

*The Baldwin Broadside*

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*Baldwin ARTS Night - May 29!***THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all our families for their incredibly delicious dishes for this year's teacher and staff appreciation luncheon. Your special treats helped to make the luncheon very special. Special thanks to Elisa, Lydia's mom, for helping with the gorgeous flower arrangements for the tables. Thank you to Jenny for selling bread. The bread money helps to pay for the main meal of the luncheon. Thank you to the *Friends of Baldwin!* Thank you for your support and appreciation for our wonderful educators. They were delighted!

**Balls and Ramps**

What is a fun way to combine math and physics? Bowling! First grade is working on a science unit, *Balls and Ramps*. The students from Mr. O'Connor's and Ms. Gibson-Mueller's classrooms took a trip to Davis Square to Sacco's Flatbread to spend the morning candlepin bowling. They figured out strategies of how hard to roll the ball and how to use the bumpers to get the most pins down. They used their math skills, addition facts to 10, to determine how many pins were left to take down after their first roll. For all their hard work, they enjoyed a great pizza lunch at Flatbread.

**May is National Bike Month!**

Our students in grades 3 - 5 are participating in a hands-on bicycling skills and safety unit in Physical Education class. The program is designed to give our students the knowledge about bicycles and bicycle safety including how to ride a bike if they have not before.

First thing they learn about is helmet safety and the importance of a proper fitting helmet. Next, they learn about bicycle fitness. It is important to take care of the bike and it is as easy as A, B, C - air, brakes and chain. Mr. Gladu teaches them about how to check for proper tire pressure, how to adjust brake pad positions if necessary, and how to put a chain back on if it comes off. They learned about communicating with hand signals and the rules of the road. Important rules that all bicyclists must obey include red lights, stop signs, riding with traffic, riding in single file, using hand signals when turning or stopping and having proper lighting when riding between dusk and dawn.



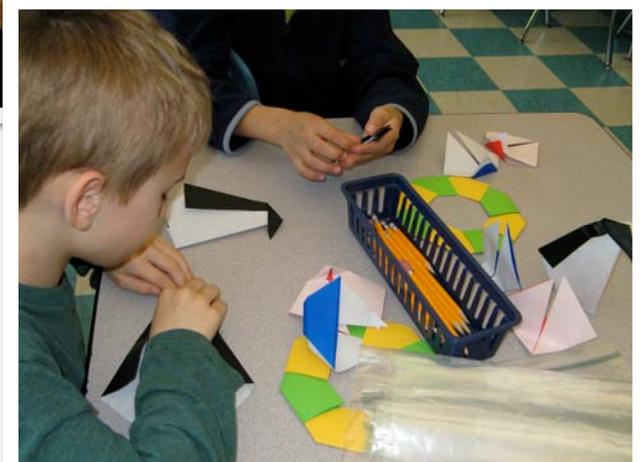
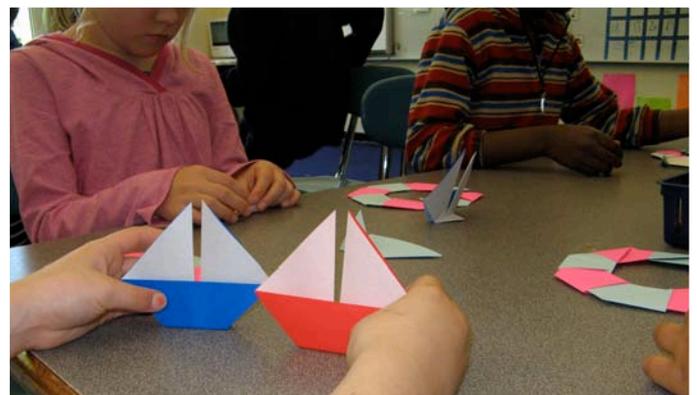
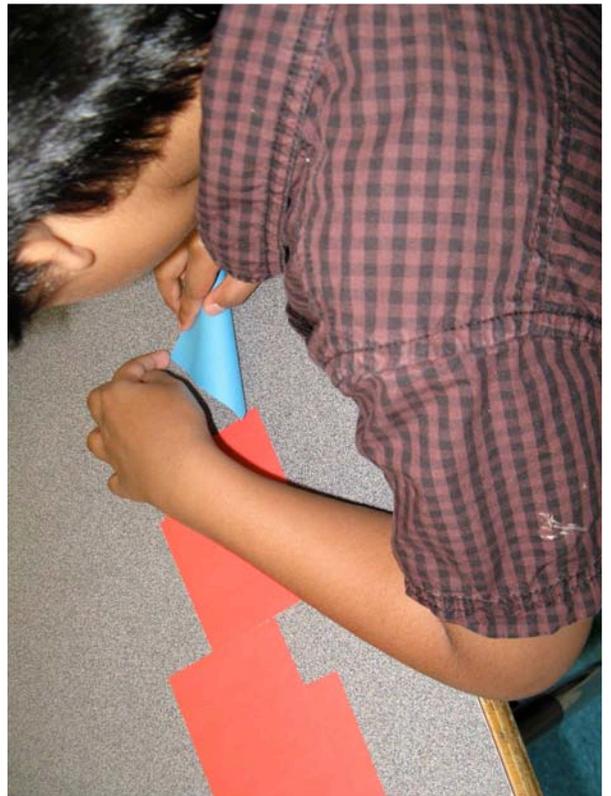


**Origami**

Origami Master Michael LaFosse came to visit our second grade students. Thank you to the *Friends of Baldwin* for a wonderful in-school enrichment. Michael is a paper maker and a paper folding artist. He has been practicing the art of Origami for over 40 years. Michael explained the origin of the word origami ...*ori* comes from the root of the Japanese verb "to fold", *oru*, and *gami* comes from the Japanese word for paper, *kami*. He started by showing the students some of his amazing origami creations. He gave the kids the basic rule of origami - sharpen every edge with your thumb. This is the "origami rule of thumb". Always flatten the 'bubble' in the center. The students started with 8 pieces of square paper. Michael had them make 8 origami mountains. With each of those mountains, they were to pick the "lefty" or "righty" side of the triangle and then "climb every mountain". Then each of the pieces were connected to create a wreath. Mike incorporated math into the creation of each of the

origami creations talking about the number of sides, the name of the geometric shape. Then he showed them how to make different models using "storigami", Storigami is storytelling and origami. It is helpful in remembering the folds, and reminds you of what to do next when you want to make the model again. With

those stories, the students created sailboats and penguins. He urged the students to make up their own storigami.



**News from the Garden**

The Baldwin garden is thriving, thanks to the Baldwin students! We have had a wonderful spring with many classes visiting the garden to learn, plant, and explore. We are almost finished with our initial plantings, and students have helped with peas, spinach, radishes, beets, basil, sunflowers, potatoes, summer seedlings (like tomatoes and peppers), carrots, and more.

For the past six weeks, a number of classes have been coming out to the garden regularly. Mr. Kelly's JK class has been joining Meg in small groups each week to search for critters, dig for worms, plant seeds and seedlings, and sketch. Ms. Gibson-Mueller's first grade students have been planting peas and other crops, performing other chores, and practicing measuring. Ms. Payson's third graders have completed science activities, including observational sketching and habitat studies, and this week they helped start our "Three Sisters" plot, which will contain corn, beans, and squash.

We only have one month left in the garden! In the next two weeks, we will do a bit more planting, both seeds and seedlings. The garden will also be host to classes for end-of-the-year garden salad parties.

- Meg Giuliano

CitySprouts Garden Coordinator

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to *Sophia Sykes-Finkelstein*, Kindergarten, for her entry in the Cambridge Public Library/Cambridge Tree Project Fifteenth Annual Poetry Awards!

*Sophia won first place for her poem, "Trees".*

**Trees**

by *Sophia*

Trees trees

How they sway in the summer breeze

Sway sway sway all through the day

Go fast

Go slow

I am the girl who loves nature for the flowers and the birds

I see a tree or two

Maybe you love it too

But I see more there and here

I see a butterfly near

That tree

Oh I see a cute bunny and some babies

And I love it all.

**COMING UP ...**

**Arts Night at Baldwin**

**Thursday, May 29**

5:30 p.m.

A night of visual and performing arts!

Drama club will perform. There is a short play which will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be intermission, food will be available. Admire student art which will be displayed throughout the lower level. Then, at 6:00, the drama club will present their main performance.

Also, make your way down Sacramento Street to see the Baldwin "Just Wait and See" display at the Fay Chandler Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street.

5:30 - *The Gingerbread Girl* (gym)

5:45 - *Intermission*

6:10 - *Holka Polka*



**SPRING CONCERTS**

**Baldwin Spring Concert Series**

- **Grade 5 Instrumental Concert & Chorus**

**Thursday, May 29**

2:00 p.m.

- **Grade 4 Concert**

**Tuesday, June 10**

2:15 p.m.

- **Grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert**

**Thursday, June 12**

9:00 a.m.

Gymnasium

- **Grade 3 Colonial Days Musical Showcase**

**Wednesday, June 18**

9:15 a.m.

Cafeteria

**News from the Nurse**

Please remember to give the school nurse a copy of your child's health history each time he or she sees her primary care provider. This assists us in keeping up to date with your child's immunizations, allergies, and other health issues. This is the 1-2 page form that usually reads "For school, camp, and sports."

For 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians: If you have not yet provided a copy of your child's health history, please do so in the next 2 weeks before we transfer the files to RAUC.

Thank you for your assistance,

*Kathryn Bonfiglio, RN*

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## Friends of the Baldwin School

### Friends of Baldwin

What has the *Friends of Baldwin* funded this year? With your help, the *Friends* has helped to fund the Welcome Back Popsicle Party, the all-school Academic Choice project, prizes and materials for Math Carnival and Poetry Night, materials for the STEM Fair, Mel Gladd the Bee Keeper presentation, the dunk-tank for field day, two additional sewing machines for the art room, the main dish for the teacher appreciation luncheon, book fair books for scholarship students, and incredible in-school enrichments for all our students this year. Those in-school enrichments include a science presentation by the Museum of Science on weather for the 5th grade, Tanglewood Marionettes for the 4th and 5th grade, Plimouth Plantation program about the Pilgrims for the 3rd grade, the Origami Master was here for the 2nd grade, Top Secret Science for 1st grade, and Mike the Bubble Man is coming on May 29th for the kindergarten. In addition, each classroom received a grant for materials such as audio listening center, luna moths, classroom books and much more. So, when you make a contribution, you buy a pumpkin or a wreath, you purchase bread, you buy a discount card, this helps to contribute to the amazing enrichments for our students. Thank you!

### - Opportunities to Get Involved -

#### Friends of Baldwin

Hello Families,  
The Baldwin Community Card Committee is looking for interested volunteers. The Baldwin Card project, spearheaded by 5th grade parents, is the major fundraising tool for our school and has consistently raised \$3K-\$4K for Friends of Baldwin to be used for classroom enrichment, field trips, and school-wide and special events. We need more parents to help to continue this fabulous fundraiser. There is minimal work now; the focus is primarily on planning our sales strategy for the fall. Positions can involve as little as 1 hour a week to as much as 5 hours a week - whatever you choose to contribute. The bulk of the work happens in May-June and then again September-November.

If you can help in any of the following capacities (or additional ones that you'd like to propose), please contact us at [baldwin.card@gmail.com](mailto:baldwin.card@gmail.com):

1) *Vendor Liaison* - an individual or team to serve as the primary contact with our vendors, asking for their participation in May/June, securing contracts in June, delivering cards in September, asking for permission

to sell outside their businesses during the fall. We've had some success getting vendors to sell the cards directly and would love to expand this.

2) *Graphic Design* - someone to help with the design and printing of the card in June/July and to produce fliers promoting the card in the fall.

3) *Sponsorship* - we have worked with various banks/companies (unsuccessfully, so far) to find one company to be our primary sponsor. In exchange for covering the cost of printing the cards (about \$500), the sponsoring company would have its logo printed on the front of our card. We are looking for someone with experience or connections to take the lead on this.

4) *Marketing* - an individual or team who will lead our efforts to sell cards in the Baldwin and Cambridge communities. Ideally this person can develop innovative selling techniques to help Baldwin students and families sell our cards.

*Coordinator of Special Sales* - work with room parents to identify Baldwin groups (classrooms, families, etc.) to sell cards outside one of the vendors or at other busy shopping areas in the early fall. Also work to identify Cambridge-related fairs and other good venues to sell cards.

6) *Sales Manager* - person to oversee the sale of cards by keeping a detailed spreadsheet of cards sold, money received, and deposits made, and to communicate with families about remaining cards to be sold.

The next Friends of Baldwin meeting is on Friday, **June 13** at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. Please stop by and hear about the wonderful opportunities that exist - it is a great way to get involved.

### Wanted: Parents for the CPS Family Engagement Focus Group

The CSAG (Citywide School Advisory Group) and the CPS Family Engagement Planning Team is working with Lesley College to plan and host a focus group for Cambridge Families. The hope is to have 24 participants representing every school to help craft a family engagement vision for the district.

The focus group event is Monday, June 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Lesley building in Porter Square (on Massachusetts Avenue). There will be childcare and food provided. If you are interested, please contact our CSAG representative, Kim Kaufman at [kimberlysevenoff@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlysevenoff@gmail.com).



From Sara-Jane Rogers, Literacy Coach

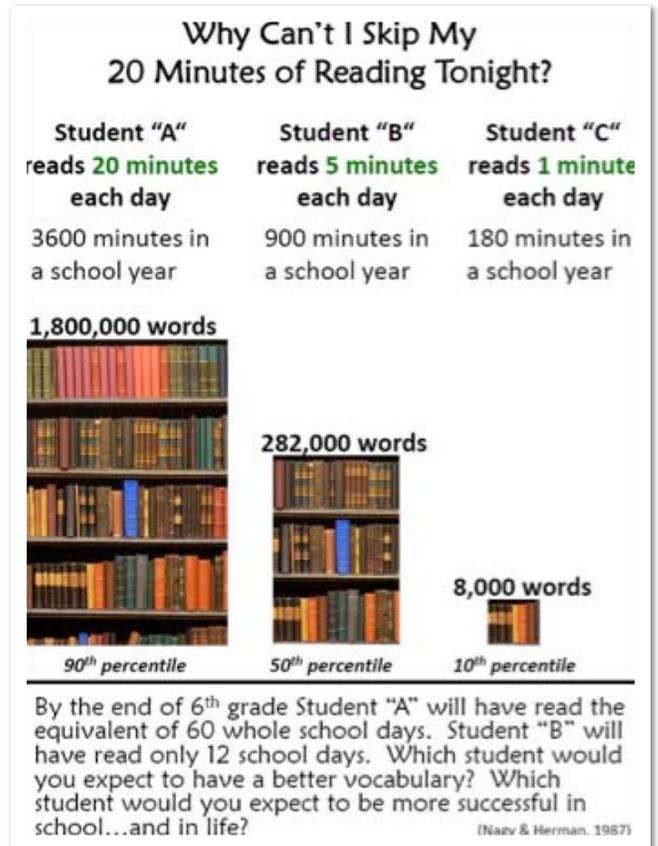
Time Spent Reading

We are all aware of the saying that “practice makes perfect.” Just as playing a sport or musical instrument, developing a special talent such as drawing, or learning a challenging skill like juggling requires a great deal of practice to achieve success, the same applies to becoming a successful reader. There is an abundance of educational research that links the amount of time students spend reading independently to their success as learners.

Take a look at the infographic from Perry Public Schools in Lecompton, Kansas. The information presented is from a research study on independent reading and young students by Nagy and Herman in 1987. Compare students A, B, and C - the amounts they read and the percentile scores they receive on standardized tests.

Students spend time in school reading independently every day but they also need to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. Although there are many competing demands for time in the day, squeezing out 20 minutes needs to be a top priority! It is especially important as the school year winds down and we think about summer reading. Students who read every day not only become more successful at reading but also develop a love and enjoyment of reading which will last a lifetime.

**Information about the Summer Reading Program will be sent home in June and will also be available on the CPS and Baldwin websites.**



(Source: <http://www.usd343.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5060992ac7eb2>)

**BALDWIN CALENDAR**

May 26, Monday	No School, Memorial Day
May 29, Thursday	Grade 5 Instrumental Concert 2:00 p.m.
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June 3, Tuesday	Welcome New JK/K Families 6:00 p.m.
June 5, Thursday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
June 5, 6	Grade 2 & 3 Overnight Trip
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June 10, Tuesday	Grade 4 Concert, 2:15 p.m.
June 12, Thursday	Grade 1 & 2 Concert 9:00 a.m., Gymnasium
June 13, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
June 17, Tuesday	Field Day!
June 18, Wednesday	Grade 3 Colonial Days Musical Showcase 9:15 a.m., Cafeteria
June 19, 20	Grade 4 Overnight Trip
June 19, Thursday	Grade 5 Move Up Day

June 19, Thursday	Students spend day at RAUC Grade 5 Moving Up Celebration & Potluck 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
June 23, Monday	Last Day of School School dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

### IN THE DISTRICT

*Title I Program Connecting Home & School*

#### **Kickoff to Summer Literacy Night & 18th Annual Ice Cream Night**

**Wednesday, May 28**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fletcher Maynard Academy, 225 Windsor Street  
Come make an ice cream sundae and then participate in hands-on activities that you can have fun repeating at home over the summer! Many everyday activities promote conversation, connect with math and science and help to develop critical thinking skills!

For All Families with Children Pre K to Grade 5 in Cambridge Public Schools.

To register call 617-349-6492 or email

[dbonilla@cpsd.us](mailto:dbonilla@cpsd.us)

#### **Food Service Advisory Meeting**

**Thursday, May 29**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Kennedy Longfellow School Cafeteria  
158 Spring St.

Agenda: Maryann MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, will join us as we continue to review the updated Wellness Policy, and speak on the time allowed for recess and lunch. Also, how to work to implement the Wellness Policy.

### OPPORTUNITIES 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: May 23, & 30, June 6, 13 & 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Miles at 617-501-4402.

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **Fresh Pond Day**

**Saturday, May 31**

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Free and open to all.

Nature walks, water treatment plant open house, local music, storytelling and much more.

#### **Agassiz Preschool Spring Fair**

#### **Saturday, May 31**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

20 Sacramento Street

Come for a day of fun, exploration and learning! We are excited to welcome families with young children from the Cambridge area to a morning of FREE family activities.

We will be

- Creating Art Studio Activities with Art Teacher Emily Somma in the Maud Morgan Arts Center
- Popping corn and slurping watermelon!
- Family games and building with the Imagination Playground Blocks

"West African Drumming" with Mohammad Kalifa will be performing at 11:30 a.m. Families are welcome to try out the instruments with Mohammad Children's Programs at Agassiz Baldwin. Come meet the teaching team and staff of Sacramento Street Preschool, Kindergarten Afterschool and Kindergarten Outback.

#### **35th Annual Cambridge Arts River Festival**

**Saturday, June 7**

12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

This free event features jazz, folk, roots and world music performances, dance, art demonstrations, family art-making activities and over 150 specialty food purveyors and craft folks and artisans!

Historically, the Cambridge River Festival has occurred on the banks of the Charles River since its inception in 1977. This year, due to overlapping major construction projects, this year the location is in the heart of the Central Square Cultural District on Massachusetts Avenue and Sidney Street.

Be sure to stop by the StoryStream Storytelling Tent. Stories for children and families include:

- 12:00 - Wild and Wacky Water Tales by Doria Hughes
- 2:30 - Kamishibai Story Theater, traditional Japanese "paper theater" by Yumi Izuyama.

#### **Agassiz Baldwin Community Play Day**

**Saturday, June 14**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

20 Sacramento Street, backyard.

Free Admission.

Come celebrate our community and the arts at our third annual Play Day! Enjoy . . . Snacks! Bocce! Raffle prizes! Silent Auction! BIG blue building blocks! GIANT bubble station! Community mural! Agassiz Dance Crew Performance!

#### **Hoops N' Health**

**Saturday, June 14** (Rain date 6/21/14)

This completely free event will take place on Hoyt Field, near the Riverside Health Center on Western Avenue. The basketball tournament will take place from approximately 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and the

Health Education Fair will be held between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.

Event features:

- Basketball, football tournaments
- Free Health Screenings
- A Health Education and Community Organization Informational Fair
- Free Food, prizes, and giveaways
- Activities for children
- Live DJ and entertainment

**New School of Music Family Fun and Music  
Sunday, June 15**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Free Admission!

Musical fun and activities for the whole family. Enjoy family picnic, games, face-painting, crafts, bake sale, concerts and a musical instrument "Petting Zoo."

**Street Cleaning**

In the school neighborhood, street cleaning is the 3rd Monday and Tuesday of each month.

June Dates: Monday, June 16 & Tuesday, June 17

