

The Baldwin Broadside

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*November 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Remember to Turn Your Clocks Back.***October All-School Meeting**

On October 11th, we had our first K-5 all-school meeting of the year. The meeting's hosts were 5th grade students D.J. and Hannah. After leading the school in the Pledge of Allegiance, D.J. and Hannah reminded students of the Baldwin School Core Values:

We, the students of the Maria L. Baldwin School:

Always give our best effort.

Stand up for ourselves and others.

Are kind, positive and safe.

Treat others the way we want to be treated.

Work together to make a fun learning community.

Mr. Geiger presented the *Math Problem of the Month*.

Each family was sent a math problem of the month and Mr. Geiger explained that the student and their family should work on the problem together. When you have solved the problem, bring it in and have their name put on the "Math Hall of Fame".

Mr. Geiger showed the problem on the screen and then had 3 kindergarten students show how they solved the problem. The picture showed 8 legs with no bodies under water. The problem: how many dinosaurs are there?

Fatima showed that there were 4 dinosaurs. "I know that because 2 legs plus 2 legs plus 2 legs plus 2 legs is 4 dinosaurs."

Camron thought there were 3 dinosaurs. He said that there are 2 2-legged dinosaurs and 1 4-legged dinosaur.

Rebecca thought that there were 2 dinosaurs. "There are two dinosaurs each with four legs."

There is more to the problem. Have fun as a family coming up with the answer.

Next, some of our 4th grade students shared their reading journals. Eva read her entry, "What I know to be true about reading." Zora and Jake read a summary of the book they are reading. Michael F. read, "What keeps me reading? It is fun! I read to learn. I still haven't read to the end of this book but I read because I'm

encouraged."

The next share was Ms. Della Calce's kindergarten class. They revealed the results of a school survey they conducted. Their survey was to find out how many different languages the students of the Baldwin School speak. What they found is that there are 34 different languages that students speak! You can see their bar chart results on the last page of the newsletter and on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Finally, Mr. Kelly's junior kindergarten classroom did an aerobic demonstrations on stage. In physical education class, students exercise using all kinds of methods. Under the direction of our Physical Education teacher Mr. Gladu, they showed off a dance they do in class. It is a great way to keep in shape and have fun. Their dance then spontaneously erupted into a whole school flash mob dance with every student participating in the song and dance. Ask your child to show you the "Hands Up Give me Your Heart" song and dance they do in gym to 'get them going'.

The next all-school meeting will be on Wednesday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.





International Flavors Taste Test

On October 31, there will be a taste test in the cafeteria at lunch. Students will be offered to taste a Bangladeshi dish, Chicken Biryani. This recipe was submitted by a parent in the community. The Chicken Biryani ingredients:

chicken (either frozen diced or fresh tenders), vegetable oil, onions, fresh garlic, fresh ginger, salt, cumin, chili powder, turmeric, cardamom, diced tomatoes, fresh potatoes, yogurt. Served over brown rice. Regular lunch will be served with this dish offered as a taste. If you do not want you child to take part in the taste, please contact the nurse or notify your child's teacher.

Thank you!

Thank you to K215 parent *Jenny Monroe!* Jenny, along with her incredible helper Ollie, sell Iggy's bread after school on Friday afternoons. All proceeds for the bread goes toward the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the spring. On nice days, you will find Jenny outside of the Sacramento Street door. When the weather gets a bit colder, she will be in the Sacramento Street hallway. This weekly tradition was brought to us by Diana a few years ago and has carried on since.



Thank you to the pumpkin brigade! Our incredible team of parents organized the sale of large, gorgeous pumpkins and raised over \$500 for the Friends of the Baldwin School. Thanks to *Diana, Tracy, Sharon, Silvia, Amanda, Tito, and Andrew.* Also, thanks to students Caleb and Isaac in grade 5 for helping to unload the pumpkins from the truck. Thanks to the many students for helping with the sale.



Friends of the Baldwin School

Friends of the Baldwin School News

The Friends of Baldwin (FOB) held their evening Informational Meeting last week. FOB's mission of community building, supporting the teaching staff and increasing fund raising transparency was outlined along with a review of last year's accomplishments and calendar for this year's events. All the information presented at the meeting is located in the FOB book stored in the front office and available for anyone to review. FOB meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month in the first floor conference room. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room. All are welcome.

- New opportunity at Friends of Baldwin!
Assistant Treasurer

The Friends of Baldwin (FOB) is looking for a detailed-oriented volunteer to assist with managing and updating the accounts for the organization. This person would update the FOB book (located in the main office) and help with the tracking and payments for FOB activities at the school, like enrichment grants to teachers and class fund raisers. Please expect to spend 1 to 2 hours a week. One of central tasks of the FOB is to bring transparency and security to the extra curricular finances. This position is important to providing the teachers with up to date account balances and keeping the Baldwin community informed about how much is raised and how it is being spent. Please consider volunteering to help make the Baldwin community even stronger. Please contact Susan Tiersch for further information.



ATTENTION PARENTS ...

Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year?

Any child who will be four years old on or before March 31, 2014 is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2014. Please contact Susan and she will make sure you receive the Kindergarten registration packet. 617-349-4377 or stiersch@cpsd.us.

If you have a 3 year old and would like to participate in the 3 year old lottery for limited seats in Tobin Montessori, FMA Scholar College or Special Start Integrated Classes, you must submit your registration forms to the Family Resource Center by October 31.

Parking Reminder! Please do not park in front of the school during arrival and dismissal times. This is a loading zone only. Buses need to be able to pull up to the front of the school. Thank you.

We need your help. Do you know a grad school student or acquaintance who may be interested in being a math tutor?

The task entails working two hours a day, during the school day, with Baldwin elementary students.

Qualifications: Experience tutoring or teaching math to elementary-aged students in a one-on-one or in a small group setting.

If you have any leads, please contact Nick at leonardos@cpsd.us or x101.

Lost and Found

As the weather fluctuates, the size of the lost and found grows. The lost and found is in the Sacramento Street hallway. Chances are, that missing sweatshirt is there.



News from the Garden

Autumn has most definitely arrived in our CitySprouts school garden! Over the past month, we have been busy harvesting the last of our summer veggies, pulling out plants that have reached the end of their life cycles, tending the compost, and starting to sow winter cover crops to protect the soil. We have also been making lots of connections to academic lessons: students have practiced math by counting and sorting beans, used descriptive language while writing in the garden, and honed observational skills through sketching and labeling exercises, among other activities. In addition, several classes visited the garden for our annual cider pressing extravaganza in early October, which was a great success.

Ms. Gibson-Mueller's first grade class has tasted garden veggies, planted winter rye, sketched, examined and counted different varieties of beans, and read an autumn-themed book in the garden. Mr. O'Connor's first graders, with their teacher Ms. Berk have looked for insects in the compost, practiced math and writing, sketched flowers and plants, and hunted for signs of fall. Mrs. O'Leary's Kindergarten class has also visited the garden to sketch and observe, and will be helping me plant winter rye and do a few other activities this week.

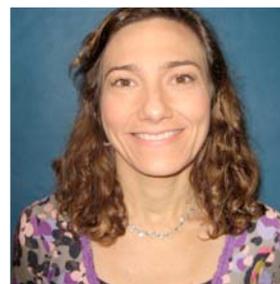
Coming up, we have a number of important garden tasks to complete, including planting garlic, continuing to plant winter rye, and pulling out plants to "put the gardens to bed" for the winter.

Meg

CitySprouts Garden Coordinator

Introducing Lisa Berk

Lisa has been working in grade 1, covering Mr. O'Connor's medical leave. When Mr. O'Connor returns, Lisa will take over in grade 4 for Mrs. Miller's maternity leave. Lisa has taught for over 12 years, in Lexington and Buffalo. She has a BA from Goddard College and an MS.Ed. in Reading from Bank Street. She is fully versed in key curriculum areas including the Literacy Collaborative and Responsive Classroom.



Trick or Treat for Unicef

Look for your UNICEF boxes on Tuesday, October 29th.

The Baldwin School participates in Trick or Treat for Unicef annually. UNICEF is

the world's leading children's organization, and is entirely funded by voluntary contributions.

UNICEF helps millions of children survive and thrive every year. Please take the boxes around with you as you enjoy Halloween evening and bring them to your classroom on November 1.



COMING UP AT THE BALDWIN ...

- Baldwin Hosts C-PAC Coffee Friday, November 15

8:20 a.m. in the Conference Room
C-PAC is the Cambridge Parent Advisory Council on Special Education. Their mission is to educate and support parents in advocating for children with special needs.

- STEM Fair
Thursday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

- Book Fair
December 16 - 19

BALDWIN CALENDAR

November 1, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
November 7, Thursday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 11, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 13, Wednesday	Baldwin School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 15, Friday	C-PAC Parent Coffee @ Baldwin 8:20 a.m., Conference Room
November 21, Thursday	STEM Fair. 6:00 p.m.
November 27, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 27, Wednesday	Spirit Day - Wear your Baldwin Gear / Green
November 27, Wednesday	All-School Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
November 28, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
November 29, Friday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 6, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
December 11, Wednesday	Baldwin School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
December 16, Monday - December 19, Thursday	Book Fair in the Library
December 17, Tuesday	Hat Day
December 17, Tuesday	All-School Meeting, 2:15 p.m.
December 23, Monday - January 1, Wednesday	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

IN THE DISTRICT

Kindergarten Information Sessions

- Saturday, October 26

10:00 a.m.

Fletcher Maynard Academy

- Wednesday, October 30

6:30 p.m.

Cambridgeport School

School Committee Candidates Forum

Wednesday, October 30

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459

Broadway, Main Cafeteria

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan Review for Parents/Caregivers

Tuesday, November 12

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CRLS War Memorial Room 115

A Review of the
Cambridge Public Schools Anti-bullying Policy
and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.
Free parking in the CRLS garage on Ellery Street.

C-PAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 p.m. at CRLS

Topic: Mindset

Join C-PAC and co-hosts, the Office of Academic
Challenge & Enrichment and the Citywide Parent
Advisory Group for a discussion of Carol Dweck's
Mindset, focused on supporting diverse students to
develop a "growth mindset" that will set them up for
success.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD

Really Scary Stories with Storyteller Tony Toledo

Thursday, October 31

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cambridge Public Library, Children's Room, 449
Broadway

Finish off Halloween Night with a good scare in the
library! Ages 5 & up!

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

Cambridge Community Free Yoga

Free for all residents of Cambridge, weekly 60 minute
classes.

Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Sheila Russell Youth & Community Center

680 Huron Avenue (across from the Golf Course)

Class dates: November 1, 8, 15, 22 (no class on the
29) December 6, 13 & 20.

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Halloween Open House at all Fire Stations

Thursday, October 31

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Cambridge Fire Department will be hosting
Halloween Open House at all fire stations (except
Inman Square as it is under renovation). Children and
their parents are encouraged to visit their
neighborhood fire station to view fire apparatus and
to receive glow sticks and trick-or-treat bags,
compliments of the Cambridge Fire Department.

Attention All Cambridge Dads

Supports Kids Positive Behaviors in your Home

Monday, October 28

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue (behind the Peabody School)

Workshop topics include:

- Understanding & responding to challenging behaviors
- Setting realistic expectations in your family
- Being on the same page as your partner about discipline

Childcare available upon request. Food will be served. Contact Christine at 617-349-3003 or cdoucet@cambridgema.gov

**17th Annual Cambridge Family Literacy Fun Day
Saturday, November 2**

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue
Free event for Cambridge Families for children pre-k through grade 3.

Children's Activities, free books, magician, face painting, sing-a-longs and more.

**Fatherhood as a Public Health Priority
Sunday, November 3**

Join a discussion of the importance of fatherhood in health and ways local communities are empowering fathers and changing parenting approaches through multi-sector strategies.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tufts School of Dental Medicine, 1 Kneeland Street, Boston

Free and open to the public.

Registration & Additional Event Information
<https://menshealthcaucus.eventbrite.com/>

**Urban Cycling and the Law
Tuesday, November 5**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cambridge Police Station, 125 Sixth Street
First Floor Conference Room

An advanced workshop for people with specific questions about bike law. Attendees will receive safety hand outs. For more information contact Jennifer Lawrence, jlawrence@cambridgema.gov, 617-349-4671.

**Harvard University Community Hockey Game
Saturday, November 9**

Harvard University Men's Hockey vs. Clarkson
7:00 p.m.

Harvard Athletics Complex, 65 North Harvard Street, Allston

All Cambridge residents receive free admission with proof of residency.

Sister to Sister: Community Conversations

Exploring Health Issues Affecting Black Women with Health Care Experts of Color

Sunday, November 10

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Simply Erinn's Unisex Salon, 268 Brookline Street
Topic: Sick Cell - What's New in Treatment & Care

**Agassiz Baldwin Community 42nd Annual
Thanksgiving Potluck Feast**

Tuesday, November 26

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Baldwin School Cafeteria.

Family Flu Clinics

Cambridge Public Health Department

Peabody School

70 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge)

Wednesday, October 30 | 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Fresh Pond Apartments (Rindge Towers)

364 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge)

Wednesday, November 6 | 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

King Open School

850 Cambridge Street (East Cambridge)

Thursday, November 14 | 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Pisani Center

131 Washington Street (Cambridgeport)

Thursday, November 21 | 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

City of Cambridge Community Development
Department presents -

Affordable Housing Information Sessions

Learn about the city's rental and home ownership programs.

Information sessions:

- **Monday, November 18**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

North Cambridge Senior Center, 2050 Massachusetts Avenue

- **Monday, December 16**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cambridge Public Library Main Branch, Beech Room, 449 Broadway

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