

*The Baldwin Broadside*

VOLUME 8

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*No School Friday, October 26***All-School Morning Meeting**

On Wednesday, October 24, we had our first all-school morning meeting of the school year.

Our 5th grade student hosts Teesa and Abby led the school in the pledge of allegiance and they recited the Baldwin School Core Values (see below).

Modeled after classroom morning meeting, the meeting had a few classroom shares. The first share was by Ms. Corianne's kindergarten class who performed the Tooty Ta song and dance. K104 uses this fun, silly song and dance to help the students transition to a new activity in their classroom. It helps them get ready to learn. Mrs. O'Leary's kindergarten class shared their beautiful writing books. Our students were then treated to a video of the Baldwin classroom pets, filmed by Ms. Frazier's 4th grade students. What a variety of pets! Mr. Kelly's kindergarten class has a leopard slug. Mr.

O'Connor's first grade class has a tarantula. Ms. Power's 2nd grade classroom has an anole named Cinco, a hamster named Frosty and two very, very large guinea pigs named Buffy and Pepsi. Ms. Karma's 2nd grade class has tortoises! Several tortoises! Tortoises that like to sit on top of one another. Mrs. Miller's 4th grade class has hermit crabs and Ms. Frazier's 4th grade class has Mr. Snuggles the hamster. And there are fish in the art room! Ms. Della Calce's kindergarten class is getting ready to visit Big Fish Little Fish in Somerville to pick out some fish for their classroom. It was fun to see all the pets in our school building.

Mr. Leonardos concluded the assembly explaining why we all come together monthly for the meeting. It is a time to celebrate and share all the great things that students are doing. Going forward, there will be a "Shout Out" tradition at the meetings. Shout outs will be given to a student or a class found doing something that relates to our Core Values. These Shout Outs will be posted on the wall of the cafeteria. Mr. Gladu gave a Shout Out to the Let's Move mentors, not only for their wonderful work helping the younger students during morning gym, but also for their help setting up the gymnasium for the meeting.

**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.

**Pajama Reading Night**

Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Kugel for organizing a wonderful evening. The storyteller, Tony Toledo was excellent. He kept everyone's attention as he told some amazing stories to students and their families. Thank you's go out to many who helped make the evening a success... to the *Friends of Baldwin* for funding the evening, to our 5th grade readers, who read their own stories and to Ms. Frazier for leading them. Also, thanks to our readers; Mr. Leonardos for reading bedtime stories, Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Inconiglios for reading silly stories and Mrs. Miller for reading the very popular scary stories. Thank you to Elizabeth Warren and the parents of Ms. Della Calce's class for providing the snacks, and to Ms. Della Calce for selling them! Also, many thanks to parent Travis Bristol for working with Ms. Kugel and helped organize our greeters including Claudine Gay, Katya Tzikas and Sara-Jane Rogers. Thank you to Silvia Rimolo for making signs. Pajama Reading Night was a fun evening for all and will hopefully become a Baldwin School tradition.

**In the Garden**

In the past few weeks, students have looked for signs of fall, made compost bags to watch decomposition in the classroom, harvested dry beans and saved the seeds for spring planting, and pressed A LOT of cider. Eleven classrooms pressed cider and it was a huge success! Many thanks to all the teachers who participated, it was a lot of fun.

**Go Fly a Kite!**

Mr. O'Connor's first grade class spent the day on Tuesday constructing kites. They then personalized them, decorating them with beautiful pictures and words. In the afternoon, they went to the Sacramento Street field to fly them! What a fun way

to learn about air, what they observed about air and wind and how it affected the flight of their kite!

### Election Day at School



All students at the Baldwin School will have an opportunity to vote on Monday, November 5th. There will be election booths set up in the cafeteria and every student will cast their vote for president.

### Parent Reminders

The school day begins promptly at 8:40 and students are officially late at 8:55. Please make every attempt to arrive to school by 8:40 since children are expected to start academic work.

We are asking parents to be aware of this and help our teachers who are engaging with students at 8:40 in trying to set a "classroom wide" tone from the very start of the day. We understand and encourage parents to share information with teachers, but ask you to respect the classroom environment we all want for our students by keeping conversations with each other, the students, or the teacher to a minimum during this time. Parents are always welcome to set up a meeting if needed, or communicate through email. We welcome parent input and involvement and seek your help in getting the day started on the right foot. Thanks for your help.

### Trick or Treat for Unicef

Look for your UNICEF boxes on Monday, 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.



### Election Day Food Sale

This coming Election Day, November 6th, is a **huge** opportunity to raise money for the *Friends of Baldwin* fund. The *Friends of Baldwin* funds enrichments to every classroom with the monies raised. During the last presidential election, the high voter turnout and long line proved to be a boon for our fundraising. This is a wonderful opportunity for **every** family to get involved. You can help by baking, cooking or spending some time working at the sale. The neighborhood community that votes in our school building look forward to fresh baked items, soups and chili.



Individually wrapped baked items like cookies, cupcakes, muffins, breads and brownies can be dropped off at the school on Monday, November 5. If you are a better cook than baker, please consider making a soup or chili in a crock pot. Those items can be dropped off during the day on Tuesday, November 6. If you would like to work at the sale during the day, you can sign up online or call or email Susan (617-349-4377 or [stiersch@cpsd.us](mailto:stiersch@cpsd.us)). It's a great way to spend time with a friend or meet someone new. Come for as much time as you are able to spare. We need everyone's help to make this a success! Thank you!

### Baldwin Community Cards - Sales Contest

You have received flyers and announcements about the Baldwin School Community Card. The card is a major fundraiser for the *Friends of Baldwin* and there will prizes for top sellers. Each class that sells 80 or more cards will receive a \$30 gift certificate to buy books for their classroom. The class that sells the most cards will win a pizza party (one winner for JK-2, and one winner for 3-5). Contest ends on November 16.



### Requesting ...

well washed 1/2 gallon juice or milk cartons for the Art Room. Ms. Lilli and the students will be filling them with organic soil in order to grow some very visual-artsy plants! Thank you.

### COMING UP AT BALDWIN ...

#### Election Day & Friends of Baldwin Fundraiser November 6

The Baldwin School is a polling location for community, state and nationwide elections. Starting bright and early at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, our parents will be hosting a food sale fundraiser outside of the polling area (gymnasium, basement level). All proceeds of the food sale go to the *Friends of Baldwin*.

#### Friends of Baldwin Meetings Wednesday, November 7

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Library

#### Thursday, November 8

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (1st floor)

#### Scholastic Book Fair November 13 - 15

Baldwin School Library

#### Parenting Workshop

Monday, November 19

8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Baldwin School Library

Dr. Shaligram will draw parallels from Responsive Classroom to general parenting approaches. Students in all grades are invited to go to Let's Move morning gym while parents attend the workshop in the library. Breakfast refreshments will be served.

**COMING UP IN THE DISTRICT ...**

**Academic Challenge and Enrichment Parent Meeting**

How are we providing Academic Challenge and Enrichment to ALL students of Cambridge Public Schools?

Please join Paula Feynman, the district's new Academic Challenge and Enrichment Manager to discuss our new vision and how it affects our children.

**Thursday November 1**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Baldwin School, 28 Sacramento Street  
Childcare and light refreshments provided.

**Friday, November 9**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Fletcher-Maynard Academy, 225 Windsor Street  
Light refreshments provided.  
For more information please contact Paula Feynman at [PFeynman@cpsd.us](mailto:PFeynman@cpsd.us) or call 617-349-6427.

**Kindergarten Information Sessions**

For children Entering Kindergarten September 2013  
*Wednesday, November 7*  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Peabody School  
*Saturday, November 17*  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Kennedy Longfellow School

**Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year?**

Any child who will be four years old on or before March 31, 2013 is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2013. Please contact me and I will be sure that you get the Kindergarten registration packet. Thank you! Susan Tiersch, 617-349-4377 or [stiersch@cpsd.us](mailto:stiersch@cpsd.us).

**Upcoming Events**

- November 6, Tuesday Election Day, *Friends of Baldwin* Fundraiser
- November 7, Wednesday Friends of Baldwin Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- November 8, Thursday Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- November 8, Thursday School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- November 8, Thursday **Early Release Day**  
**School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.**
- November 12, Monday **NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day**

- November 13 - 16 Baldwin Book Fair
- November 14, Wednesday Parent Conferences
- November 19, Monday Parent Workshop on Responsive Classroom 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Library
- November 19, Monday & November 20, Tuesday Street Cleaning in the School Neighborhood
- November 21, Wednesday **Early Release Day**  
**School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.**
- November 22 and 23 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- November 30, Friday Picture Re-take Day
- November 30, Friday All-School Morning Meeting 9:00 - 9:30

**In the District**

- November 1, Thursday Academic Challenge and Enrichment Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Baldwin School
- November 7, Wednesday Kindergarten Information Session 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peabody School
- November 9, Friday Academic Challenge and Enrichment Meeting 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Fletcher-Maynard Academy
- November 16, Friday CRLS Fall Musical "Urinetown" 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theatre
- November 17, Saturday Kindergarten Information Session 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Kennedy-Longfellow School
- November 17, Saturday CRLS Fall Musical "Urinetown" 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. CRLS Theatre
- November 18, Sunday CRLS Fall Musical "Urinetown" 2:00 p.m., CRLS Theater
- December 5, Wednesday All-City Music Concert 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Walk/Ride Day Afternoon Hangout and Potluck Friday, October 26**

3:30 - sunset at Danehy Park  
Head over to Danehy Park, play ball, hang out and enjoy a sunny, fall afternoon. Iggy's has donated lots of bread.

**Saturday Storytelling at Citibank in Porter Square Saturday, October 27**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
A talented group with *Baldwin School ties!* Baldwin School parent Cristi Catt and her daughter, Baldwin School alum Katy Loutzenhiser (sister of Peter), author and illustrator or Solaka, The Girl with the Long Blue Toenails will read their book. This book was published by Wiggles Press, the publisher is Rochelle Thorpe, Baldwin School parent (mom of Gabe). Also at the event will be Sarah Reidy, author

of The Little Plum Tree and Celestine Payne, author of There a Tarantula in My Pajamas.

### **Boston Book Festival 2012**

**Saturday, October 27**

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Copley Square

The Boston Book Festival is New England's largest annual literary event. Featuring more than 125 presenters and dozens of sessions for kids and adults, the BBF also boasts a bustling street fair, workshops for aspiring authors, an outdoor music stage, and more! Free.

For event schedule, go to

<http://www.bostonbookfest.org/attend/schedule2012>

### **LGBT Town Hall Meeting**

**Saturday, October 27**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Cambridge City Hall

This is a chance for the LGBT community to gather and share their thoughts on the state of Cambridge with each other, and with city officials. Keynote speaker Byron Rushing, Massachusetts State Representative.

Sponsored by Vice Mayor Denise Simmons, the Cambridge GLBT Commission, the Cambridge Peace Commission and the Rainbow Times.

### **Film showing of "Bag It"**

**Tuesday, October 30**

6:30 pm., Cambridge Public Library Auditorium

There will be a free showing of the film "Bag It . Is your Life too Plastic? With a humorous tone, this documentary follows an average guy as he embarks on a personal quest to figure out where plastic bags come from, why they're so ubiquitous and where they end up after they're thrown away.

### **16th Annual Cambridge Family Literacy Fun Day**

**Saturday, November 3**

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

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Free event for Cambridge families. Children's activities, free books, face painting and more.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD**

#### **2012 Cambridge Flu Clinic Schedule**

Adults and children (age 6 months or older) will be seen at these clinics. FluMist will be available for children.

*Thursday, November 1*

6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Fresh Pond Apartments, 364 Rindge Avenue

*Wednesday, November 7*

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

King Open School, 850 Cambridge Street

*Wednesday, November 14*

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Pisani Center, 131 Washington Street

### **Pictures of Pajama Reading Night**

Tony Toledo, Mr. Leonardos and Mrs. Miller and **Kite Flying**

