

The Baldwin Broadside

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*Have a Nice April Vacation!***Baldwin Celebrates Poetry Month**

Poetry should be celebrated every day! April is Poetry month. Organized by our Literacy Coach, *Sara-Jane Rogers*, students started their day with "Poems in their Pocket". That evening, Baldwin Poetry Night was filled with poets! Over sixty students recited a poem, either an original or their favorite, in front of a large crowd of families. Many thanks to our teachers for a wonderful month, filled with poetry in the classrooms, and for encouraging so many student to read. Thank you to the *Friends of Baldwin* for helping fund poetry books for drawing prizes! Thank you to *Megan Ankuda* and the fifth grade chorus for singing their poetry. Thank you to our hosts, Hannah S. and Natasha. This is a sampling of original poems:

Foxes

Foxes, foxes, here and there
 Foxes, foxes, everywhere
 Sneaking, sneaking, peeking
 Through your window
 by *Taya*, grade 1

My Cat

My cat my cat how about that?
 I see her come I see her go
 I see her dancing in the snow
 That is why I call her Shadow
 I like my cat how about that
 I hope It's purrrrrfectly clear
 Why she is such a dear
 How about that...how about that

I love my little snugly cat
 by *Alexandra*, grade 2

Momku

She always helps me
 She is always there for me
 She always loves me
 by *Bhisma*, grade 2

Honey Discovery

Honey is the best,
 so I served it to my guest,
 and then he ate the rest,
 so I went to the store,
 to get some more,
 so I looked in aisle four.
 Then there I stood,
 I looked at the wood,
 on the ground saw something yellow
 and gooey and it looked good,
 so I followed the trail of yellow gooey
 stuff to a door,
 That said, "no more"
 I did not know what that meant so I
 opened the door,
 and saw that it revealed no more
 than a giant jar of ... honey!
 by *Yunus*, grade 3



Starlight

My favorite light is starlight,
Shining on us below.
A substitute for houselight that guides us in the day,
But starlight will always be there,
Years and years away.
by Noe, grade 4

Pencils

Pencils are a glorious thing,
They don't run or hide or do anything.
But they help us on our way,
To go to college or get an A.
They help us write important things,
Like love letters or how to fly with wings.
So just for a small bit of a day,
Let's appreciate pencils in a way.
by Piper, grade 5

Friendship

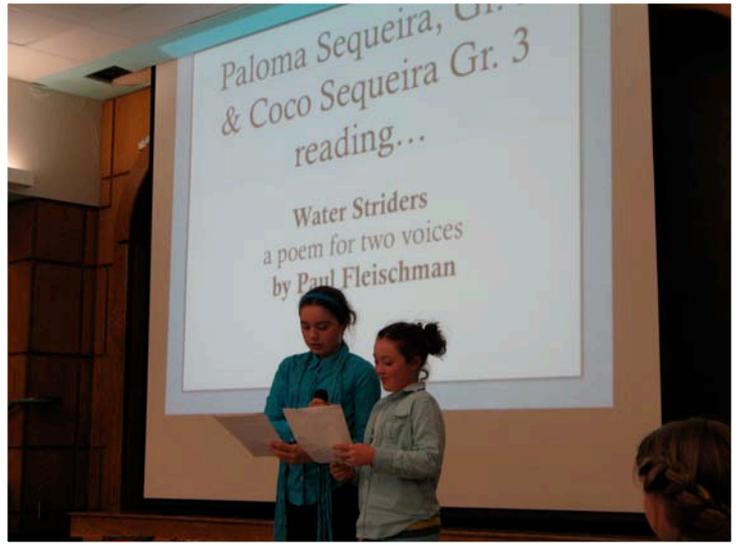
Friendship is,
Regal and rich.
Important.
Everlasting.
Nice.
Daring and risky, but it usually pays off,
Something to share.
Happy.
Inspiring.
Paints on a palette, peas in a pod, you and your best
friend.
by Simone and Alena, grade 5

Witches Stew

In Cauldron bubble and pop
The stew cooking, with what?
Filled with gop
Of the witches special cut
In the stew goes frog toes
A dragons tail
A lovely nose
Of the witches special cut
The pot starts to boil
It's almost ready for trouble
Double, Double toil-
Oh it started to bubble!
Can't wait to start
Some trouble's been overdue
All witches will take part
The wants have been lying askew
Fill them up to the top
With mayhem and darkness
Swap
The goody-two shoes for fun with evil
by Abigail, grade 5

Bears

The bears reflection glistening on the water
The bear is staring at the water, then **strike!!!** the bear
catches the fish with its paws
The bear goes back to its den and feeds her cubs.
Seasons passing by the cubs are changing
Finally after that long winter sleep the bears wake up.
The cubs go out to play for the first time.
by Renner, grade 5



Grade 3 Trip - Tea is Brewing

The third grade students recently visited Faneuil Hall. A very animated guide talked to them about the voting rights and about town meetings that took place in the 1770's. They learned that only Protestant, male, property owners over the age of 18 were allowed to vote. After a walk to the Boston Massacre site, the students visited the Old South Meeting House, a landmark on the Freedom Trail of Boston. The students took on the roles of the Patriots and the Loyalists, recreating the tea tax debate. They all did a great job studying their parts and were prepared for their presentation in the hall where that debate took place in 1773. Thank you to the parent chaperones *John S., Gary, John A., Kjersti, Chris, Mandy, Amanda, Sanjay, Arthur and Michael.*

Grade 3 Music Class Performance

On April 7th, family and friends of the 3rd grade students came to hear the students perform under the direction of their music teacher, Ms. Sharon Hamel. Students have been learning to find and develop their singing voice, sing in tune, sing in two parts and explore songs with various forms. They sang songs of friendship, trickery, good fun and good people, with the emphasis on songs of Black history. Students sang in rounds with different students leading, allowing them to make tonal harmonies and

learn to hold their part while the other group is singing another part of the same song. Call and response is a form ubiquitous in the African musical tradition. They performed African-American and Afro-Caribbean play songs.

Rap came into existence in the 1970's. It is characterized by rapid, rhythmic speech over pre-recorded instrumental backing. *A Kid Like Me* is a rap about one of the greatest men that ever lived, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The finale, *Count on Me*, by Bruno Mars is a song of friendship ... one of the most important things we have in life.



Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated egg cartons! Your contributions yielded enough for the art projects. Many thanks to everyone that participated in the mission.



Math Problem of the Month

Mr. Geiger and Jermaine, grade 1 student, introduced the Math Problem of the Month at the All-School Meeting on April 14. Mr. Geiger saw Jermaine walking in the hallway, counting his steps. The two of them got to wondering, how many steps do you think we take in a day in school? So, Mr. Gladu provided Jermaine with a pedometer. From the start of the day Monday, up until the meeting at 2:15, Jermaine walked 2,549 steps. On Thursday, Jermaine will give the total number of steps he took for the week (4 school days). Based on that information, how many steps will he walk in a school year?

“Bee” a Reader Read-a-thon

Baldwin students met their goal and read over 5,000 hours in five weeks. In addition, they collected close to \$1,800 in donations for bee research. As promised, Mr. Leonardos and Mr. Roderick spent the day in bee costumes. Congratulations to the students for reaching the goal! Thank you to our generous families for sponsoring your child in the read-a-thon. Thank you to Ms. Kugel for organizing this fun reading challenge.



Dance in the Schools

Joan Green, an instructor with the Cambridge Performance Project, is working with Lilli Martinez, our art teacher, to do four consecutive lessons with our 5th grade students, interconnecting movement and figure drawing. The Cambridge Performance Project is a small dance company that focuses on intergenerational and interabilities. Integrating visual art with dance and movement, students made shapes with their body, then they observe and react to that shape. While in poses, they were then asked to focus on how figures relate to each other. As a small group of students posed, the remaining students were to transfer what they saw to the drawing. "Think about the lines you see, how would you transfer it to drawing. How would you capture the pose to show that it is a human body." Arts and movement help engagement, attention, persistence and risk-taking skills. For the kinesthetic learner, those who learn

through experience and physical activity, arts and movement is key.



COMING UP ...

Parent Coffee with Ralph Watson Tuesday, April 29

8:45 a.m.
Baldwin School Library



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, May 14

National Teacher Appreciation is celebrated in May.

To thank our school teachers and staff, we will have our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 14, an early release day. This is an opportunity to show your appreciation to our teachers and staff for the effort they put into each and every day. Every year our parents overwhelm us with their culinary skills. Please support the annual luncheon by providing a side dish, green salad, fruit salad, dessert, or your favorite thing to prepare for the lunch. Remember to label your platters/containers.



These items may be brought to school on Wednesday morning, May 14th. The *Friends of Baldwin* help provide the main dish. We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Susan at stiersch@cpsd.us or 617-349-4377. Thank you for your support!

2014 MCAS Dates

MCAS tests are administered in the spring for students in grades 3-5. This is the schedule by grade for Baldwin students:

Math Schedule

- Grade 3 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Friday, May 16

- Grade 4 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Friday, May 16

- Grade 5 -

Math: Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 8

Science: Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15

Red Sox Game

Friday, May 16

The 14th Annual Baldwin Student Red Sox Game vs. Detroit Tigers on Friday, May 16. Buses will leave the school at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are first come, first served. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be able to attend without a parent/guardian and will be chaperoned by school staff.

Permission forms were sent home Monday. Additional forms can be found in the office.



Sam Reid & the Riot Act @ The Sinclair!

Sunday, May 18

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Sinclair, 52 Church Street

John Ransom, father to Tenley (grade 5), and Oliver (grade 3) and his band, Sam Reid & The Riot Act, will play for us at "The Sinclair", the acclaimed concert venue in Harvard Square.

Ticket price includes a great concert and light snacks. There will also be a live auction.

Prices: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child

All families and friends all welcome!

Parents must remain responsible for their children throughout the event.

Event benefits the *Friends of Baldwin* and the 2nd/3rd Grade Trip to Cape Cod.

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 Baldwin student art on display at the Fay Chandler Gallery, 20 Sacramento Street.

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

5:45 - *Intermission*

6:00 - *Holka Polka*



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



Street Cleaning Resumes

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

Due to the Patriot's Day holiday, the designated street cleaning

days in April are altered: Tuesday, April 29.

May Dates: Monday, May 19 & Tuesday, May 20.

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



Friends of the Baldwin School

Join in *Friends of Baldwin*

It's been a good year! With your help FOB raised over \$8,000 and is directing that money right into our classrooms through teachers grants, classroom enrichments and school wide events. It is time to start thinking about next year and all the wonderful events that will be in store for our students.

There will be several openings on the *Friends of Baldwin* Board of Directors that need filling and we need to fill them now.

Friends of Baldwin (FOB) is looking for family members who want to help keep our school community strong. Have a direct hand in providing the fun stuff for the students, resources for the teachers and friendship making opportunities for the families. Make the transition simple by joining now and maintaining an important continuity with the outgoing membership. There are several positions that require no special experience, just an interest in helping our students and teachers. Contact Susan today at stiersch@cpsd.us

The impact you will have is certain.

If you won't step up, who will?

Upcoming *Friends of Baldwin* Meetings:

Friday, May 2

Friday, June 13

Meetings take place at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room.

WANTED

Open your doors to Education...

Host a Breakthrough Greater Boston teacher this summer!

Breakthrough Greater Boston (BTGB) recruits the best and brightest college students from around the country as teachers for our summer programs in Cambridge and Boston. Thanks to the generosity of our host families, BTGB is able to hire a diverse group of motivated, talented college age students each summer.

Host Family Responsibilities:

- Host a teacher from mid-June until mid-August
- Provide a clean, safe, and private room for the teacher

To learn more about our Host Family Program, please contact: Homestay Coordinator Trish Marti at trishmarti@verizon.net or 617-864-4847, OR BTGB Operations Manager, Allison Deptula at adeptula@btgbmail.org or 617-349-6647

BALDWIN CALENDAR

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| April 18, Friday | No School |
| April 21 - 25 | April Break |
| April 29, Tuesday | Street Cleaning |
| April 29, Tuesday | Parent Coffee with Mr. Ralph Watson, Head of School, Rindge Avenue 8:45 a.m. Baldwin Library |
| May 2, Friday | Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m. |
| May 6, Tuesday | Start of MCAS Testing |
| May 14, Wednesday | Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m. |
| May 14, Wednesday | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon |
| May 14, Wednesday | School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| May 16, Friday | Red Sox Game, 7:00 p.m. |
| May 18, Sunday | Friends of Baldwin Fundraiser 1:00 p.m., The Sinclair |
| May 19, Monday | All School Meeting 2:15 p.m. |
| May 26, Monday | No School, Memorial Day |
| May 29, Thursday | Arts Night, 5:30 p.m. |
| June 3, Tuesday | Welcome New JK/K Families 6:00 p.m. |
| June 5, 6 | Grade 2 & 3 Overnight Trip |
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| June 5, Thursday | Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 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 Students spend day at RAUC |
| June 19, Thursday | 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

C-PAC Brain Development Workshop Wednesday, May 14

6:30 p.m., CRLS, 459 Broadway
Learn about the recent research that has shed light on the connection between brain development and learning. For more information contact: Paula Feynman at Pfeynman@cpsd.us or 617.349.6427.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

Cambridge Public Library Annual Poetry Contest

For K-8 students
Submit your original poems by Wednesday, April 30. Be sure to include your name, grade, school, phone number and email address. Mail entries to:
Poetry Contest
Cambridge Public Library
Central square Branch
45 Pearl Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
or email entries to agazin@cambridgema.gov

Cambridge Family Microsoccer

Attention families of boys and girls aged 4 - 6 years old... Cambridge Family Microsoccer online. Season begins on Saturday, April 19. The program takes place on Saturday mornings at Raymond Park (also known as Corcoran Park) in two sessions, 9:00 - 10:30 and 10:30 - 12:00 noon. Spring season runs for 8 Saturdays. To register, please visit www.microsoccer.org or call 617-274-3114.

Attention Girls Grades 3-5

The Cambridge Baby Falcons is offering a **FREE** Basketball Program.

For the 3rd thru 5th grade girls:

- Saturdays, April 26-June 21, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
CRLS Main Gym, 1640 Cambridge Street

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

West Cambridge Little Baseball Farm League and Tee Ball

Farm League and Tee Ball will start on Saturday, April 26 at the Tobin Field.

These two programs will start on the same day as registration from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Tee Ball is for boys and girls ages 5 & 6. Farm League is for ages 7 and up. Registration is \$30.00. Please bring a glove. Both programs play every Saturday morning until mid June.

North Cambridge Little Baseball Farm League

For players who will be at least 5 years old by 4/30/14. Every Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. beginning April 26 through mid-June. Comeau Field, Rindge Avenue, North Cambridge.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

FREE Adult Swim Lessons

April 22 - 29 at Harvard University
Never learned how to swim? Afraid of the water? The Cambridge Masters Swim Club at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool is offering free swim

lessons for adults. For more information go to swimmingsaveslives@gmail.com

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 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, June 6, 13 & 20.

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

Free Bicycle Workshops for Cambridge Residents

The City of Cambridge proudly presents our free bicycle basics workshop series with MassBike!

April 30 - Urban Cycling Basics/Hubway, 7:00 p.m.

(Main Library)

May 10 - On-Bike Training, 2:00 p.m.

(Alewife Bike Cage)

Please RSVP to Jennifer Lawrence,

jlawrence@cambridgema.gov, 617/349-4671.

Opportunity for Men: Fit for Life

Fit for Life, a program of the Cambridge Men's Health League, is currently accepting applications for its next cycle which begins Monday, May 12. This free, 12-week program is designed to help men decrease their risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

Participants meet twice per week for workshops on nutrition and fitness, and receive personalized support from a mentor, free health screenings, gym access, and more. For more information or to apply, contact Derek Arledge at 617-665-3686. Application deadline is April 18.

<http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/mens-health/fitforlife.php>

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Cambridge Science Festival

Friday, April 18 - Sunday, April 27

Saturday, April 19 - Science Carnival and Robot Zoo!

Cambridge Public Library

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 - FREE Admission to the Harvard

Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford Street

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, April 23 - FREE Admission to Peabody

Museum of Archaeology, 11 Divinity Street

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

April Vacation at the Cambridge Public Library

The following events take place at 2:00 p.m. in the Curious George Room of the Main Library and are for children ages 5 and up.

- **Tuesday, April 22** - Puppet Show

- **Wednesday, April 23** - Yoga for Kids

- **Friday, April 25** - Family Movie

Cat Mountain: Presented by Behind the Mask Theatre

Sunday, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Peabody Museum of Archaeology &

Ethnology, Geological Lecture Hall

24 Oxford Street

Behind the Mask Theatre brings this magical folktale to life in an original adaptation featuring puppetry, dance, masks, and Japanese theater styles. After the performance, join the actors in the Peabody Museum for a mask-making workshop! This performance and workshop is suitable for ages 4 and up accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 617-496-1027.

ARTS FIRST Annual Arts Festival

Thursday, May 1 - Sunday, May 4

Various times and locations around Harvard University.

The ARTS FIRST annual festival celebrates student and faculty creativity with hundreds of music, theater, dance, film and visual arts presentations at venues throughout Harvard University. Most events are free.

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 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!

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Community Schools Camps and Cambridge Youth Programs

The city offers summer camp programs offered at various Community Schools and Youth Centers. You can find a listing, sorted by neighborhood at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/summercamps.aspx

Cambridge Adventure Day Camp CADC

Available for ages 6 - 11. Transportation is provided.

Register online:

<http://cambridge.camping.org/enroll/>

or call (617) 864-0960.