

The Baldwin Broadside

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JANUARY 17, 2014

Academic Choice Showcases! See Information Below ...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Academic Choice Project Showcase Mornings!

Grades JK - 2: **Tuesday, January 28**

Grades 3 - 5: **Wednesday, January 29**

Visit your child's classroom and hear student presentations. The presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. in your child's classroom.

Each student will do a brief presentation of their research. There will be an opportunity for brief questions and warm feedback from adults. Help share in their enthusiasm!

What is academic choice? This school wide academic choice project helps to build on a child's natural curiosity, allowing the child to take ownership of their learning, and teaches skills necessary for independent learning that builds on the social skills essential to a community of learners by sharing ideas and working collaboratively.



19th Annual Baldwin School Ski Trip to Pat's Peak Sunday, March 2

Join our annual trip to Pat's Peak, a small family mountain resort in Henniker, New Hampshire. 90 minutes from Cambridge. This trip is for Baldwin School students, their families and neighbors. Discounted group rates for lift tickets, rentals and lessons.

Application forms will be distributed on January 21. Enjoy a day on the slopes with your friends. Forms due back to the office by February 25.

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:

ELA (English Language Arts) Schedule

- Grade 3 -

Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27

- Grade 4 -

Composition: Tuesday, March 18

ELA: Monday, March 24 and Friday, March 28

- Grade 5 -

Wednesday, March 19 and Friday, March 21

Math Schedule

- Grade 3 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Friday, May 16

- Grade 4 -

Tuesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 15

- Grade 5 -

Math: Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 8

Science: Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Summer Camp Scholarship Committee for Movie Night

Thank you for coming to pizza and movie night. With your help, the scholarship committee raised over \$800 for summer camp scholarships!

Thank you to Suzette, David, Lynne, Michelle, Trish, Nordell and Emily for a successful evening.



Thank you to Ms. Ankuda!

Thank you to the students in grades 1 and 2, to Ms. Ankuda, to our teachers, Ms. Gibson-Mueller, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Powers, Karma, Ms. Buchanan and our interns Marcie, Madeline, Jason, Erin, Megan and Barb for an incredible concert and musical storytelling. Jake Soliman was the narrator telling the story of How to Catch A Star by Oliver Jeffers and the first and second grade students sang along with the story including Wee Willie Winkie, Start Light Star Bright, The Sun Is In My Heart, On Watch the Stars and concluding the story with Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. Our second graders continued the concert with additional songs and their finale was conducted by Ms. Powers. See pictures on the last page.

January All-School Meeting

On Friday, January 17, our all-school meeting hosts were fifth grade students Sam M. and Zoe. Ms. Wingard and students started the meeting with a

greeting and modeled the safe fist bump greeting. Sam and Zoe led the students in the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the Baldwin School Core Values. They then introduced the classroom representatives who gave a brief summary of what their class is working on for their academic choice project. This brief snippet will give you a taste of what to look forward to at the Academic Choice Morning Showcase:

K102 - Anna explained that Mr. Kelly's JK class is learning about tide pools. Some tide pool creatures are horseshoe crabs, hermit crabs, moon snails, sand dollars and sea stars. "They are not called starfish!"

K104 - Carter and Amelia explained that they are learning about the mail and the post office in Mrs. Labounty's class. They asked Mike the mailman questions, they visited the Harvard Square Post Office to learn about how it all works.

K215 - Frances explained that Mrs. O'Leary's class is learning about tide pools.

K217 - Several students from Ms. Della Calce's class spoke about falcons.

First Grade - Keanu, Grace, Chanho and Mieka explained that the students in Ms. Gibson-Mueller's and Mr. O'Connor's class are learning about the weather. They know about satellites, hurricanes, lightning, tornados, rainbows and more.

Second Grade - Coco and Amaya explained that the students in Ms. Power's and Karma's classrooms are learning about animals. Did you know that baby hamsters are called puppies? Did you know that wolverines are sometimes called a skunk bear?

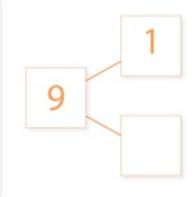
Third Grade - Liam and Junee explained that the third grade is concentrating on Cambridge. They are learning about people, places, factories, squares and transportation of Cambridge. Liam talked more about the American Revolution and how the Charles River was crossed. Junee talked about Tip O'Neil, and American politician raised in Cambridge. Did you know that Tip's father was a Cambridge City Councilor?

Fourth Grade - Zoe and Shanira explained that the students were learning about social justice issues. Some of the issues that students concentrated on include animal rights, our environment including pollution and littering. Denilson's project is about why people should exercise.

Fifth Grade - Sudarnah and Gabriel explained that they are studying about the Mayans and Aztecs including warriors, gods and goddesses, their art, their entertainment and more.

Mr. Geiger, second grade student Rabia, and first grade students Gemma did a math share. Rabia

shared her Number Bond Book and explained number bonds to the school. This is a number bond:



Gemma helped Mr. Geiger create the Math Problem of the Month. It had to do with the book One Grain of Rice. The problem: If the princess gets one grain of rice on the first day, and it doubles everyday, how many grains of rice will she have after 30 days?

The meeting concluded with a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Grace read a poem, Jasenia and Kaden read some of the dreams that students posted about this day.

Our next all-school meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11 at 2:15 p.m.

Word Study

In third grade, the students work on "Word Study". The focus of this lesson are suffix endings. The suffix ending 'ed' can be represented in three different ways: sometimes with the sound of just 'd' as in 'shattered', sometimes with the sound 'ed' as in 'floated', and sometimes sounding like 't' as in 'fixed'. These are a sample of students' stories using the words from their weekly lessons. The underlined words are their 'word study' words.

Shredded Plants Taste Good
by Junee Manandhar

Once upon a time there was this man named Bob, and he loved shredded plants dipped in butter and salsa. He got the plants from his garden. Sometimes he would yell to the brother neighbors, Billy and Joe. He would say "Hey, you want some shredded plants dipped in butter and salsa!?" They would always answer "no way no how". One day he ran out of salsa, so he went to the store to get more. When he passed Billy and Joe's house he heard them whisper "shredded plants are gross!" When Bob heard this he ran back home crying like a little girl. The next day, he yelled, "Hey, do you want some hot dogs!?" "Of course!" they yelled back and then Bob became brothers with Billy and Joe. The end!

Story by Alexander Rosen

My window shattered, I yelled for help but then my window melted! I clapped three times and it turned back to normal formation. But now the glass was colored. I stopped and started ... my chair floated up and bumped into the wall.

Questions to Ask Your Child About Their Day at School

As a parent, does this sound familiar:
adult - "How was your day?"
child - "Fine."

adult - "What did you do at school today?"
 child - "Nothing."

To get a sense of your child's life at school, ask questions that elicit more than a one-word response. The trick is to ask about questions that are specific but still open-ended. You can get more than "fine" and "nothing" by asking your child to describe. Another trick to get your child talking is to share something about your day. As my son would say, "when you ask too many questions you become a helicopter parent. Please no hovering."

These may help as conversation starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Tell me something about your day that made you laugh.
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Teach me something you learned today.
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Did Karma where something that was not black?

ATTENTION PARENTS ...

Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) Workshop

"Getting Children to Hear What You Say."

Learn great strategies to communicate effectively and sensitively with children from educational psychologist and parent educator Marilyn Buckler. Monday, January 27, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cambridge Public Library Lecture Hall 449 Broadway Free child care by advance request only at 617-349-4038.

Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year?

Any child who will be four years old on or before March 31, 2014 is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2014. Please contact Susan and she will make sure you receive the Kindergarten registration packet. 617-349-4377 or stiersch@cpsd.us. Deadline to register at the Family Resource Center is January 31!

BALDWIN CALENDAR

January 20, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 28, Tuesday	Morning Showcase Grades K-2
January 29, Wednesday	Morning Showcase Grades 3-5
February 7, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
February 10, Monday	Report cards will be sent home

February 11, Tuesday	All-School Meeting, 2:15 p.m.
February 17 - 21	February Break
February 28, Friday	Movie Night Summer Camp Scholarship Fundraiser
March 11, Tuesday	Early Release Day
March 11, Tuesday	School dismissed at 1:00 p.m. 5th Grade Chorus in "The Big Sing" 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Parish, Boston
March 13, Thursday	Math Carnival
April 10, Thursday	Poetry Night

IN THE DISTRICT

Title I Presents

MCAS & PARCC Parent Information Sessions

for all Cambridge Public School parents

Thursday, January 23

Morse School, 40 Granite Street

Breakfast and presentation: 8:15 - 9:30 a.m.

- Receive handouts to see what previous MCAS tests looked like.
- Learn about Common Core Standards and new assessments (PARCC) that will replace MCAS in 2014-2015.
- Learn what you can do to help your child.

Please call 617-349-6492 or email dbonilla@cpsd.us

Food Service Advisory Meeting

January 28, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Peabody School Cafeteria

Kim Deandrade, Program Leader, Health Education & Social Emotional Learning, will join us to help review highlights of the updated Wellness Policy, including nutrition education and other key updates.

C-PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway 504 Plans: Hear from CPS Teacher in charge of 504 Plans Jennifer Turner about the process in Cambridge, including how plans are developed and what to do when you have a question or concern. Free and open to the public. Childcare and light refreshments are provided.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

Cambridge Youth Soccer - Indoor Saturday Soccer

January 4 - February 8

Graham and Parks School Gymnasium

44 Linnaean Street

Saturday soccer builds soccer skills and speed by focusing on foot skills, technical training and small-sided teams.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - 1st and 2nd grade girls

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - 1st and 2nd grade boys
11:00 - noon - 3rd and 4th grade boys
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - 3rd and 4th grade girls
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - 5th and 6th grade coed
No registration forms required. You can sign the registration form on the first day.
\$25 for all 6 Saturdays or \$5 for each time a child plays.
www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.org

Cambridge YMCA Youth Basketball - Session 3 February 8 - March 29

Register now through January 27.
The Cambridge YMCA Youth Basketball Program is an 8-week program that focuses on teaching children the fundamentals of basketball and teamwork.
Cost: \$60/child
Meets Saturdays at the Cambridge YMCA
10:00 a.m. - Ages 5 - 8
12:00 p.m. - Ages 9 - 12

Swim Lessons at the Cambridge YMCA

Classes meet February 22 through April 18. Registration begins February 3.
Cost \$105 for 8 weeks.
For more information please see website at cambridgeymca.org or call 617-661-9622 x 702.

Girls STEM Summit East

Attention girls ages 8 - 12 who love STEM -- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
Learn more about emerging careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Saturday, April 26

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Stratton Student Center, Building W20, 84 Massachusetts Avenue
Register at www.juniortech.org or call 617-512-1794.
Listen to an inspirational keynote female leader in a STEM field
Expand your knowledge of STEM industries and emerging career paths.
Receive giveaway, enjoy lunch and meet other girls with similar interests.

Title IX Girls Running Club

Register today for indoor track. girls, ages 9-15,. Club begins on Tuesday, February, 4th and meets 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. through March 25th.
Gordon Athletic Center at Harvard University Full and partial enrollment scholarships available for those who qualify. To register, submit an application for scholarship and for more information, visit: <http://titleixgirls.org/gotta-run/>

Cambridge Science Festival! 2014 Curiosity Challenge!

Ages you between the ages of 5 and 14?
Are you curious?
Write an essay or poem, draw or take a picture about your curiosity and tell us how it prompted you to explore your world. Enter your essay or art work in the 2014 Curiosity Challenge by submitting it at any Cambridge Public School, Cambridge Public Library branch or by mailing it to:
The Curiosity Challenge
c/o MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts, Cambridge 02139.
Entries are due by Friday, February 7th. Winners will be honored at the Curiosity Awards at the Cambridge Science Festival on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

North Cambridge Family Opera - Powers of Ten
The North Cambridge Family Opera is again assembling a chorus of children and adults to perform as part of the Cambridge Science Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and young people to sing together.

This year's performance is a science oratorio by contemporary British composer David Haines: Powers of Ten.

Powers of Ten explores the scales of the universe, from sub-atomic to cosmic. It is based on the movie of the same name by Charles and Ray Eames. The 18 songs include a jazzy piece about black holes, a beautiful song about the Tamar River valley, and a round about the planets of the solar system. The performances will be presented with narration and an accompanying slideshow of children's artwork and lyrics.

Now recruiting singers for the 2014 NCFO Festival Chorus.

- Anyone age 5 and older can participate.
- Children ages 5 to 11 require a participating adult.

Rehearsals will be at the Peabody School, 70 Rindge Avenue

- Open rehearsals and registration:

Tuesday January 28, 2014, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday February 4, 2014, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- Weekly rehearsals: Tuesdays, February through April, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be two performances scheduled for the last weekend of school vacation week:

- Saturday April 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Peabody School.

- Sunday April 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the Museum of Science.

Please call Carla at 617-661-0479 or e-mail Festival2014@FamilyOpera.org if you'd like more information.

OPPORTUNITY 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: January 10 & 24

February 7, 14 & 28

March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Classes are slower moving vinyasa style (linking breath and movement) with a focus on alignment. Please bring a small towel, water and mat (if you have one). Attend those you can make. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Miles 617-501-4402.

Free Bicycle Workshops for Cambridge Residents

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

February 11 - Winter Cycling, 7:00 p.m.

(344 Broadway, 2nd Floor)

February 12 - Urban Cycling Basics, 12:00 p.m.
(Main Library)

March 11 - Bike Maintenance Basics, 7:00 p.m.
(344 Broadway)

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.

Share Your Passion for Technology

Volunteer at the Computer Lounge near Harvard and Porter Squares. Share Your Skills:

- Computer literate and familiar with Mac, PC, tablet and smartphone technologies
 - Friendly and enthusiastic with some teaching experience
 - Sensitive to people of diverse backgrounds and abilities
 - Can commit to volunteering once per week
- Learn how you can make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, please contact Colin Barr at 617-349-6287 x 21 or cbarr@agassiz.org

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Center for Families Winter Family Fun Day

Saturday, January 25

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Winter Family Fun Day will be a fun morning of indoor games and crafts for your little ones. Highlights include: Moon bounce, giant basketball, face painting, book give-aways, FREE light lunch, and plenty of arts and crafts activities.

Peabody School Gym, 70 Rindge Avenue

Cambridge Winter Farmer's Market

Every Saturday, January 4 through April
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cambridge Community Center
5 Callender Street (just outside of Central Square)

11th Annual Belmont World Film's Weekend-long Family Film Festival

Saturday, January 18 - Monday, January 20

Studio Cinema, 376 Trapelo Road, Belmont
Films &

Regent Theatre, 5 Medford Street, Arlington
See what is in store at

<http://www.belmontworldfilm.org/>

FREE Ice Skating at the Plaza

Adjacent to Harvard Yard & Science Center, 1 Oxford Street

January 24 through mid-March

Open 7 days a week (weather permitting), noon - 9:00 p.m.

Skate Rentals available for \$5

Cambridge's fourth annual

Many Helping Hands MLK Day of Service

January 20, 2014

806 Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square.

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come lend your hands and make a difference. Free! Children and families encouraged to attend.

Register to help at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/many-helping-hands-4th-annual-cambridge-mlk-day-of-service-2014-tickets-8748415747?aff=eorg>

18th Annual Hip Hop Festival

Thursday, February 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Baldwin School Stage

\$2 per person, \$5 per family

Free Flu Shots in Cambridge

It's not too late to get the flu vaccine.

The Cambridge Public Health Department is offering free flu vaccine to adults and children (age 6 months and older) by appointment only on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 Pp.m., and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the department's office, 119 Windsor Street, ground level.

To schedule an appointment, please call the health department at (617) 665-3826. While there is no charge to the public for flu shots, people with health insurance are encouraged to bring their cards with them to the clinics.

