

The Baldwin Broadside

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Welcome Back! Welcome to Our New Students and Families!

Thank you to the *Friends of the Baldwin School!*

Thank you for hosting the Welcome Back Popsicle Party! It was great to see so many families. A 1st grade parent said, "how nice to be able to have more than a few seconds at drop off to talk to other adults". Thank you to Emily, Meg, Melissa, Courtney and all the parent representatives who organized such a nice afternoon!

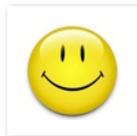
Back to School Curriculum Night Tuesday, October 1

Please join us for a potluck picnic at the Sacramento Street field at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Mr. Leonardos will welcome our families and introduce our specialist staff at 6:30 in the cafeteria. There will be two sessions in the classrooms to accommodate families with more than one child, 7:00 - 7:30 and 7:30 - 8:00. Students are welcome to attend. Childcare for students will be in the gymnasium and the cafeteria.



Friendly Reminders

- **Parking:** Please do not park in front of the school during arrival and dismissal times.



- **The school day:** The classrooms open at 8:40 a.m. for students and parents. The instructional day begins at 8:55 a.m. and parents are asked to leave the classroom by 8:55.

The instructional day ends at 2:55 p.m. Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Parents who pick up their children are asked to enter the school by the Sacramento Street door, not the front entrance. We also ask that you please exit the school via the back stairway and door. This will help avoid traffic in the front stairwell for students who are trying to get to their bus.

- **Street sweeping:** Street sweeping in the school neighborhood is on the 3rd Monday and Tuesday of each month.

Summer Reading

Baldwin students set their personal summer reading goal before summer break. Students are asked to bring their summer reading goal sheet to the Cambridge Public Library. You have until the end of September to turn it in. The kind folks at the Cambridge Public Library will give you a certificate for participating. Please bring your certificate to Ms. Kugel and your name will be part of the Baldwin Summer Reading Hall of Fame.



Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC)

The Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for parent members. You have received a hard copy notice about participating in the upcoming election. SAC meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Baldwin Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SAC Meetings are open to the public and are a great way to learn about our school and help with accomplishing goals. Last year, the SAC rewrote the school mission statement. This year, our goals include an in-class food policy, developing a parent survey, and discussion and ideas for deepening and encouraging family engagement. If you are interested, please contact Susan at stiersch@cpsd.us. All Baldwin SAC meetings are open to the public. Please join us for our first meeting on *October 9*.

What's Happening in the Baldwin Garden?

Meg Guilliano is the new Garden Coordinator at the Baldwin School. Meg spent the summer working in the CitySprouts Summer Youth Program at Vassal Lane. She will be at the Baldwin garden Wednesday afternoons 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Friday mornings 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Currently in the Baldwin garden, there are lots of veggies ready to harvest including cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, greens (kale, collards), peppers, and more. Meg will be working with classes this week harvesting.

Meg can be contacted at mgiuliano@citysprouts.org

Citysprouts Festival

The annual Citysprouts Festival is at the Baldwin School this year!

Saturday, September 28

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come learn about school gardening from kids who know! Hands on cooking, crafts and demonstrations by and for kids. Make Stone soup with vegetables from all of the city's public school gardens.

Dance to the music of Connect 3, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Young teens compete in an Iron Chef Dip-Off at 1:00 p.m. sponsored by Chipotle Mexican Grill.

Intern Award Ceremony immediately following.

In case of rain: same location, indoors.

2 tacos for \$5 for sale by Chipotle Mexican Grill.

ALL proceeds benefit CitySprouts

If you would like to help with cider pressing, there are two shifts, 11:00 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 2:00. You can sign up online at <http://doodle.com/s8aaaifxcitcqiac>

If you would like to help with setup, activity tables & clean up, shifts 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. please email Kim at kgoldstein@citysprouts.org

Happy Birthday Maria L. Baldwin!

Maria L. Baldwin was born on September 13, 1856.

A brief history of Maria Baldwin:

Maria Baldwin graduated Cambridge High School in 1874.

In 1881 she was appointed as teacher of primary grades in the public schools of Cambridge. In 1889 after teaching in all the grades from the first to the seventh, Baldwin was made Principal of the Agassiz School.

In April, 1916, when the school was torn down and a new building was erected, Baldwin was made Master of the new Agassiz School, one of but two women Masters in the city of Cambridge. Baldwin remained Master for forty years at the Agassiz School.

Maria Baldwin was always a student. She took many courses from professors at Harvard and other colleges. She was a great reader. Maria Baldwin died on January 9, 1922.

The 1916 Agassiz School building was torn down in 1993 and in 1995, a new Agassiz School building was dedicated. On February 12th, 2004, this school was officially re-named the Maria L. Baldwin School.

Reference:

*The African American Atlas
Black History & Culture an
Illustrated Reference
by Molefi K. Asanta and Mark T.
Mattson*



CONGRATULATIONS! It's a Boy!

Welcome to Zane Kenneth LaBounty.

Born on his due date, September 9 at 10:25 a.m., 10 lbs., 4 oz. Congratulations to Corianne, Derick and Sophia!



Friends of the Baldwin School

The Friends of the Baldwin School

The Friends of the Baldwin (FOB) is a non-profit organization working to strengthen the Baldwin community and support the educational experience of our students. The FOB is a source of funds to support the teachers, supplement classroom activities, pay for community building events and for many other activities that support our school and our students.

Last year the Friends of the Baldwin helped fund the now annual Welcome Back Popsicle Party, funded the storyteller at Pajama Reading Night, our school-wide Learning by Design 'Box City' project, and funded in-school enrichments, the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and provided supplies and prizes for the Math Carnival and the Art Show, supplied the dunk tank for field day. Their fundraising efforts include the Baldwin Community Card (see below).

This year, the hope is to continue with all of those items plus host an International Potluck in the winter.
How Can I Help?

Support your student and support the school by getting involved. If you can find the time, say yes the next time a call for volunteers goes out. You'll get to know your fellow parents and probably have a good time. Look for Friends of the Baldwin fundraisers and donate what you can to help pay for enrichments planned for this school year. When you hear your student talking about a special event at the school, you'll feel good knowing that you were part of making it happen.

Our Friends of the Baldwin School meetings are open to all. Please stop by. They take place the first Friday of every month at drop off time. The first meeting of the year is on Friday, October 4 at 9:00 in the first floor conference room.

Meeting Schedule for the 2013-2014 School Year

October 4	March 7
November 1	April 5
December 6	May 3
January 3	June 7
February 7	

New Baldwin Community Cards Are Here!

Pick up a batch of 5, 10, 15, or 20 cards and start selling to friends, neighbors, colleagues, and other members of your community.

The Baldwin Community Card costs \$10 and offers discounts on a wide array of goods, including movies, yoga, rock climbing, pizza, coffee and baked goods, hardware and household goods, theater, chocolates, arts and crafts, toys, and more. Card buyers can quickly recoup the cost of the card through savings while supporting the Baldwin School's largest fundraiser. In the past two years, over \$6K has been raised for enrichment activities such as class field trips, books for the kindergarten classroom, visiting performers, supplies for the math and science festivals, the school-wide construction of Box City, and many other projects.

Pick up a packet of 5 to 20 cards in front of the school beginning Friday 9/13 and commit to selling these cards to your network of friends and colleagues. If you don't make it to school, send a request to baldwincard@gmail.com or complete the order form arriving soon in your child's backpack.

News from the Nurse

I hope you all had a restful vacation and your students are ready for a great year at The Baldwin. I am excited to see familiar and new faces at The Baldwin.

Please welcome Alicia Pasquariella, health aide, to the health office staff. She will be at Baldwin 2 days a week and I will be covering the other 3 days. Alicia has pediatric and emergency room experience. She was a great asset to our school health team last year having worked in many of our Cambridge school.

Please stop by our office with any health concerns that your student might have. Please let us know of any allergies that your student may have.

All medications to be given at school require authorization by the health care provider and by you. This includes over the counter medications. The consent to give medication at school forms are on the CPSD web page (<http://www3.cpsd.us/family/forms>) or obtainable at the school nurse's office. Your provider can fax the authorization to 617-349-6893. Please note that all medications must be in a pharmacy labeled container.

All students should provide a copy of a recent physical examination, including immunizations by their health care providers. This is the 1 to 2 page form that usually has a heading "form for school/camp/sports." This is a requirement for kindergarten and 4th grade students.

Alicia and I can be reached at 617-498-6746. You can also reach me by email at kbonfiglio@challiance.org.

Kathryn Bonfiglio, RN

Family Contact Books

We'd like to invite all interested families to participate in school-based Family Contact Books, also known as school directories. Each school will have its own booklet containing contact information of our students' families.

This year, the district is pleased to offer an online sign-up option at:

<http://contactbooks.cpsd.us/>

To "opt in" online:

1. Check your required student forms mailing for a sheet containing your child's student ID number, or if you've already signed up for MyLunchMoney.com you can find student IDs stored in your account. If you do not know your child's student ID, please contact Susan at stiersch@cpsd.us or 617-349-4377.

2. Go to

<http://contactbooks.cpsd.us/>

and use the student ID number to sign into the system.

Review the existing information and add updates or changes to anything but your primary/home address (this type of change must be made at the school level).

3. Check off whether you'd like the changes reflected in the CPS database.

Click Done -- and you're finished!

If you have more than one child, the system will allow you to go back to the beginning as long as you have student IDs for each child you wish to include.

A hard copy of the contact book information was sent home in the annual required student forms and also distributed by classroom if you wish to include your information via paper.

The goal is for the final books to be distributed in early November, so please opt in by October 1 if you'd like to be included.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Walk/Ride Day

Friday, September 27

Green Streets Initiative is an international grassroots organization based in Cambridge that celebrates, promotes, and advocates for the use of alternative transportation. The Green Streets Initiative is best known for the creation of monthly *Walk/Ride Days*. *Walk/Ride Days* occur on the last Friday of every month. Go green, wear green., walk, ride your bike, or scooter to school!



Participate in Walk/Ride Day with the many families of Baldwin who participate in this monthly event.

Picture Day

Thursday, October 24

Forms will be distributed in October.

BALDWIN CALENDAR

September 17, Tuesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m
October 1, Tuesday	Back to School Curriculum Night and Potluck Picnic 5:30 Potluck Picnic 6:30 Welcome 7:00 - 7:30 - Session 1 in Classroom 7:30 - 8:00 - Session 2 in Classroom
October 4, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
October 9, Wednesday	Baldwin School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 14, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
October 16, Wednesday	NO SCHOOL - Eid Al Adha Holiday
October 23, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
October 24, Thursday	Picture Day
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 Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 27, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 28, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
November 29, Friday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 7, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
December 11, Wednesday	Baldwin School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
December 16, Monday - December 18, Wednesday	Book Fair in the Library
December 23, Monday - January 1, Wednesday	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Tuesday, September 17

Wednesday, October 24

Thursday, November 7

Wednesday, November 27

Tuesday, March 11

Wednesday, May 14

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Baldwin School Before and After School Activities

We are in the process of finalizing a list of before and after school activities for Baldwin students. Most after school activities will take place on days that we have a late bus which is Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. More information to follow.

Center Stage Somerville Afterschool Production Program

Join Center Stage Somerville's afterschool program and participate in all aspects of the production of "Click Clack Moo". We will rehearse, play acting games, sing, dance, make costumes, props, and scenery, culminating in a performance for parents and the public. Every student will have a significant role in the performance, involving acting, memorizing lines, and singing (if they would like). Expect hard work with gratifying results!

Who? Kids ages 8-12.

When? Mondays, 3:15 - 5:30 p.m., October 21-December 16 with a performance December 17.

Where? The Armory in Somerville, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville.

How much? \$190, with sliding scale options. Run by CRLS students. Visit their website at: centerstagesomerville.org

Attention 4th & 5th Grade Families - After School Opportunity

The Area IV Youth Center 243 Harvard Street is having an Open House on Friday, September 27, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Get information about their pre-teen program for students in grades 4 and 5. Free food, arts and crafts and open gym.

Area IV pre-teen program runs until 6:00 p.m. Offers homework assistance, art classes, cultural cooking classes, recreational activities such as basketball and community service projects. Their first session starts now and runs through January 10, 2014. The cost is \$150/session, \$50/session for free lunch families.

For more information contact them at 617-349-6262 or email scassey@cambridgema.gov

IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Cambridge Family Microsoccer

Register now for Cambridge Family Microsoccer for girls and boys aged 4 - 6 (your child should have a birthdate that falls between 8/31/2007 and 9/1/2009). Register online at <http://www.microsoccer.org/> Practices and games generally take place Saturday mornings at Raymond Park (also known as Corcoran Park) in Cambridge, as follows:

Session 1 (9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.)

Session 2 (10:30a.m. — 12:00 noon)

The final date of the season is expected to be November 8th. Except for the weekend of

September 14-15, all sessions are scheduled to take place on Saturday mornings. **IMPORTANT:** On the weekend of September 14-15, both Microsoccer sessions 1 and 2 will take place on Sunday afternoon, September 15.

- Cambridge Youth Soccer

Cambridge Youth Soccer offers soccer for girls and boys from kindergarten through 8th grade. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played on Saturday with one or two practices during the week depending upon which league you're in.

The season is about to begin so sign up now at www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.org/registration.html

Danehy Park Family Day

Saturday, September 21

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The City of Cambridge will host the 18th Annual Danehy Park Family Day on Saturday, September 21. Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last! Check out performances throughout the day at the children's stage. Other special giveaways include colorful kites that appeal to kids of all ages!

The rain date is Sunday, September 22.

Danehy Park is located at 99 Sherman Street in North Cambridge (adjacent to Garden and New Streets).

This free event, sponsored by the City of Cambridge.

Shuttle buses will be running throughout Cambridge to provide transportation. Danehy Park can be reached by public transportation: #74 bus or #78 bus from Harvard Square; #83 bus from Central Square; or take a shuttle bus from the Alewife MBTA Station. Picnics and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Harvard Square Folk Festival

Saturday, September 21

12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m., Palmer Street

Free, family friendly event.

10th Annual Revels RiverSing

Sunday, September 22

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

A free family event along the Charles River. A magical night of music, song and celebration as Revels welcomes the Autumnal Equinox along the banks of the Charles River. This year's celebration marks the 10th anniversary of RiverSing and includes family festivities in Harvard Square Winthrop Park starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by a puppet-filled parade to the Charles that all can join. Singing along the River begins at 6:00 p.m.

Introducing the Baldwin School Lunch Staff!

Meet Frankie, Bobby (the cook), Laurie and Starr. Our students are greeted by our friendly staff at every meal.

