



# PEASLEE

## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

EDUCATING • ENRICHING • ENGAGING • EMPOWERING

### Educator Spotlight

Peaslee Neighborhood Center Co-founder and Community Educator Bonnie Neumeier gifts our community with her love of writing and unique ability to inspire. Recently, Bonnie has adapted the powerful creative process used in our Women's Writing Circles, and taken it into school classrooms, offering young girls the opportunity to express themselves freely and be heard and affirmed by a community of peers. It's a joy to see Bonnie's wisdom and grace touch each of the girls.

### Girls Writing Circles

Our ongoing writing circles with girls in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at Rothenberg Preparatory Academy have proven to be meaningful and engaging. The experience is grounded in respect for one another and an appreciation for each girl's unique gifts.

Each meeting, the girls find and develop their voices, reading poetry and responding to various writing prompts; we then share our work, and verbally affirm the work of others in the group. We're especially excited to publicly exhibit this great work in the spring!

Tyra

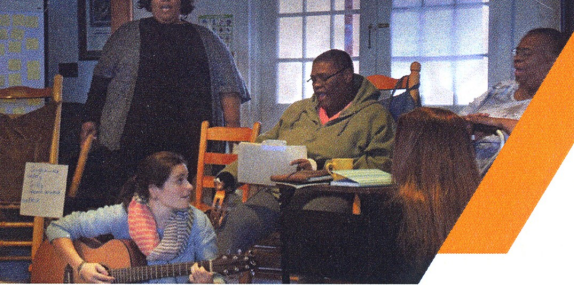
Once the match lit it flew in the air  
flew like a rocket and I just don't see  
in the air nobody can see me all  
down there. There it goes up and  
I can see it another day now we  
I will see the earth again

### Partnerships Strengthening Community

Peaslee's partnership with Rothenberg Preparatory Academy continues to deepen. As Rothenberg grows toward capacity in their new home, Peaslee is partnering in both their afterschool program and a fifth grade classroom to provide enrichment resources that support students' academic, social and emotional growth. This programming includes girls writing circles and African drumming for 4th - 6th graders and, coming soon, a mallet music program for preschool students. We are excited to grow together with our partner!







## COME JOIN US!

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### COMMUNITY SING & POTLUCK

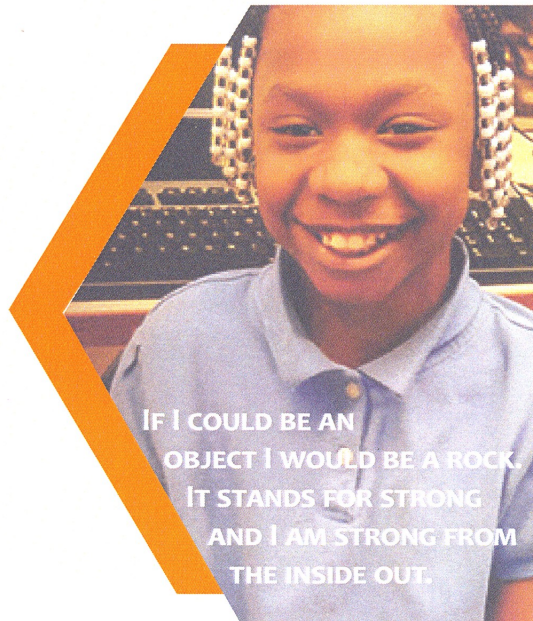
Come lend your voice and recharge your community battery as we sing together in celebration! All are encouraged to bring a bite to share and/or an instrument to play.

**Friday**  
**January 30, 2015**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

### COMMUNITY WRITING SHOWCASE

Join us for a public exhibition and live reading of powerful writing and storytelling from our community.

**Friday**  
**March 6, 2015**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**



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A special Thank You  
to our partner

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"...Once you give  
of your heart here  
Peaslee becomes  
a part of you  
And you are a part of Peaslee

...Your hands, your hearts,  
your challenges,  
Your creative imaginations,  
your leadership  
At work minute by minute  
Make Peaslee possible"

An excerpt from a poem written  
by Peaslee Co-Founder **Bonnie  
Neumeier** in appreciation for all of  
those who have given their hearts  
to Peaslee.

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