

The Baldwin Broadside

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April is Poetry Month ... Celebrate by Joining us for Poetry Night - April 10

All School Meeting

Fourth grade students Jack and Julia were the hosts of our last all-school meeting. The meeting started with the kindergarten students lining the hallway showing off the self-portraits they created in art class. Mr. Kelly's JK class started the meeting showing their self-portraits in front of the stage. Valenne explained, "in art class, we made pictures of ourselves by looking in the mirror and we made handprints for the background."

Ms. Power's second grade class, shared a song from music class, "Mail Myself to You", under the direction of Ms. Ankuda. Then, Ms. Karma's class sang a song, with the same melody called, "A Day in the Life of 204", dedicated to Karma, lyrics written by Ms. Ankuda and the students.

Second grade students from STEM Club, Mary Katherine and Lola demonstrated a game called "Polar Bears Around the Ice Hole" as a teaser for the types of games that would be at the Math Carnival.

Fourth grade students Raheem and Amaneale shared the problem of the month (found on page 4).

Ms. Gibson-Mueller's first grade class shared a song they learned, helping them to understand the difference between a country and a continent.

Our fifth grade students wowed us with their ballroom dancing, performing the waltz, merengue and the foxtrot!

The assembly concluded with a welcome to our new students. Please welcome Zion, Daniel, Abdullah, Jermaine, Bhisma, Jaden, Jahkari, Theo, Denzel, Julia, Edward and Aleahna.

BEES! Here's the BUZZ ...

Bee facts from our students:

Bees are fuzzy with hair covering their body and legs.
Liz, JK

Bees only sting one time and then they die.
Alexandra, Grade 2

When a bee dies, the worker bees carry their body out of the hive.
Edwin, Grade 3

Honey bees are assigned jobs based on their age. For example from 3-5 days old, they feed the older larvae.

Ryan, Grade 3

The bee's scientific name is Anthophila.
Maaz, Grade 5

Bee Keeper Visits

Our librarian, Ms. Kugel, arranged for bee keeper Mel Gladd to come and speak to the students about bees. He showed the students a video about how bees pollinate our flowers. He showed them different



types of hives. Mr. Gladd shared bee facts with the students:

There are 60,000 bees in a hive.

There are three types of bees in a hive: One queen bee, a few male drones and then female worker bees (98%).

Females do all the work. They bring pollen back to the hive.

A normal hive will produce 120 - 200 pounds of honey.

Bees have two stomachs, one is a honey stomach. 26 days after the eggs are laid, bees come out of the hive and start their work.

Bees carry the nectar from flower to flower.

Bee are the only insect that produce for us.

Bees love sunflowers and dandelions.

Most people think bees sting, however 90% of bee stings come from yellow jackets or wasps. A honey bee will only sting if agitated. Honey bees will ignore people.

If a honey bee stings, it will then die. A honey bee's stinger is like a hook and it leaves it in you if stung. Don't squeeze it, scrape it. There is serum in the stinger and if you squeeze it, it will put more in you.

Without bees, 30 - 40% of crops will disappear including blueberries, apples, oranges and almonds.

Colony Collapse is about the bees absorbing chemicals, weakening the bees. Big commercial farms are now doing away with chemicals, however, insecticides with chemicals are still being used. When you plant a garden, be sure to include sunflowers!

"Bee" a Reader Read-a-thon

Ms. Kugel reports that after two weeks, the students are well on their way to meeting the goal of 5,000 hours. Our students have raised over \$600 which will be donated to bee research and rescue organizations. Keep reading!

The Big Sing

On Tuesday, March 11th, the Fifth Grade Chorus sang at the Big Sing East in Boston, a choral festival sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association and the Kodaly Music Institute. The Baldwin Chorus was one of six choirs participating in the Big Sing, including groups from the Peabody School, the Rindge Avenue Upper Campus, and the Boston City Singers. Each choir gave a short performance followed by a group song entitled *Sing*

to Me. The Baldwin students performed a song based on the text of the poem *Dream Keeper* by Langston Hughes followed by a traditional Zambian folk song called *Bonse Aba*. This piece was accompanied by two students from the Rindge Avenue Upper School along with Mr. DeWitte, their future middle school music teacher, on percussion. The Baldwin Chorus was the smallest group performing, and they displayed courage and passion by singing beautifully in front of hundreds of people! Students felt inspired and proud of their work, and their dedication was mentioned by the adjudicator. The Fifth Grade Chorus is now preparing for a spring concert with their classmates on woodwinds, brass and strings.



What's the Weather?

Thanks to the Friends of Baldwin, our fifth grade students experienced a wonderful in-school enrichment with the Museum of Science Traveling Program about Wind, Water & Temperature. Students participated in demonstrations about how air pressure and temperature create weather. They witnessed how air can lift a balloon and witnessed clouds forming inside a chamber.

Temperature can effect the weather we experience. The sun gives off thermal energy, heat, and the position of the sun can also effect the weather. Do you know what albedo is? It is a scientific word for colors. Black absorbs more energy or light from the sun, which is why you should not wear black in the summer. Dark colors absorb light, temperature rises. Lighter colors reflect the light. This is a photo



of Rodela and Michael demonstrating how dark colors absorb heat.

Land and water effect temperatures. If you live closer or farther away from the water, it will effect the weather. Land heats up faster than water. Land also cools down faster than water. In the summer, the further you go away from the water, the warmer it will be. In the winter months, the closer to water you are, the warmer it is. This has to do with the liquid - the water. Water takes a long time to heat up, but it also takes a while to cool down.

MCBA - Massachusetts Children's Book Awards

Students in grades 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Massachusetts Children's Book Awards program. Throughout the year, they read books from a list of 25 titles. Ms. Kugel leads monthly chat and chews where students come together to discuss what they thought of the books. Last week, all students who read five or more books were invited to come and vote for their favorite. Their votes are turned in to the statewide organization where schools all over Massachusetts vote to select a winner of the award.

34 students participate and voted in the voluntary program. Our students voted for The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann as their favorite with Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier and Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper as close seconds. They would highly recommend you read all three books.

The following students read all 25 MCBA Books on this year's list:

Brie Schaffer
Lou Targoff
Stella Astbury
Abigail Rabieh
Juila Rasmussen
Avani Banerji
Josie Dickman
Paloma Sequeira



This is a photo of Natasha demonstrating how hot air rises.

Thank you to the *Friends of Baldwin* for funding this in-school enrichment.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Leslie Talmadge! Leslie purchased jump ropes for the recess bin. Now that the playground is no longer icy, the jump ropes have been a huge hit at recess! Thank you Leslie - the kids are loving them.



Friends of the Baldwin School

Thank You



problem of the month

Math Problems of the Month

- Ben Geiger, Baldwin Math Coach

- March Madness!

College basketball playoffs are happening in the United States making basketball pretty popular right now. One afternoon after school, four friends named Abby, Bill, Carla and Damien decide to play a game of basketball. There are two players on each team.

Your job is to figure out which team won the game given the following facts:

1. Abby outscored her partner Bill by six points.
2. The number of points scored by Damien can be found by reversing the digits of his favorite number, thirty-one.
3. Bill scored half as many points as Carla.
4. Carla scored three more than three times the points scored by her partner, Damien.

Which team won and by how many points?

- The Eagle and the Bear

A bear and an eagle are having a contest to see who can catch the most fish.

The bear catches 3 salmon and 6 trout. The eagle catches 6 salmon.

How many trout would the eagle have to catch to tie the bear? Explain how you figured it out.

- Toys to Go

Toys to Go is having a big sale.

Sam is in charge of changing the price tags on the scooters. They usually sell for \$55. Based on the follow items on sale, help Sam decide what the sale price should be:

Skates \$20 now \$16

Wagons \$75 now \$60

Pogo Sticks \$40 now \$32

Bicycles \$135 now \$108

Explain how you found the rule to discount the other 4 toys and how you used it to find the sale price of the scooters.

Extra: Pedal Cars are on sale for \$120. What was their original selling price? Explain how you know.

Problems from *The Math Forum @ Drexel University*

COMING UP ...

Baldwin Spring Concert Series

Presented by Ms. Sharon Hamel

Monday, March 31 - featuring

Kindergarten

9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 7 - featuring Grade 3

9:00 a.m.



Baldwin Poetry Night!

Thursday April 10

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Baldwin Cafeteria

April is National Poetry Month!

Celebrate by joining us for an evening of poetry performances for JK-5 students, teachers & families!

You may choose to perform an original poem or a favorite published poem. Also, "Poetry in Song" presentation by the grade 5 chorus, led by Ms. Ankuda. Have fun with poetry at poetry activity stations. Sign up forms are available in the main lobby. Please submit your completed form to Mrs. Rogers (room 315) or email srogers@cpsd.us



Parent Seminar with Dr. Sara Coffey

"Parenting the Strong-Willed Child"

Thursday, April 17

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Baldwin School Library

Red Sox Game

The 14th Annual Baldwin Student Red Sox Game vs. Detroit Tigers on Friday, May 16. Buses will leave the school at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are first come, first served.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will be able to attend without a parent/guardian and will be chaperoned by school staff.

Permission forms were sent home Monday. Additional forms can be found in the office.



2014 MCAS Dates

MCAS tests are administered in the spring for students in grades 3-5. This is the schedule by grade for Baldwin students:

ELA (English Language Arts) Schedule

- Grade 3 -

Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27

- Grade 4 -

Monday, March 24 and Friday, March 28

- Grade 5 -

Wednesday, March 19 and Friday, March 21

Math Schedule

- Grade 3 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Friday, May 16

- Grade 4 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Friday, May 16

- Grade 5 -

Math: Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 8

Science: Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15



From Sara-Jane Rogers, Literacy Coach

What's For Lunch?

By Alan Benjamin

A spider invited

a fly for lunch.

Crunch.

Crunch.

Crunch.

Join us in celebrating National Poetry Month at **Baldwin School Poetry Night on April 10th!** All students are invited to read a poem at Poetry Night (a published poem or an originally written poem). Be on the lookout for the flier and sign up sheets in the lobby. New this year will be a "poetry in song" presentation by the grade 5 chorus, led by Ms. Ankuda.

Poetry provides children with opportunities to experience the sound and rhythm of language. Poems can also be a playful way for children to learn interesting words and practice fluent reading. Encourage your child to read poems, paying attention to the line breaks and stanzas. Challenge your child to learn a poem and recite it from memory!

Below are some suggested poetry books and websites to get you started. Enjoy!

Poetry Books

Where the Sidewalk Ends - Shel Silverstein

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children - selected by Jack Prelutsky

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices - Paul Fleischman

All the Small Poems - Valerie Worth

Jamboree: Rhymes for All Times - Eve Merriam

Every Time I Climb a Tree - David McCord

Pass It On: African-American Poetry for Children - selected by Wade Hudson

Chicken Soup with Rice - Maurice Sendak

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reverso Poems - Marilyn Singer

Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature - Nicola Davies

Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys - Bob Racska

Poetry Websites

www.poetry4kids.com/

www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive/home.do

www.highlightkids.com/poetry-player-poems

www.teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/

www.shelsilverstein.com/

www.jackprelutsky.com/jacks-poems/

What poem will you read at Poetry Night?

IN THE DISTRICT

Cooking Healthy Food Together!

Saturday, March 22

A fun nutrition workshop for families with children ages 3 to 8.

Presented by Jacalyn Newman, Dietitian-Nutritionist
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

119 Windsor Street, Community Room of the Windsor Street Clinic

For registration, please call Christine (and let her know of any dietary restrictions)

617-349-3003 or e-mail at

<mailto:cdoucet@cambridgema.gov>

C-PAC Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 p.m at CRLS

Topic: Basic Rights in Special Education

An introduction to parent rights and responsibilities under federal and state law. Designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with the school, to decide the child's eligibility for special education, to plan, make decisions and monitor the educational progress of your child.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

Cambridge Youth Soccer Spring 2014 Registration

Register now at www.cambridgelyouthsoccer.org for Kick Start (ages 4, 5, and 6) and In-Town (grades 1 - 8). Season begins on April 12.

Attention Girls Grades 3-5

The Cambridge Baby Falcons is offering a **FREE** Basketball Program.

For the 5th thru 8th grade girls:

- Saturdays, March 22-April 19, 12 noon-2:00 p.m.
Kennedy-Longfellow School, 158 Spring Street
- Saturdays, April 26-June 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
CRLS Main Gym, 1640 Cambridge Street

For the 3rd thru 5th grade girls:

- Saturdays, April 26-June 21, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
CRLS Main Gym, 1640 Cambridge Street

If you have any questions please contact Dana Ellcock at (617) 892-0070 or danaellcock@yahoo.com

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

FREE Adult Swim Lessons

April 22 - 29 at Harvard University

Never learned how to swim? Afraid of the water?
The Cambridge Masters Swim Club at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool is offering free swim lessons for adults. For more information go to swimmingsaveslives@gmail.com

Cambridge Community Free Yoga

Free for all residents of Cambridge, weekly 60 minute classes. Just two more classes!

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Sheila Russell Youth & Community Center
680 Huron Avenue (across from the Golf Course)
Class dates: March 21 & 28

Classes are slower moving vinyasa style (linking breath and movement) with a focus on alignment. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Miles 617-501-4402.

Free Bicycle Workshops for Cambridge Residents

The City of Cambridge proudly presents our free bicycle basics workshop series with MassBike!

April 30 - Urban Cycling Basics/Hubway, 7:00 p.m.
(Main Library)

May 10 - On-Bike Training, 2:00 p.m.
(Alewife Bike Cage)

Please RSVP to Jennifer Lawrence,
jlawrence@cambridgema.gov, 617/349-4671.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Harvard Community Game - Cambridge Residents

FREE

Men's Lacrosse vs. Dartmouth

Saturday, March 22, 1:00 p.m.

Harvard Stadium

79 North Harvard Street, Allston

All residents of Cambridge receive free admission with ID. For more information, call 617-495-3454.

North Cambridge Family Opera's spring production of RAIN DANCE

Inspired by Tish Farrell's short story, "[The Hare Who Would Not Be King](#)"

It is the tale of animals on the African savannah facing a drought, the Machiavellian lion whom they elect to lead them, and their unlikely hero, a brilliant but neurotic and politically apathetic rabbit.

The shows are divided into two excellent casts.

Saturday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Seminar by Catherine Steiner-Adair

The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age

Tuesday, April 1

Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Road

Open to the public, free of charge. Registration is recommended as seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Catherine will offer insights and advice that can help parents achieve greater understanding, authority and confidence as they come up against the tech revolution that is unfolding in their living room.
<http://www.cfsmass.org/SeminarSeries?rc=0>

28th Annual City Run/Walk

The Andrea Harvey Annual Memorial Walk

Sunday April 6

Meet at the Russell Youth Center, 680 Huron Avenue at 8:45 – 10 a.m. Race begins at 10:30.

For more information on Andrea and the AHMF and to make an online donation, visit www.andreaharvey.org.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Tomorrow's Stars Camps and Clinics



- *Basic Baseball at Danehy Park* -

June 23 - June 27

Ages 6 - 12

8:45 - 2:45

- *Cambridge Soccer Clinic at Russell Field* -

July 7-11 & July 28 - August 1

Ages 6 and up.

9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

- *Cambridge Basketball at CRLS Gymnasium* -

July 14 - 18

Ages 7 and up.

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Full and half day options.

- *Cambridge All Sports at CRLS Field House* -

July 21-15

Offering baseball, football, soccer, dodge ball, kick ball and more. Full and half day options.

For applications and more information, visit their website at starsbb.com
Any registration questions please email Kristen Davis @ starsbbpridereg@yahoo.com

Compass Program 2014

July 7 - August 15
For students JK - 5.
You have received hard copy applications. Forms must be returned to your teacher no later Monday, March 24.

City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Community Schools Camps and Cambridge Youth Programs

The city offers summer camp programs offered at various Community Schools and Youth Centers. You can find a listing, sorted by neighborhood at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandouth/summercamps.aspx

Cambridge Adventure Day Camp CADC

Available for ages 6 - 11. Transportation is provided. Register online: <http://cambridge.camping.org/enroll/> or call (617) 864-0960.

ESH Circus Arts Summer Programming

Ages 5 - 17
July 28 - August 1
August 4 - August 8
www.eshcircusarts.com

An opportunity to explore many aspects of the circus arts, including ground acrobatics, aerial acrobatics, tumbling, juggling, wire-walking, hula hooping and much more.

Located at 44 Park Street, Front, Somerville 617-764-0190.

*** For Fifth Grade Students ***

STEM Summer Institute at MIT

July 7 - August 9
Hands on activities in math, science and engineering with MIT undergraduate instructors. Includes robotics, chemistry, physics and pre-calculus. Program is **FREE** and includes breakfast and lunch. Register at web.mit.edu/stem before March 28.

Maud Morgan Arts April Vacation Week

April 22 to 25
Come join exciting classes and workshops during your April Vacation for students in grades 5. Take advantage of April Vacation Week to explore some fantastic art projects in workshops at Maud Morgan Arts. Four afternoons allow for some really creative in depth time to learn a new art medium or to develop one further. Register at maudmorgan.com

BALDWIN CALENDAR

March 27, Thursday	Grade 4 Spelling Bee, 5:30 p.m.
March 31, Monday	Kindergarten Music Concert 9:00 a.m. Cafeteria
April 4, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
April 7, Monday	Grade 3 Music Concert 9:00 a.m. Cafeteria
April 9, Wednesday	School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
April 10, Thursday	Poem in Your Pocket Day
April 10, Thursday	Poetry Night, 5:30 p.m.
April 14, Monday	All School Meeting 2:15 p.m.
April 17, Thursday	Parent Seminar Parenting the Strong-Willed Child 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
April 18, Friday	No School
April 21 - 25	April Break
May 2, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
May 14, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
May 14, Wednesday	School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 16, Friday	Red Sox Game, 7:00 p.m.
May 19, Monday	All School Meeting 2:15 p.m.
May 26, Monday	No School, Memorial Day
June 5, 6	Grade 2 & 3 Overnight Trip
June 5, 6	Grade 5 Overnight Trip
June 5, Thursday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
June 19, 20	Grade 4 Overnight Trip
June 19, Thursday	Grade 5 Move Up Day Students spend day at RAUC
June 19, Thursday	Grade 5 Moving Up Celebration & Potluck 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
June 23, Monday	Last Day of School (if no more snow days) School dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

In the District

April 12, Saturday	CRLS A Capella Jam, 7:00 p.m. CRLS Fitzgerald Theatre
April 16, Wednesday	All-City Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m. CRLS Fitzgerald Theatre

Celebrate Poetry ...
Baldwin Poem in Your Pocket Day
April 10

