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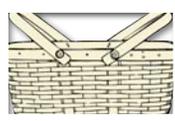
June 11 - JK/K Concert at 9:00 and Potluck Picnic at 5:30

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

The district has added an early release day in June. The early release day for Baldwin is **Tuesday, June 18.** School is dismissed at 1:00 p.m. Please contact your after school program to see if they are open early on **Tuesday, June 18.**

**Baldwin Spring Concert Series Continues**

Presented by Ms. Megan Ankuda
Tuesday, June 11 - featuring Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten at 9:00 a.m.

**End of Year Potluck Picnic Tuesday, June 11**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Sacramento Street Field
Please bring a dish to share.

Friends of Baldwin News**Friends Of Baldwin Meeting June 20 at 9:00 a.m.**

All welcome. Come to talk about ideas and plans for next year.

The Friends of the Baldwin School are hosting summer play dates over the summer.

Summer Play Dates will be at Alden Park (Corner of Oxford and Sacramento Streets)

- Sunday, July 14, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday August 14, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 25, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Friends of Baldwin are hosting a Back to School Popsicle Party on Sunday, September 8, time to be determined.

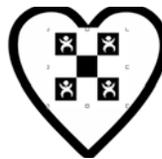
A Visit from a Service Dog

Our librarian Ms. Kugel arranged for a specially trained service dog, Wexler, to visit Mr. Kelly's junior kindergarten class and Ms. LaBounty's kindergarten class. Wexler goes everywhere his master Mr. Thompson goes. He is allowed to go where other dogs cannot go, like the grocery store. Mr. Thompson spoke about his dog Wexler. He is a gentleman. He sits when he is told to sit, and he stays

when he is told to stay. He tolerates young children and loud noises. He opens doors for his favorite people, and carries his own leash. He even knows how to turn lights on and off, and responds to a 46-word vocabulary.

"Wexler is very well-behaved in public," said John Thompson, his owner. Wexler, a black Labrador retriever, is trained by the nonprofit Canine Companions for Independence. Wexler knows a long list of commands, including get, hold, give, tug and push. He can open and close doors. Tell him "switch," and he'll turn on or off the lights.

Wexler accompanies his master to the classroom at Prospect Hill Academy Charter School in Somerville, Mass., where Mr. Thompson is a special education associate teacher.

**May All-School Meeting**

At our last all-school meeting on May 30th, our hosts, 4th grade students Sam and Hannah, started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the Baldwin School Core Values. Our 2nd grade students gave a preview of the grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert by

performing their Maypole dance, a tradition in European countries, performed in centers of towns. The students learned this traditional artistic dance around a tall pole, moving in circles with each dancer holding a colored ribbon.

Our first grade then paid tribute to our wonderful graduate interns by singing a song written to our first grade interns, *Ms. Geanuracos* and *Ms Inconiglios*, written by our first grade teacher, Mr. O'Connor.

Baldwin Intern Hakuna Matata by Tim O'Connor
(based on Hakuna Matata by Elton John and Tim Rice)

(chorus)

Hakuna Matata, what a wonderful phrase
Hakuna Matata, ain't no passing craze
It means no worries for the rest of your days
It's our problem-free philosophy – Hakuna Matata.

(verses)

The start of the year everything was quite new
Learning the ropes of what an intern must do
They even had to deal with Mr. Roderick too...

As the year wore on, many things they would learn
Keeping their lessons fresh was their chief concern
While a decent wage they'd unfortunately not earn...

Procedures and paperwork, portfolios, PPA's
Became the overall focus of most of their days
Causing migranes so bad they seemed to be in a haze...

They're not the only ones with worries, kids had the same

Imagine 1st graders having to learn these two names
Thanks to initials, Miss G. and Mrs. I have garnered much fame...

Now at the end of the year, job searches dominate the ranks
And the whole Baldwin community sends good fortune and thanks
And don't let Mr. Roderick force you into the field day dunk tank!



Spring Concert Series

We have had some amazing concerts this spring featuring the hard work of our students and music teachers. On May 31st, our community was entertained by our first and second grade students, presented by their music teacher Ms. Ankuda. First grade started the program with a traditional Moroccan song, "A Ram Sam Sam". They continued with "White Sand and Gray Sand", a song with long, open vowel sounds that helps the students with their tone. Students learned how many sounds fit in a beat as a way to understand music literacy. They learned about building rhythm patterns and pitches, high, middle and low, and as a class, they learned to write traditional music notation. They also performed a Folk Dance. The second grade students learned about improvisational movement. They interpreted "Statues", working on listening, experiencing and connecting with the music through movement. The students also wrote their own song, "Standing Like a Tree". They performed the "May Day Carol" and then performed the traditional Maypole Dance. The finale was all of our first and second grade students coming together to sing what may be considered our school song, "We all Sing With the Same Voice" as a slide show played with the words as well as beautiful pictures of our students captured during their school day. Thank you to our students and to Ms. Ankuda for an incredible concert! We look forward to the



remaining concerts in our spring concert series, grades 3 & 4 and JK and kindergarten.

Art Show!

The 8th Annual Baldwin School Art Show was held on May 31st and was incredible! Many thanks to our indefatigable art teacher Lilli Martinez! Under her direction, the beautiful art projects of our students were displayed throughout the lower level of the school and at the Fay Chandler Gallery. Thank you to our supportive Art Committee parents who provided their help and support: Susan Arnott, Ruth Rogers, Tracy Jean-Chronberg, Stephanie Erber, Courtney Wilson, and Andrew Jankowich. Thank you to the parents of K102 for hosting the food sale - Erin, Melissa, Andrea and Harlan, Virginia and Dana and to Maryann for bringing in the slush to help beat the heat. Thank you to School Committee member Fred Fantini for stopping by to admire our student's work. Pictures of some of the artwork can be seen on the last page.

Visiting Author Sydelle Pearl

Author Sydelle Pearl came to the Baldwin School to visit the third grade students. Ms. Pearl talked about her latest book, *Dear Mr. Longfellow* which complements the students study of Cambridge and Massachusetts. Ms. Pearl spoke about how Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a professor of languages at Harvard University, was such an inspiration to the children of Cambridge. Longfellow was known as "the children's poet." Students memorized his poetry. Local children would visit him and many children wrote letters to Longfellow. Ms. Pearl read the hundreds of letters written to Longfellow to craft her book that reveals Longfellow's life and his poems that became so important to children.

Each day, Longfellow would walk from his home on Brattle Street to Harvard. He would pass by a very large horse chestnut tree and a blacksmith shop. This inspired him to write the poem *The Village Blacksmith*. In time, that tree was to be cut down. From the wood of that tree, friends and neighbors of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Phoebe and Eben Horsford, along with local children, had a chair made for him from the wood of the tree. This chair was given to him on his 72nd birthday. Chestnut tree leaves and flowers were carved in the chair and a verse from the Blacksmith poem was also carved into the seat of the chair. In Ms. Pearl's book she included a letter written to Longfellow from a child of Cambridge on his 73rd birthday. It said, "I hope you receive as nice a present as you did last year". Longfellow dedicated his poem *From My Arm-Chair* to the children who presented him with the chair.



News from the Garden

Hello Baldwin Community,

The spring season has simply flown by! If you take a look in the garden, you will see peas climbing high on the trellis, arugula growing amongst the garlic, sage blooming bright and purple, and strawberries beginning to ripen. Every time I return to the garden, something new has sprouted and is thriving.

Students across all grades have been busy planting and learning in the garden. One Special Start class planted peas and used their senses to explore the herb bed. Kindergarteners have planted lettuce and radish seeds that are thriving. The first grade has been coming to the garden every week to explore compost, plant seeds, and make observational drawings of the plants. The third grade participated in the Great Bean Race, tasting a variety of beans, dissecting lima beans, and planting scarlet runner and yard long noodle beans. The fourth grade helped me turn under the winter rye to examine the root structure and how those plants help prevent erosion. It is in no small part thanks to these students that the garden is looking so lush and green.

Thanks to you all for your continued support in caring for the school garden.

~Sarah Rund

CitySprouts Garden Coordinator

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Reading is a Key to Success - Summer Reading!

Avoid the “summer slide”, help your child participate in the many reading activities that happen over the summer. “Dig Into Reading” is the theme of the 2013 Summer Reading Program. The Cambridge Public Library Children’s Room Librarian Julie Roach will visit the Baldwin School at the next all-school meeting to promote the reading program. Our school librarian, Ms. Kugel, is working with each student to set their summer reading goal during their library period. Examples may be “I will read 30 minutes a day” or “I will read six non-fiction books”. Please support your child in achieving his or her goal. As your child continues to practice their reading skills over the summer months, they will not lose the sharp reading skills they have worked hard on during the school year.

Mount Monadnock Hike

Dear Baldwin Community:

This is year number 7 for the Baldwin and Friends Monadnock hike (anyone is welcome to join us from any school! Or from no school at all.). We will go from June 21-23, with the hike taking place on Saturday, June 22.

Hope and I and our boys have reserved a spot at Greenfield State Park (which has a great pond for swimming) but we’re hiking at Monadnock State Park (about a 20 minute drive from the campsite). We’ll plan on starting up the mountain at about 10. 2 hours up, some time at the top and 2 hours down. Plan on 5 or so hours overall. It’s a great hike, but can be challenging to folks in flip-flops or people who are very out of shape. Otherwise, you know you’ve climbed a real mountain at the end of the day, but it won’t be a killer. If it’s really hot, folks will have to remember to pack extra water. In the past our group has ranged from 4 years old to late 50’s and it is ALOT of fun for all. We’ve got loads of camping gear to loan if anyone needs it. The thought is we generally gather around one campground for dinner and fire, etc, on Friday night and again on Saturday night, and to a lesser extent in the mornings. The pond at Greenfield is a lot of fun, we’ll probably play some laser tag, the kids enjoy roasting marshmallows and, on the whole, it’s really a great way to say “hello” to summer. While Cooper (7th grader) will be joining us, Robbie (10th grader) will be in Mississippi so we’ll be missing one Kelley teenager. Please let me know if you need any other information or if you’d like to borrow any gear.

Looking forward to the trip.

Craig & Hope Kelley

Craigcraigkelley62@verizon.net or

Hope: kelly_hope@hotmail.com

Our Students Test Web-based Nutrition Game

Baldwin 5th grade students participated in testing an online browser-based game, StudenTopia based on KickinKitchen.TV characters. KidsCOOK productions, with the support of USDA's NIFA Small Business Innovation Research grant, is developing a digital curriculum and StudenTopia teaches middle-schoolers about nutrition and health related concepts and the Baldwin students were asked to help with their testing.

KickinKitchen.TV (KKTV) is a groundbreaking TV/Web series and interactive platform for children, ages 8-15. Created by former Sesame Street International Executive Producer, Natasha Lance Rogoff, a team of experts from Boston University and advisers from Harvard School of Public Health. KickinKitchen combines the how-to of a healthy-eating cooking show with relatable storylines, comedy, teen characters, celebrities, cutting-edge original music and interactivity across multiple platforms.

Upcoming Events

June 6 & 7 Thursday & Friday	Grade 2 & 3 Camping Trip to Cape Cod Sea Camp
June 7, Friday	K102 to Franklin Park Zoo
June 7, Friday	Annual Red Sox Game
June 8, Saturday	Math Olympiad in Marlboro
June 10, Monday	5th Grade Science Day at RAUC
June 10, Monday	Puppet Show for Kindergarten in Library
June 11, Tuesday	Spring Concert featuring JK/K 9:00 a.m.
June 11, Tuesday	End of Year Potluck Picnic Sacramento Street Field, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
June 12 & 13 Wednesday & Thursday	Grade 5 Camping Trip to Pine Acres
June 13, Wednesday	Grade 3 to Paul Revere House
June 13 & 14 Thursday & Friday	Grade 4 Camping Trip to Pine Acres
June 18, Tuesday	5th Grade to RAUC
June 18, Tuesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
June 19, Wednesday	Field Day
June 20, Thursday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
June 20, Thursday	Room 210 Family Breakfast, 8:40
June 20, Thursday	Room 104 Publishing Celebration with Families, 9:00 a.m.
June 20, Thursday	Grade 5 Moving On Celebration 6:00 p.m.
June 21, Friday	All-School Meeting, 9:00 a.m. and Moving Up Day
June 21, Friday	Last Day of School School dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

Fall 2013

September 3, Tuesday	First Day of School Grades 1 - 5
September 5, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah Holiday
September 6, Friday	First Day of School for JK/K
September 17, Tuesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

FOR PARENTS

Free Community Yoga Classes

All classes take place at the Sheila Russell Youth & Community Center, located at 680 Huron Avenue, across from the Golf Course. (you can take the 72 or 75 bus from Harvard Station.)

Adult Yoga: Fridays at 6:00 p.m. (Dates: May 3, 10 & 17, June 7, 14 & 21)

Teen Yoga: Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. (Dates: May 2, 9 & 16, June 6, 13 & 20)

20th Annual Hoops "N" Health

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hoyt Field (Gilmore Street and Western Avenue)
Featuring Men's basketball and football tournaments, free food, health faire, prizes and more. For more information contact Richard Harding at 617-665-3769.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - June 8

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring accepted items to the Danehy Park Parking Lot on Field Street at Fern Street. Items accepted include auto fluids, batteries (non alkaline), car tires, glues, medications, mercury items, paint products, solvents, and propane tanks.

Fresh Pond Day - June 8

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

Kingsley Park, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Free and open to the public.

Stilt walk with Open Air Circus, Kids' Music with Scott Kepnes, wildlife stories, eco-quilting, bring your own picnic.

Farmers' Market at Harvard

Tuesdays, Noon - 6:00 p.m.

June 11 - October 29

Harvard Science Center Plaza, One Oxford Street, under the big tent (at the end of Oxford Street).

Third Annual Play Day! A Community Party!

Free event for all ages sponsored by the Agassiz/Baldwin Community.

Saturday, **June 15**, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at 20 Sacramento Street. Enjoy snacks, bocce, big blue building blocks, giant bubble machine, community mural, snacks, raffle and more.

Summer Solstice 2013 - Night at the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture

Friday, June 21, 5:00 p.m.

The Science Center Plaza

1 Oxford St., Cambridge

Celebrate the longest day of the year with live music, food, hands-on activities, and free admission to the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture (Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, and the Semitic Museum). Free event parking is available at the 52 Oxford Street garage.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

Cambridge Children's Chorus Auditions

June 13

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

For the 2013-14 school year, for singers ages 4 - 11. St. John the Evangelist, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue
Call 617-869-8848 or email

info@bostoncitysingers.org to make an appointment or for more information.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Cambridge in Motion

A Guide to Health, Fitness and Fun for Cambridge Kids 2013 can be found at the following link:

www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge_in_Motion_Directory_2013.pdf

Let's Move With Summer Food!

Free activities & meals are provided to children 18 and under.

June 24 - August 9.

Monday through Friday.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - exercise and activities.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - lunch served.

- Danehy Park- Sherman Street (by sprinklers)

- Gold Star Mother's Park-Gore Street

- Greene Rose Park- Harvard Street

- Hoyt Field- Gilmore Street

- Sennott Park- Broadway (behind Area IV)

Provided by the Summer Food Services Program & City of Cambridge Department of Human Services.

Sustainable City Workshops

For students grades 2 - 6

Runs July 29 through August 2

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at MIT D-Lab

Creative and engaging energy-based science summer week full of innovative engineering energy workshops.

<http://engineeringofenergy.wix.com/home>

Summer at Cambridge Nursery School:

Looking for a summer program for your pre-school child? Cambridge Nursery School has limited space available!

We offer a 5-week program from June 17th through July 19th.

(We will be closed on July 4th. Tuition for that week has been prorated.)

** Parents may register for any number of weeks. **

Hours: 9am – 1pm each day.

We will be open to any child who will be at least 2.9 years old by the end of the month in which they attend.

Cambridge Nursery School, one of the oldest parent cooperative preschool programs in the country, has been educating young children since 1923. We are located at 6 Hillside Place, in the Avon Hill neighborhood of North Cambridge, a short walk from Porter Square and Harvard Square. We offer a warm, nurturing, play-based program, with a large, fenced-in, outdoor play yard. For more

information: www.cambridgenurseryschool.org

Please contact us for registration information.

Cambridge Nursery School

- info@cambridgenurseryschool.org or by phone at: 617-547-7288

Cambridge Discovery Days - Revolutionary Cambridge

July 13 & 14

Free walking tours and events. Special event on Sunday, July 14 at Longfellow Park.



8th Annual Art Show!

