

The Baldwin Broadside

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*7th Annual Baldwin Art Show - May 24***Coming up ...****Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Wednesday, May 9**

Every year our parents overwhelm us with their culinary skills. This year we would like to make the luncheon for our teachers and staff the best one yet. Please provide a side dish, green salad, fruit salad, dessert, or your favorite thing to prepare for the lunch. This year, our teachers will be able to sit and enjoy their lunch as a group. These items may be brought to school on Wednesday morning, May 9th. As is the case annually, the *Friends of Baldwin* will help provide the main dish.

If you are available prior to dismissal (May 9th is an early release day, school is dismissed at 1:00), please come up to the library to help with the set up.

**Mad Hot Cambridge - Ballroom Dancing
Showcase**

Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

CRLS Gymnasium

The fifth graders at the Baldwin, Cambridgeport, Haggerty, Fletcher Maynard, King Open, and Peabody schools are pleased to announce that they will be showcasing their newly acquired Ballroom Dancing talents in a Showcase at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School Gymnasium on Monday, May 21, 2012. The event will be led by professional instructors. If you have not been to this event, it is an incredible evening and it will make you feel like dancing.

7th Annual Baldwin School ART SHOW!

The 7th Annual Baldwin School Arts Celebration will be held on **May 24** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Every student will have art on display. Parents are asked to bring in their art to display.

Math MCAS Schedule by Grade

Grade 3: May 10 and 11

Grade 4: May 16 and 17

Grade 5: May 8 and 10

Grade 6: May 7 and 11

Grade 7: May 16 and 17

Grade 8: May 8 and 10

Science MCAS for students in grades 5 and 8 only:
May 14 and 15.

Rindge Avenue Upper Campus News

Dear Future R.A.U.C. Parents,

Thank you to those who attended one of the Parent Forums over the past two weeks. It was a pleasure meeting you and hearing your excitement, concerns and questions.

For those parents who were not able to attend one of the sessions, please feel free to email me with your thoughts. My email address is RWatson@cpsd.us.

I hope that each of you will make an effort and attend our next meeting on May 9 at 6:00 at the Peabody. This meeting will be a presentation for the information I have gathered, answers to the questions I am able to answer and plans for next steps. I would also like to use some of this time to discuss the formation of a new Rindge Ave. P.T.O. and parents reps for the new school site Council.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on May 9th!

Ralph Watson, M.Ed.

Head of Upper School, Rindge Ave. Campus

**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. The May meeting has been changed to May 16. 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:

May 16 June 13

Attention 8th Graders!

Do you want to receive the CRLS email Newsletter? To register, enter your email address in the following link:

http://crls.cpsd.us/news/crls_parent_newsletter

If you plan on playing a fall sport next year at CRLS, you need to have a physical before sports begin in late August.

6th Annual Baldwin Monadnock Hike

Please join Hope and Craig Kelley on Saturday, June 23 for the 6th annual trip to Monadnock. You can hike for the day and/or you can stay the weekend at Greenfield State Park. Meet for the hike at 10:00. The hike takes about two hours to the top. If you would like to camp but need equipment, the Kelley's have plenty to loan. If you want more information or would like to borrow any gear, please contact Craig at Craig@Craigkelley.org.

Coins for Cures Coin Drive for Children's Hospital

Congratulations Baldwin! You helped raise \$1,863 for Children's Hospital! That is double the amount collected last year. Congratulations to the classes of Ms. Frazier, Karma, and Mr. Hyland! They were in the top 50 fundraising classes and will receive tickets to Six Flags!

Thank you to everyone who donated coins. Thank you to Ms. Butler and the 4th grade students for organizing the drive.

News from the Nurse

Overnight Trips: If you are not attending the overnight field trip with your child and he or she will need medication administered by a staff person, we will need the following:

1. A doctor's order for all prescription medication including dosing and times to be administered.
2. A doctor's order for all over the counter medications, including Tylenol, Motrin, allergy medication, etc.
3. Signed parental consent
4. A list of all of your student's allergies

Please have your student's primary care provider FAX all orders to the school nurse at FAX: 617-349-6893. Please contact me with any questions and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kathryn Bonfiglio, RN
Baldwin School Nurse
617-349-6746

Great Taste Test

Thank you Baldwin School for a very successful taste test! Our students sampled a simple chickpea salad. The kindergarteners were coming back for seconds, and the 7th and 8th graders were very enthusiastic. The third and fourth grade kids were chanting, "tasty lean bean protein", the tongue twister from our educational poster, and then coming back for more. Overall it was a big hit!

Thanks so much for your continued support of the new healthier dishes in school meals!

Dawn Olcott, MS
School Nutritionist, Cambridge Public Health Department

News from the Library

On Friday, April 27th, our 4th grade students were visited by local author Ben Winters. Ben wrote a very popular child's book, *The Secret Life of Mrs. Finkelman*. He now has a sequel called *The Mystery of the Missing Everything*. Ben brings back the characters of the Mrs. Finkelman book, Bethesda Fielding and Tenny Boyer to solve the clues of the next mystery. Our students were excited to hear from Ben's experiences as an author. He gave our students great advice for writing a good story ... create an interesting character who wants something. The character is one you want to root for who encounters different problems to work around. The whole point of a good book is to find out what is going to happen next.

In his first book which ended up being a mystery without intending it to be, the characters, Tenny and Bethesda were looking for something. This also created a hook, wanting to continue the story in a sequel. Books that he loved to read as a child, like *The Phantom Tollbooth*, inspired him to want to write.

The students asked Ben many questions. These are just a few:

He was asked if he is the illustrator of the book. Brett Helquist, the same illustrator of the Lemony Snickett books, is the illustrator of Ben Winter's books. He was asked if he ever gets distracted when he writes? His answer: Yes! Focusing can be very difficult. To write, or to do anything, you need to block out distractions, like technology, and be dedicated. Writing, revising, editing and rewriting can take a lot of focus and ambition.

Q. Do you travel the world to get ideas for your stories?

A. Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to travel the world. I use my own experiences but I also read the newspaper. The newspaper gives you a wealth of information from all over the country and world, and you can use that to help you with your stories.

Q. What is the last book you wrote?

A. I have a mystery for adults coming out this July, *The Last Policeman*. It is a murder mystery about a homicide detective based in Concord, New Hampshire.

Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Rial, for arranging this author visit for our students!

Spring Concert

Our beloved music teacher, Ms. Donna Berkson conducted her final concert this morning. There were many students, parents and teachers gathered to hear our 2nd and 3rd grade students perform. Thank you to Ms. Berkson for a wonderful Friday morning

spring concert. Thank you to Kristina Berkson, Donna's daughter, who accompanied her on the flute during the performance.

To start the concert, the audience was amazed at the results of the Amplesforth Sword Dance performed by our 3rd grade students. There were a wide range of songs from traditional music to folk songs from Ghana and Hungary to spirituals to Rogers and Hammerstein songs. The music curriculum used is designed to provide specific and sequential knowledge (creative, cultural, historical, and analytical repertoire) and skills (singing, playing, reading, rotating, improvising and critical response). The concert was a nice way to start a Friday. Throughout the day, to hear our students singing and humming is a reminder of the difference that Ms. Berkson made in their lives. Thank you Ms. Berkson!

A Visit from the Lewis Carroll Society

Members of the Maxine Schaefer Memorial Outreach of the The Lewis Carroll Society of North America came to our 4th grade classrooms. The members of the society performed a dramatic reading from a chapter of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. After the reading, the students were involved in a discussion with the members. The students were told that Lewis Carroll told his daughter Alice and her sisters this story 150 years ago. Lewis was a math professor at Oxford University. Lewis Carroll wrote over 300 pieces of work and over 100,000 letters. He is also known for the sequel to Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass. The recent movie of Alice in Wonderland uses characters from both books.

The members gave our students two pieces of trivia: Alice in Wonderland and Harry Potter are connected. Lewis Carroll worked at Christ Church College at Oxford University and ate many meals at the Great Hall. This is the same building that was used as Hogwart's Hall in Harry Potter.

One of the Lewis Carroll members, Andy Malcolm, who provided the amusing voice of Dormouse, did the sound effects for Tim Burton's film Alice in Wonderland.

At the end of the session, each student received their own hardcover edition of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland book.

News from Cambridge Green Schools Initiative

The Baldwin School is doing a wonderful job participating in the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative/CGSI, a program launched in September 2011 and run out of the school district's Office for Sustainability. With Earth Day just around the corner, we wanted to update everyone on our great "green" progress!

We are working with Sustainability Manager, Kristen von Hoffmann, at the school district's Office for Sustainability to track and lower our energy use, and we recently had new digital controls upgrades installed to improve our energy-efficiency, as well as lighting retrofits which have helped us lower our monthly electric use. Last year we won the RecycleCraze award, and our Senior Custodian, Buddy Signorelli is dedicated to green efforts here on campus.

You can see CGSI green tips around the school cafeteria on posters, and our school's custodians and staff are also a large part of the effort. All schools use green cleaning products now.

For more information on the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative/CGSI or the Office for Sustainability, go online to

<http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability> or contact the school district's Sustainability Manager, Kristen von Hoffmann at kvonhoffmann@cpsd.us. Thanks for keepin' it green at Baldwin!

Opportunities in Our Community

Linnaean Community School Special Classes for Grades 5 to 8

Musical Theater

Mondays May 14 - June 4

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40

Students will learn the basics for Jazz Dance while working on acting skills. In this Musical Theater class students will learn choreography to some of their favorite music and musicals. We will do some singing of these songs but also dance, act-out, and pantomime to explore all aspects of Musical Theater. This class will be a lot of fun!

Hip Hop

Thursdays May 17 - June 14

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50

In this hip hop class students will have a blast moving their bodies. We will learn basic hip hop dance moves that students can share with friends! Students will learn awesome hip hop choreography to up-beat popular music. This class will provide a positive environment where students can open up and be themselves while learning something new.

Fee for both classes: \$80

Keshet: The Community Hebrew School After-school - Open House

Learn more about Keshet Afterschool

Tuesday, May 15 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

13 Garden Court in Somerville

Cambridge Family Microsoccer

Attention Families of boys and girls aged 4 - 6 years old: Register for Cambridge Family Microsoccer.

Spring season runs for 8 Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Raymond Park.
To register, please visit www.microsoccer.org or call 617-274-3114.

Beyond the 4th Wall 3.5.7.9 Musical Series Mulan

Featuring students from the Cambridgeport, Fletcher-Maynard and King Open Schools
King Open School Auditorium
Friday and Saturday May 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday May 20 at 3:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 for adult and \$5 for children
Tickets can be purchased at the door or on line at: www.beyondthe4thwall.com

Fresh Pond Day

- **Saturday, May 19**, Kingsley Park, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
There will be activities and exhibits for residents and visitors of all ages, including nature walks and native garden tours, musical performances, kid's crafts, storytelling, nature activities, Davey the Clown, Water Treatment Plant tours, gardening demonstrations and displays, Fire Department demonstrations and equipment, Black's Nook Open House, Storywalk Interactive Children's activity and more.

Cambridge Bicycle Committee String Theory Bike Tour

- **May 19**, 10:15 a.m. next to the Kendall Square T Station
The ride will wind throughout the city, passing dozens of present day and historical sites associated with technology and discovery. Riders will be treated to a special presentation during a stop at the Museum of Science. The ride covers 14 miles and is divided into 3 approximately equal segments beginning in Kendall Square and ending at Fresh Pond.
Notable landmarks include the site of Alexander Graham Bell's first "long-distance" call (from Boston), the homes and workshops of the inventors who created the "quadricycle," the sewing machine, and the instant camera, and the universities where ongoing research advances our understanding of science.

Parent Workshop: The Bilingual Mind, a workshop with Dr. Calvin Gidney

Raising bilingual children presents a variety of challenges! Discover more about the long term rewards of being bilingual and learn practical ways to respond to your bilingual children's experiences.
- **Wednesday, May 23** at 6:30 p.m.

Main Library Lecture Hall
449 Broadway, Cambridge

Dr. Gidney is an associate professor in the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development at Tufts University.
Free child care will be provided, but is limited. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please call 617-349-4409.

Kickoff to Summer Literacy Night

For all families with children pre-k to grade 4 in the Cambridge Public Schools.
- **Thursday, May 24**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Tobin School, 197 Vassal Lane
Come make an ice cream sundae and then participate in hands-on activities that you can have fun repeating at home over the summer!

Summer Reading Programs at the Cambridge Public Library

Calling all dreamers, explorers and readers! Cambridge Public Library is launching *Dream Big... Read!* the 2012 Summer Reading Program for children entering the 5th grade and younger. Dream Big ...Read! starts as soon as school ends for the summer! Visit your neighborhood library to get a Dream Big temporary tattoo, pick up a reading log and enter the library's raffle! You might win a \$25.00 bookstore gift certificate!

You are invited to many exciting programs. Explore the night sky with the Museum of Science! Watch Gerwick Puppet shows or laugh along with Toe Jam Puppet Band! Be captivated by storyteller Tony Toledo or get tips from hula hoop and yo-yo performers! Find out what an alligator's skin feels like! Pet lots of furry baby farm animals! To find out times, dates and locations of all these free summer events call your local library; call 617-349-4409 or check out the library's website: www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

For middle schoolers entering 6th through 8th grades, we are launching a new "upper school" program! Are you going to be reading some amazing books this summer? Let everyone know about it! Contribute book reviews to the library's us, reading blog all summer long, and enter for a chance to win a fabulous prize! Head to your nearest Cambridge Public Library location, or visit cambridgepubliclibrary.org for more details, program info, and book recommendations!

Did you know? Free and discounted passes to museums and zoos are available with a Cambridge library card! You may reserve passes in advance. For more information, check out the library's website or call 617-349-4041.

Summer Opportunities

Cambridge Public Schools has posted an updated "Summer Opportunities" listing at http://www3.cpsd.us/getinvolved/summer_opportunities

You'll find links to -

2012 Middle Grade Student Summer Opportunities Resource Guide

2012 Middle Grade Student Summer Opportunities Overview

Cambridge Recreation

Cambridge Somerville Resource Guide

Department of Human Service Programs -

Community School Camps 2012

Children's Clothing Exchange

Do you need Children's Clothing, Toys, School Supplies or Baby Equipment? Do you have items your children have outgrown that you'd like to donate?

The Cambridge Public School District is partnering with Solutions At Work to serve families who need clothes and other items for babies and school age children.

There are two ways you can be involved in this effort!

1. If you need baby equipment, clothing or toys for your child you can go to the Children's Clothing Exchange, Roosevelt Towers Housing Complex, 391 Evereteze Way, in East Cambridge. Bring some equipment, clothes or toys (in good condition) that your child has outgrown and trade for the things your child needs.

2. You can donate any of the items listed below and help us build a supply of clothes for families in need. You can leave donations in the designated bins at your school and we'll be sure they get to the Clothing Exchange.

All donated items must be clean and in great condition. We cannot accept items that are soiled, stained, torn, outdated or have missing/broken parts/pieces.

Needed: Breakthrough Cambridge Teacher Homestays

Breakthrough Cambridge teachers need summer homestays starting June 19! Breakthrough Cambridge (BTC), the only free, year-round academic program for Cambridge public school students, needs summer homes for college students who come from far and wide to work as classroom teachers. The dates are approximately June 19 - August 17, although there is some flexibility on either end. All that is required to be a homestay host is that you provide a private room. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Trish Marti at 617-388-0777 or trishmarti@verizon.net

Upcoming Events

May 2, Wednesday

May 4, Friday

May 7 - May 18

May 7 - May 11

May 9, Wednesday

May 9, Wednesday

May 9, Wednesday

May 16, Wednesday

May 24, Thursday

May 25, Friday

May 30, Wednesday

May 30, Wednesday

May 30, Wednesday

May 31, Thursday

May 28, Monday

June 5, Tuesday

June 11, Monday

June 12, Tuesday

June 13, Wednesday

June 14, Thursday

June 15, Friday

June 15, Friday

June 18, Monday

Baldwin School-wide Science Expo

Red Sox Game

Math MCAS Testing

Teacher Appreciation Week

Early Release Day
School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Meeting with Ralph Watson
6:00 p.m. at Peabody School

School Advisory Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

7th Annual Art Show

Walk/Ride Day

5th Grade Science Fair at Peabody School (morning)

RAUC Field Day (afternoon)

Kindergarten Open House for Incoming students 6:00 p.m.

Baldwin School Field Day

NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

5th Grade Girls Sports Day

Grade 6 Moving On Celebration/
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Grade 5 Moving On Celebration/
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Grade 7 Moving On Celebration/
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Early Release Day
School dismissed at 12:00 Noon

8th grade Graduation 1:00 p.m.

Last Day of School
School dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

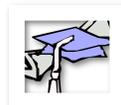
All-City Drama Production
7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater

May 18, Friday

All-City Drama Production
7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater



Street Cleaning Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 15 in the school neighborhood.



8th Grade Graduation - Friday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. School is dismissed at 12:00 NOON

The last day of school is Monday, June 18.