
1690 36th St. NW
202-243-1727, www.wis.edu
WIS offers "Passport to Summer," a multicultural summer program for children ages 3-16. Specialty camps for ages 3-10; jump start programs for ages 11-16; language immersion for ages 3-116; programs for teens for ages 11-16; and weekly gap programs for ages 3-10.

YMCA Summer Camp
1112 16th St. NW
The YMCA offers traditional and specialty summer camps at many DC area locations for children ages 4-16. Traditional day-camp activities include music, swimming, arts and crafts. ★