

The Baldwin Broadside

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April is National Poetry Month!

Physical Education

Springtime news from the Physical Education department regarding upcoming activities! Students in all grade levels continue working hard on developing their fitness levels by enhancing both their fine and gross motor skills using jumping rope as a training aid.

Students in grades 2 to 8 grade are preparing their jump rope routines for the March school assembly. The fifth graders are shining their dancing shoes in preparation for the ballroom dancing unit beginning in March. At the completion of the seven week program, all fifth graders are invited to display their dancing skills at the ball; more information will be forthcoming regarding this event as the date approaches. Also in March, all grade levels will be having their physical fitness evaluated according to guidelines established by the Cambridge Public School System. We will also be bicycling during the month of May in Physical Education classes in the 3rd, 4th and 6th grade classes. The process of cleaning up the bicycles and pumping air in the tires will be beginning soon! Students will learn about bicycle safety before we ride at the Y field. They are invited to bring their own helmets, but we will also make bicycles and helmets available for use. We are planning a school-wide field day event for all students at the end of May with many exciting and fun activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My phone extension is 505.

Sylvain Gladu
Physical Education Teacher

Spanish

Mr. Paras reports that the students in 7th grade are writing letters in Spanish to the Peabody School 7th grade students telling them about themselves and their interests. The 7th grade students from Peabody are writing letters to the Baldwin students about the Peabody School. Esperamos por el próximo año.

In the Art Room

Our 6th grade students are learning to sew with Ms. Lilli. Mr. Hyland worked with the students earlier in the year on an evolution project. The students designed their own animals and are now sewing them into a plush toy. You can help! If you have any extra fabric, thread or sewing needles, the art room is the place to donate them.

Ms. Martinez is happy to announce that art work from a great number of Baldwin students will be on display at the **CPS Annual Spring Exhibit** at the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center April 2 through April 20. The opening reception is Thursday, April 5, 4:00 - 6:00.

Student work includes line prints with oil pastel, Impressionist memories, paper mosaics, rosette windows, mixed-media self portrait boxes, texture monsters, and incredible 8th grade self portraits using charcoal, color pencil, graphite and tempera.

Baldwin student work includes Jeffrey Gao, Eric Garcia, Chen Ho Lee, Keira Putrih, Maya Rosen, Gemma Shoor, Dilzafer Singh, Shadnan Asraf, Lucas Cannistraro, Jin Ho Lee, Ellie Serpe, Noe Shoor, Safiyya Arabia O'Connor, Peter Cannistraro, Freddreon Dillahunt, Luke Goodnow-Russell, Paul Hanson, Megan Kelliher, In Ho Lee, Tamaryn Watzman, Maroua Ouadani, Charlotte Rosenblum, Amir Ahmed, Cristina Bernard-Rubio, Qeru Booker, Janoah Daley, Hibah Gul, Ahmed Maruf, Miguel Miljangos, Dadjerry St. Rose, Julius Torres, Leila Valentin, Stella Yeung.

The Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center is located at 41 Second Street. Studio hours are weekdays, 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A Trip to the Movies

Thank you to our 7/8 ELA teacher, Ms. Gonzalez, for arranging for the students of the Baldwin middle school, grades 6, 7 and 8, to see a private screening of the Hunger Games at the AMC Loews theater in Harvard Square. The students who have devoured the Suzanne Collins series have been excited to see this movie for months. Overwhelming, the students and teachers enjoyed the movie.

Curiosity Challenge Winners

This year, there were over 1500 entries to the 2012 Cambridge Science Festival's Curiosity Challenge. That is double the 2011 amount. There will be an awards ceremony on Sunday, April 29.

Congratulations to the Baldwin School students, all from Mr. Wrin's 1st grade class who have been named Curiosity Challenge Winners: **Corey Quinland, Hayden Armstrong and Grace Gillig.**

Dance in the Schools

Ms. Payson's 3rd grade class is participating in a program called *Dance in the Schools*. Students are learning about movement and interpretive dance. This helps the students in many ways including following instructions and self control.

Mr. Wrin and Ms. Powers students are also involved in *Dance in the Schools* program. They have been focusing on yoga instruction. See more details at the end of the newsletter.



Upcoming Concerts!

Our music teacher, Ms. Berkson announces the "Welcome Spring" Concert featuring students in **Kindergarten and Grade 1** on Friday, March 30 at 9:15 a.m. in the Baldwin School Cafeteria.

Grade 5-8 Concert is Wednesday, April 11 at 9:15 a.m.

Students in **Grades 2 and 3** will perform for their families on Friday, April 27 at 9:15 a.m.

Author Ben Winters Coming to the Baldwin

New York Times bestselling author Mr. Ben Winters is coming to visit our 4th grade students. He will talk to the students about his book, The Mystery of the Missing Everything.

Coins for Cures Coin Drive for Children's Hospital - March & April

Our coin drive to raise money for Children's Hospital in Boston will continue through April. After three weeks, Ms. Butler reported that the school has raised \$1390 --- that is well past last year's collection. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Ms. Frazier's class, Mr. Hyland's class and Ms. Payson's class as they have collected the most so far.

Math Carnival

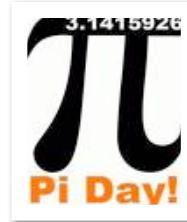
What a great turnout last night at the Math Carnival! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at the booths. Thank you to the teachers who came to play math games with the kids! And to very special thank you to Mr. Geiger for organizing such a great event!

The Scratch booth was very popular, thank you Emmy and Ms. Gustafson. And thank you to the

Friends of Baldwin for their help with the wonderful array of prizes including math games, math books and gift cards.

Pi Day Celebrated

March 14 (3/14) is celebrated throughout the world as Pi Day. Mathematics enthusiasts celebrate this day as the irrational number, 3.14 has made computation relating to circles easier. Pi is arguably the most famous number in existence. It is the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of any circle - large or small. While pi is irrational (never ends, never repeats), most people round the number to the nearest hundredths and simply call it 3.14.



On Wednesday, March 14, the 7th and 8th grade students participated in Pi Day. Our math teacher, Ms. Plate had wonderful math activities, all related to Pi, planned for the students. Thank you Ms. Plate and Ms. Tatiana! Congratulations to 8th grade student Hibah who memorized 280 digits of Pi and 7th grade students Maroua who memorized 144 digits of pi and Jacob who memorized 143 digits of pi! Many thanks to our 7/8 parents who volunteered to help: Ann, Laura, Margy, Nina and Paul. Thank you to the many families who provided delicious and beautiful pies for the students to enjoy at lunch.

Baldwin Eagles News

The Baldwin boys and girls basketball teams are off to a great start. During the first game of the season, the boys, under the coaching of Mr. Wilson had an exciting game against Graham & Parks and won 39-34. The girls, coached by Mr. O'Connor, lost a hard fought game. Our boys are undefeated at 2-0 and the girls continue to improve with each game.



Friends of Baldwin

Thank you to all the families who helped sell the Baldwin Discount Card! If you bought a card, it is good through the end of August 2012 so continue using it at your favorite vendors. We have raised over \$4,000 for the Friends of Baldwin. But we still have more to raise! There are nearly 100 cards in the hands of Baldwin families still waiting to be sold. Please sell these to friends, neighbors and colleagues and return the proceeds to Susan Tiersch or your classroom teacher. If you still have cards and are unable to sell them, please return them to Susan. Feel free to contact Meg Swift (megswift@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Thank you to the Friends of Baldwin (FOB) Board of Directors. They have received requests from

classroom teachers for funding and this is how some of their funds are being used:

\$200.00 to partially fund the two first grade classrooms' field trip to Flatbread/Sacco Bowl in Somerville. The field trip is tied to their science unit on Balls & Ramps.

News from the Nurse

Dear parent/guardian of students in grades 5-8,

The Baldwin School nurse will be doing an annual postural screening, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, in your child's class in April and May. The screening takes place during your child's physical education class.

The purpose of this is to find early signs of possible spinal problems in children in grades 5-9. It is not a diagnostic service but a program to identify young people who should have further medical evaluation. If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to take the child to a physician as a precaution. The majority of students exhibit no findings. If nothing unusual is found, we will not be contacting you again until the screening next year.

Boys will be screened with their shirts off. Female children are asked to bring a TWO-PIECE SWIMSUIT OR HALTER TOP to school the day of the screening. This type of clothing permits more accurate observation of the back. Students will be screened individually in the privacy of an office. The screening will take place during your child's physical education class. The schedule (subject to change due to needs in the nurse's office):

Week of April 2: 6th , 7th and 8th grade boys

Week of April 9: 7th & 8th grade girls

Week of April 23: 6th grade girls/5th grade boys

Week of April 30: 5th grade girls

If your child has had a recent postural screening by his or her primary care provider, please provide documentation from your provider and your student will not be screened. If you do NOT want your child to be screened, please let me know. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the postural screening.

Thank you for your assistance,
Kathryn Bonfiglio, RN
Telephone 617-349-6746, FAX
617-349-6893

Walk/Ride Days for the remainder of the school year:
Friday, April 27 and Friday, May 25.



COMING UP ...

Baldwin POETRY NIGHT!

April 12

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the school.

Enjoy an evening of poetry performances and poetry stations for K-8 students, faculty and families. Poetry readings by student and adult poets. Poetry activity stations for younger poets, featuring Jump Rope Rhymes, Write Your Own Poem, Magnetic Poetry, and a Community Poem.

Students Poetry Reading Rules

You may choose to perform an original poem or a favorite, published poem. Sign up forms are available under the Poet-tree in the lobby. Or, you may email Ms. Gonzalez, amgonzalez@cpsd.us or Mrs. Rogers, srogers@cpsd.us with the name of your poem. If you choose to perform an original poem, you must submit a copy ahead of time.

Welcome Ralph Watson Coffee

Please come to a coffee to meet the new Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Head of School.
Thursday, April 12, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

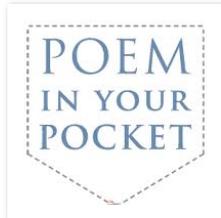
Upcoming Visitors to the Baldwin School

Thursday, March 29 - Author Ben Winters

Tuesday, April 10 - Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Carolyn Turk visits students in grades 5, 6 and 7 to hear from the students their ideas about fun, community-building triad activities.

Thursday, April 12 - Head of Rindge Avenue Upper School Ralph Watson visits our middle school.

Tuesday, April 24 - State Senator Sal DiDiminico



Poem in Your Pocket Day

On April 26, the students of the Baldwin will participate in Poem in Your Pocket Day. This tradition was started last year by our Literacy Coach Sara-Jane Rogers.

Baldwin Science Expo 2012

Wednesday, **May 2**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium
Every student at the Baldwin will have science on display. Students in grades K-3 will do classroom projects. Students in grades 4-8 will do individual or small group projects.



Red Sox Game - May 4

The 12th Annual Baldwin Student Red Sox Game vs.

the Baltimore Orioles at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Roderick was able to reserve seats in the bleachers and the grandstand (200 tickets). The grandstand is sold out, there are still bleacher seats available. Their going fast!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 - 11

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

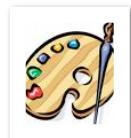
Wednesday, **May 9**

Parents will be asked to help make this day extra special for our teachers and staff. More information will be sent home in a notice.



7th Annual Baldwin School Art Show

Thursday, **May 24**



8th Grade Graduation - June 15

The Baldwin School 8th Grade Graduation is Friday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon that day (not the normal 1:00 for early release days!) After school programs are aware of the 8th grade graduation dates and will offer after school programming.

For students in grade 6 and 7 who play an instrument, you will be asked to participate in the ceremony.



Attention 8th Grade Students

CRLS Athletic Gear Sale!

Order CRLS athletic gear - sweatshirts, pants, hats and other items. Deadline to order is April 15. Proceeds will benefit CRLS athletic teams.

All orders need to be received by FOCA by April 15. Order by going to www.friendsofcambridgeathletics.org



Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Schedule

The Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Baldwin Library, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SAC meetings are open to the public and are a great way to learn about what's happening in school. The remaining dates for this school year:

April 11 May 9 June 13

MATH MCAS

Math MCAS is scheduled for May 7 - May 22. A schedule by grade will be distributed shortly.

Upcoming Events

March 30, Friday	Grade K and 1 Concert 9:15 a.m.
April 6, Friday	NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
April 9, Monday	7th Grade Visits/Tours RAUC
April 10, Tuesday	Dr. Carolyn Turk Visits
April 11, Wednesday	Grade 5-8 Spring Concert 9:15 a.m.
April 11, Wednesday	SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 12, Thursday	Coffee to Meet Ralph Watson 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
April 12, Thursday	Ralph Watson Visits our Middle School
April 12, Thursday	Poetry Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
April 16 - April 20	April Vacation Week
April 24, Tuesday	State Senator Sal DiDominico visits
April 26, Thursday	Poem in Your Pocket Day
April 27, Friday	Grade 2 and 3 Concert 9:15 a.m.
May 2, Wednesday	Baldwin School-wide Science Expo
May 4, Friday	Red Sox Game
May 7 - May 18	Math MCAS Testing
May 7 - May 11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7 - May 22	Math MCAS Testing
May 9, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
May 9, Wednesday	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 24, Thursday	7th Annual Art Show
May 31, Thursday	Baldwin School Field Day
May 28, Monday	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
June 5, Tuesday	5th Grade Girls Sports Day
June 11, Monday	Grade 6 Moving On Celebration/ Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
June 12, Tuesday	Grade 5 Moving On Celebration/ Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
June 13, Wednesday	SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
June 14, Thursday	Grade 7 Moving On Celebration/ Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
June 15, Friday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:00 Noon
June 15, Friday	8th grade Graduation 1:00 p.m.
June 18, Monday	Last Day of School School dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31, Saturday	A Capella Jam 7:00 p.m., CRLS
April 11, Wednesday	All-City Spring Music Concert 7:00 p.m., Fitzgerald Theatre
April 11, Wednesday	CRLS Parent Workshop Teens & Tweens: Drinking, Thinking and Preventing 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CRLS

May 11, Friday	DANCE/works 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater
May 12, Saturday	DANCE/works 7:00 p.m. CRLS Theater
May 17, Thursday	All-City Drama Production 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater
May 18, Friday	All-City Drama Production 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater

Walk/Ride Days for the remainder of the school year:
Friday, April 27 and Friday, May 25.



Street Cleaning Resumes

In the school neighborhood, street cleaning is the 3rd Monday and Tuesday of each month. Because of the Patriot's Day holiday, the designated street cleaning days in April are altered. Street cleaning dates for April are Tuesday, April 17 (during April vacation) and Monday, April 30.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for coming to Pizza and Movie Night. Thank you for bearing with us during our technical difficulties. Thanks to our wonderful community, we raised \$650 toward the Baldwin School Summer Camp Scholarship Fund! Huge thanks to Ms. Abbott and David, Jane, Steve and Hallie, Trish, Lynne Cayford, Mr. Wrin, Ms. Frazier, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Leonardos, Marquis and Buddy. Thanks to Dadjerry and Charles, our Men of Baldwin, for helping throughout the entire evening.



CitySprouts News

Applications for Summer Youth Intern Program for Middle School Students will be available in our library on April 1. All rising 6th through 9th grade students are encouraged to apply.

Tasty Choices Vegetable of the Month

Cucumbers originated near India and have been grown for food for at least 3,000 years. They are a great source of vitamin C. Did you know that pickles are made from cucumbers?

News from the Lunch Line

On March 30, there will be a taste test at the Baldwin. Chickpeas for Kids Salad will be served at lunch along with the regular menu and tastes will be available to add students. This new side dish has chickpeas, corn, fresh parsley, sweet red pepper and vinaigrette.

Lost & Found

We have a HUGE lost and found pile in the Sacramento Street entrance hallway. Please claim any clothes that belong to your family. As we do annually, these clothes will be donated if not claimed.



Cambridge Green Schools Initiative

The Cambridge Green Schools Initiative aims to reduce the district's energy usage, reduce carbon output, and save money through detailed data collection and measurement, quantitative analysis, and maintenance crew training, much of which is already underway. The Cambridge Public School Department in partnership with the DPW, the DOER Green Communities Grant Program, NSTAR Electric, and Prism Energy has implemented over the past two years and continues to implement energy efficiency projects to reduce usage and save money. At the Baldwin School, high efficiency lighting and occupancy sensors have been installed.

ATTENTION GIRLS

Cambridge Girls Softball, T-Ball League

Girls ages 6-8

Registration, beginners clinic and program : Monday evening, April 23rd. Bring a glove and a friend! Program takes place at Raymond Park in North Cambridge and Donnelly Field in East Cambridge. Mondays; April 23rd - June 18th Fee: \$40 (second child \$25) Advance registration is requested. For more information and a registration form: email: joegrassi1@msn.com . Parent volunteers needed.



Cambridge Baby Falcons Girls Basketball

Program

For girls in grades 3-8!

Registration is Saturday, April 7 at the Baldwin 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Program starts Saturday, April 21 and runs through June 23 and is held at the CRLS Main Gymnasium Session I (grades 3-5) from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Session II (grades 5-8) from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

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

FOR PARENTS

Cambridge Public Library Parent Workshop

Hey I Can Read!

How four and five year-olds learn to read and write A Workshop with Jim St. Clair

What inspires children to want to read and write? In this interactive session, Jim St. Clair will talk about

how reading happens in kindergarten and demonstrate many of his engaging practices.

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Main Library Children's Room

Jim St. Clair is an outstanding kindergarten teacher with many years of experience in the Cambridge Public Schools.

Free child care will be provided, but is limited.

Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please call 617-349-4409 or email anewmark@cambridgema.gov.

Calling all Cambridge Parents!

Are you concerned about underage drinking? Not sure how to start talking with your kids about alcohol? Join us this spring for an interactive workshop, "**Teens & Tweens: Drinking, Thinking & Preventing.**" Hear from Dr. Traci Brooks, CRLS S.T.A.R.S students, and local health advocates who discuss parenting tips and tricks around effective parenting and underage drinking.

Features a discussion panel and skits

Get tips on how to communicate with your child

Learn about the risks involved with underage drinking

Connect with other Cambridge parents

Wednesday, April 11 (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

Cambridge High School (CRLS) Media Cafeteria, 1st Floor, 459 Broadway

RSVP to Greta Hardina at ghardtina@cpsd.us or 617.349.6660

A limited number of \$10 Target gift cards are available to participants, so get there early!

Sponsored by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, CRLS Parent Liaison, and CRLS S.T.A.R.S students.

A Good Resource for Parents (and a view of our cafeteria):

If you are looking for a website about healthy eating, go to www.kickinkitchen.tv

The link below is for a video, and if you watch, after a few seconds, you will recognize your school and maybe some familiar faces. This bit was filmed last summer and is playing in taxi cabs in New York City. <http://kickinkitchen.tv/episode/cafeteria-takeover>

Attention Parents of Preschool Children

Now is the time to apply for **Special Start!**

Special Start is now accepting applications for 3-year and 4-year olds. The Special Start Classrooms are inclusionary classrooms run by the Cambridge Public Schools and the Office of Special Education.

Children with disabilities, along with typical learners, have a wonderful opportunity to play and learn together. To be eligible, children must be 3.0 years old and no older than 4 years 5 months by August 30, 2012, and must be Cambridge residents.

This program is FREE of charge. Classrooms will be located at Morse, Cambridgeport, Kennedy-Longfellow and Baldwin.

An application must be completed in order for your child to be considered in this process. Applications are available online as well as at the Family Resource Center. Applications are due by April 15.

For more information, call 617-349-3251.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A Cappella Benefit Jam

Saturday, March 31 – 7:00 p.m.

CRLS Fitzgerald Theater, 459 Broadway

Three CRLS a cappella groups as well as Lexington groups, a Framingham group, and the professional group Red Line perform some wonderful music. Tickets are \$5 (available at the door); additional donations welcome -- 100% of profits will go to three charities: Club 4, Sing for Hope, and Women for Women. For more information, call Susan Holm at 617-349-6788.

Do you have an old bike to donate?

On April 1 the Peabody School is hosting a bike drive organized by 8th graders Izzy Gray and Alexis Rabkin to benefit **Bikes Not Bombs**, a non-profit focused on sustainable transportation.

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The side parking lot of Peabody School, 70 Rindge Avenue.

26th Annual City of Cambridge/Marathon Sports

5-Mile City Run & 3-Mile City Walk

Sunday, April 1, 10:30 a.m., Russell Youth Center, 680 Huron Avenue

Registration starts at 8:45 a.m.

Register online at www.cambridgecityrun.com or sign up at Marathon Sports. Proceeds to benefit The Andrea Harvey Memorial Fun & Friends of Cambridge Athletics.

Andrea Harvey (daughter of Shirley and Cedric Harvey) was a student at King Open School and CRLS. She was just 28 years old when her life was tragically cut short by domestic violence.

Andrea contributed to her community as a respected high-school Math teacher, a promising student, an accomplished musician, an artist, a gourmet vegan cook, traveler, devoted daughter, loving sister, niece, granddaughter, and kind friend. Her friends called her "Renaissance Woman," and spoke of her as one who had an open and generous heart and who tolerated nearly all personal failings in others – save prejudice.

The funds from this event will support the athletics programs at CRLS and also the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund which gives scholarships to needy high school seniors at CRLS and East Boston High School where she worked at a Math teacher. This fund also supports domestic violence prevention programs.

What's Up Diabetes!

A free six-week workshop at the Margaret Fuller House & Cambridge Community Center.
Starts Tuesday April 3, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The confidential workshop designed by people with diabetes for people with diabetes.
Take time out to share your success and challenges in managing diabetes: HEAR from others about what has worked best for them; EXPLORE issues about diabetes SHARE what works best for you. GET nutrition info, healthy cooking tips, & more. <http://www.margaretfullerhouse.org/?p=1567>
Saundra Graham, Facilitator
Please call Roscoe Thomas at **617-547-4680** to sign up or email him at rthomas@margaretfullerhouse.org
Refreshments will be provided/ Childcare is available upon request.

Cambridge Science Festival - April 20 - 29

*The Science Carnival is Friday, April 20
12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library,
449 Broadway
Learn all about the Science of the Circus!*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bring accepted items to Parking Lot on Field St at Fern St by Danehy Park. Cambridge residents only.

13th Annual Charles River Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 - 12:00
Join other volunteers along the Charles River for the 13th Annual Earth Day Cleanup. You will be part of a group picking up trash and improving the appearance along the banks of the Charles. Volunteers are provided with supplies. Visit www.charlesriver.org or call 781-788-0007 x 303.



Cambridge Public Library 14th Annual Poetry Contest

The poetry contest is open to students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Please submit your original poems by April 30. Mail your entries to Poetry Contest, Attention Amanda Gazin, Cambridge Public Library Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl Street, 02139 or email agazin@cambridgema.gov

Cambridge Youth Dance Program presents *Bridges Not Walls*

April 28 at 8:00 p.m. and April 29 at 2:00 p.m.
Boston University Dance Theater, 915 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
1 in 3 students is bullied at school. This is our story.

Opportunities over April Vacation

Gymnastic Academy of Cambridge
April 18 to 22
Come to camp and enjoy: Gymnastics Circuits & Rotations, Sports & Physical Games, Arts & Crafts, Open Gym Time and FUN, FUN, FUN!!!
Pricing:
Morning Session 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. \$40/day or \$175/week.
Full Day Session 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$70/day or \$280/week.
Extended Day Session 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$85/day or \$310/week.
Please contact us to make your space reservation by April 11.
128 Smith Place, Cambridge, 02138
617.441.9700
gabc.gymnastics@gmail.com
www.gymnasticacademyofboston.com

Kids' Cabaret April Vacation Program, ages 7-14 New School of Music

This 5 day musical theater workshop runs during the public school April Vacation Week, April 17 – 21, 2011. Kids' work in a fun, up-beat and supportive atmosphere. Classes incorporate singing, acting and dancing plus prop and set design. The week culminates in performances of songs, scenes and dance from the musical theater repertoire.

Dates: April 17 - 21

Times: Tuesday - Friday, 9-3; Saturday, 9-12 with a short performance for family and friends at noon.
Ages: 7-14 years old

Summer Information

Lesley University/Cambridge Public Schools Summer Compass Program

Compass is an inclusion model academic enrichment and recreational summer program for students who are completing grades JK - 5. The program offers literacy, math, science, computers, recreation, swimming, field trips and special projects. Hardcopy applications have been sent home with students and are due back to your child's teacher by March 30.

Tomorrow's Stars Summer Clinics

The program director of Tomorrow's Stars, Jim Edgehill, former Baldwin School gym teacher, is running Baseball, Soccer and Basketball Clinics this summer.

Baseball Clinic at Danehy Park, June 25 - June 29 for boys and girls age 6 through 12.

Soccer Clinic at Russell Field, July 9 - 13 for boys and girls age 6 through 15.

Basketball Clinic at CRLS Gym, July 16 - 20 for boys and girls age 7 through 15.

All of these clinics offer full and half-day options. You can find the registration forms online at www.starsbb.com. These are popular clinics so register soon!

No School Friday, April 6

April Vacation is April 16 - 20

Celebrate Earth Day April 22

Dance in the Classrooms

Mr. Wrin's 1st grade and Ms. Power's 2nd grade class have had a series of 3 yoga classes as part of a program called *Dance in the Classroom*.

Their yoga teacher Eve Agush teaches the students to relax, breathe and become self-aware. It helps to foster calmer and healthier children. With a mix of yoga poses, creative movement and breathing, yoga helps to address the whole child - physical, social and emotional.

Eve used music in the background that was both calming and energizing. The students practiced poses that flowed through sun salutations, standing poses, floor work and times of stillness and silence.

Their class starts with a simple centering exercise. Students sit in a circle, legs crossed, with their knees touching the person's knees sitting next to us. The circle was close and personal. They placed their right hand over their heart and quietly listened and felt their heart beating. Then they gently placed their left hand on the back of the person sitting to their left just behind the heart and settled in again to listen and feel and see if they could connect with the heart beat of their neighbor.

The students learned positions like the warrior pose, the tree pose, the bridge pose, downward facing dog, and a modified sun salutation. They also learned a pose called the child's pose which is a great way to bring down energy, slow down breathing and relax the muscles that have just been used.

Eve introduced the book My Daddy Is A Pretzel by Baron Baptiste. This is a fun book for kids to self initiate yoga poses.

The students also did dances which included "Happy Jui" and "Yogini Went to Sea".

For relaxation, the students were lead through a rainbow meditation. Students breathe gently in and out and they concentrate on relaxing their body, feeling their body becoming lighter and lighter. They envision the colors of the rainbow and feel their body becoming a rainbow.

