

The Baldwin Broadside

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**Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6 - Remember to Turn Your Clocks Back!****Principal's Corner**

The most important lessons

The issue of bullying and social curriculum is of vital importance in our work with students in schools. Cambridge and the Baldwin in particular have been proactive in this regard, with nearly every teacher being trained in Responsive Classroom in K-5 and Developmental Designs in 6-8, which are useful tools for creating the kind of climate that we all want for our students.

The Commonwealth last year passed a law holding schools and students accountable for bullying and harassment that “causes physical or emotional harm to the victim, and creates a hostile environment for the victim at school.” Most relevant perhaps is the issue of cyberbullying. This is the repeated targeting of a student through the use of technology, including the Internet, computers or cell phones. While cyberbullying generally occurs outside of school, schools and school officials are now entrusted to investigate and hold students accountable for their behavior in this newer electronic environment, because it impacts students in school. Schools now are also instructed to involve the Cambridge Police Department in cases where school efforts do not bring the desired results. So it is more important now than ever that students learn to build positive relationships with each other, and avoid the put downs and teasing that can build up into a bullying situation.

Our students in grades 5-8 have been learning about Internet safety through the Common Sense Media curriculum. Our teachers and students work on building community during

our Morning Meeting and Advisory structures throughout the school year. Even with all this time and effort, it is important to remember, as I mention to students on a regular basis throughout the year, that it only takes one student to make a hostile environment for others, and it takes all of us to build a positive environment here at Baldwin.

My approach to this issue is a combination of holding students accountable for their behavior, while at the same time seeking to educate them on how their words and actions truly impact others. It is vital that we do not lose any opportunity to teach students right from wrong. We know we have to protect each and every child from harassment and targeting, but we must also stress the fact that everyone deserves an opportunity to right themselves and that we are in the business of teaching children.

The popularly coined phrase “zero tolerance” only promotes the idea that a quick fix can solve what can often be a complex problem involving multiple points of view and the way students communicate through words, looks, tone of voice and actions, which can be interpreted in many ways. Taking an approach that seeks to show students the importance of their words and actions and to take responsibility for them is a fundamental way to improve behavior, and we ask parents to help students understand that each of us individually have the power to make or break a positive environment for all. This is perhaps important now more than ever before.

Nick Leonardos

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Meet Mr. Gladu, Physical Education Teacher

My name is *Sylvain Gladu*. I was raised and educated in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I taught physical education and health at The Boston Renaissance Charter School for fifteen years. I'm very excited to bring my experience and knowledge to the Maria L. Baldwin School this year.

The Cambridge Physical Education department recently developed a new curriculum based on fitness and motor skills. Using national and state physical education requirements, we created a theme this year - Promoting Exercise and Developing Healthy Eating Habits. Utilizing this premise, the students will learn to develop their fitness level by running short and long distances this quarter. They will learn to improve their coordination, grace and control through motor skills development (throwing, catching, juggling, kicking, running and jump roping). They will also learn the circulatory system and how to eat healthy foods by understanding the food pyramid.

My classes will provide experiences, which will develop initiative, self-reliance, self-worth, respect, kindness to others and love of learning. In other words, the students will learn to develop strong and healthy bodies through physical activities and music.

It's very important that the students understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle through exercise and fun, so they can stay strong and healthy throughout their lives. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. My phone extension is 505. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Sylvain Gladu

Physical Education Teacher

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Summer Reading and Math Participants Recognized

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the summer reading and math program. Nick Leonardos, Sara-Jane Rogers, our school literacy coach, and Ben Geiger, our school math coach, visited the classrooms and acknowledged the students who participated in the summer programs. The students were presented with a certificate of merit and a Baldwin School pencil. The 6th grade students who participated also received a "homework pass". For the 7th and 8th grade students who participated in summer

math, our 7/8 Math teacher, Ms. Plate, hosted a celebratory breakfast honoring them.

How Can I Help My Child Become Mathematically Powerful?

By this time of the year, students should know their math facts. For example, in 2nd grade, your child should know addition and subtraction facts to 20, and by the end of 4th grade, your child should know multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12. Use or make your own flash cards and sort into "Facts I Know" and "Facts I'm Working On". Your child should be able to tell you a fact in 2 seconds. Have fun exploring math as a family!

If you are looking for an advertisement-free online math activity for your child, **ThatQuiz** may be a solution. It focuses mostly on math concepts such as integers, fractions, general concepts, and geometry. It provides a wide variety of option to help students test their knowledge and get immediate feedback.

www.thatquiz.com

News from the Baldwin Library

Storytelling and Story Acting

Our 8th grade students acted out age-appropriate books for Mrs. O'Leary's kindergarten class. The stories were The Spooky Book, Halloween, and The Headless Haunt. In return, the kindergarten students then acted out a book for the 8th grade students, Five Little Pumpkins. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of our 8th graders as the kindergarten students performed their story. Some of the students in our 8th grade remember acting out the same book when they were in kindergarten. Many thanks to Ms. Rial and Ms. Lynne, as well as to our 8th grade students.

Massachusetts Children's Book Awards

Each year, the Baldwin School 4th through 6th grade students participate in the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards sponsored by Salem State University. There is a list of 25 nominated books and the students who read at least 5 books are eligible to vote for the Best Children's Book in Massachusetts. Mrs. Rial has presented these books and the reading incentive program to the students in grades 4-6. Keep reading! If you are interested, a listing of those books can be found on our website under *Students, Academic Resources*.

Middle School Book Club

The Baldwin School Library has promoted the Cambridge Middle School Book Awards for students in grades 7 & 8. The list of nominated books can be found on our website under *Students*. Student who read at least 5 books qualify to judge.

All-School Meeting, September 30

This year, our all-school meetings have a bit of a different feel. This year, Mr. Leonardos and Mr. Roderick will not be behind the microphone. Our students will plan and run the assemblies.

Our first all-school meeting was held on Friday, September 30. 7th grade student **Sahra Nur** opened the assembly, welcoming the students. She emphasized that this year would be a very special year, a year filled with many changes ahead. She introduced the Baldwin School Core Values that were created by our students and thanked all of our students for participating in creating those core values.

Baldwin Core Values:

We, the students of the Maria L. Baldwin School:

- Always give our best effort.
- Stand up for ourselves and others.
- Are kind, positive and safe.
- Treat others the way we want to be treated.
- Work together to make a fun learning community.

Our 8th grade students **Hibah Gul**, **Miguel Mijangos**, **Bence Szechenyi** and **Amir Ahmed** read a moving poem about 9/11.

What happened over the summer?

7th grade students, **Sarah Whiteman** spoke about the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. King. This is the first memorial on the National Mall that is not dedicated to a president or a veteran of war. Because of Hurricane Irene, the ceremony was postponed to October 16.

In science, **Amir Ahmed**, 8th grader spoke about the jellyfish invasion over the summer. The jellyfish population is exploding and it caused a problem all along the east coast this summer. The enormous number of jellyfish affects tourism by stinging swimmers and it also interferes with the fishing industry.

Kamaria Gooding, 7th grade student, talked about the 5.8 magnitude earthquake that happened in late August. Animals at the National Zoo were acting differently minutes before the earthquake hit.



Cider Pressing!

Our students enjoyed cider pressing with our Garden Coordinator, Sarah Rund. Most classrooms, K-5, met with Sarah to learn about cider pressing and to sample their work. The students worked at different stations, cutting the apples, grinding the apples and pressing the apples. The best part is tasting! There are some pictures of the cider pressing on the website under School News.

Lantern Party in the Garden

On a lovely October afternoon, Baldwin families and our garden coordinator, Sarah Rund, celebrated another successful year in the garden. The students helped clean up one of the beds, preparing for the growing of winter wheat and garlic. The students made beautiful lanterns using recycled soda bottles. Our school community is so fortunate to have parent **Emily Ehrenfeld** on our Garden Committee. Emily was instrumental in getting the garden party together as well

as promoting our CitySprouts garden throughout the year. Thanks to Emily for the great snacks. Special thanks to Sarah whose love of gardening and our kids is evident.

Gearing Up for our School District Transformation

Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Community Meetings

With Facilitator Ellen McLaughlin

- **Tuesday, November 1**, 6:30 p.m. at the Baldwin School
Agenda: *Building Community*
- **Wednesday, November 30**, 6:00 p.m. at the Peabody School

Agenda: *Engaging Learners in a New Environment*

A tour of the current Peabody Middle School will be offered at 6:00 p.m. preceding the meeting.

These meetings are for parents with a facilitator, Ellen McLaughlin. Ellen will help parents have a structured conversation in a safe environment.

At the meetings, you will have opportunity to sign up for the working groups that were formed over the summer. The goal is for each working group to meet once during December. Those groups are:

- Engaging Learners
- Communications & Branding
- Culture & Community
- Orientation and Transition
- Extracurricular Activities

The working groups will report to the Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Steering Committee on January 19, 2012, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Peabody School Auditorium. All are welcome.

Opportunities for our students who are moving on ...

During the winter, the 5th, 6th and 7th grade students will have the opportunity to meet their Peabody School peers at a **luncheon and mixer**:

- January 20 - Baldwin 5th grade students to the Peabody
- February 3 - Peabody 6th grade students to the Baldwin
- February 17 - Baldwin 7th grade students to the Peabody

During the spring, our students will have the opportunity to **visit and tour** the Rindge Avenue Upper Campus:

- April 9 - 7th grade
- April 10 - 6th grade
- April 11 - 5th grade

The tours will be from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

During the late spring, the students will have another opportunity to meet as a team, perhaps for a field day, field trip or scavenger hunt. This will be planned by the students.

Election Day November 8

The Baldwin School is a polling location for community, state and nationwide elections. Starting bright and early at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, our 8th grade team of students and parents will be hosting a food sale fundraiser outside of the polling area (gymnasium, basement level). If you drop your child off in the morning, stop by for coffee and wonderful breakfast treats. At the end of the day, don't forget to pick up some fabulous homemade soups, chili or stew for dinner and maybe a homemade baked dessert as well. All proceeds of the bake sale go toward their trip to Washington D.C. in June.

December Concert and Dinner!

On December 14, all Baldwin families are invited to a concert featuring students in grades 5-8. There will be a dinner, served by 8th grade students as well as a raffle and silent auction! This evening will be the last middle school winter concert at the Baldwin and a fundraiser for the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.



Attention Middle School Students

* *Intramural Volleyball for 7th and 8th grade students!*

This year, Ms. Frazier will be the coach for both the boys and the girls. Practices will be on Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Baldwin Gymnasium. Students can come to either, or both days. The first game will be on Thursday, November 3.

* *Free Boxing Lessons* for boys and girls in grades 6 and up.

Offered every Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Cambridge YMCA, 820 Massachusetts Avenue (across from City Hall). Individual workout 3:00 - 4:30, group training 4:30 - 6:00.

Learn the art of boxing, use the weight and cardio room. The program is free but you must bring a completed registration form before you are allowed to participate. Forms are available in the main office. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Officer Jones at jjones@cambridgepolice.org. Program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cambridge, the Cambridge Police, and Draper Laboratories.

* *SPLASH at MIT!*

This is a wonderful opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students. Classes are offered the weekend before Thanksgiving. Registration starts on October 25 at 8:00 p.m. and closes at midnight on November 2. SPLASH offers a series of short classes and workshops like

- Paradoxes of Democracy
- Fun with Fractals
- Aircraft Jet Engines
- How to Make a Pixar Movie

...or any of 400 other awesome topics.

You can take up to 20 hours of classes. Splash takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving (November 19 and 20) at MIT. Splash classes will run from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. with a break for lunch and dinner. You can register for Splash class on Tuesday, October 25 (which is a lottery), and then on a first-come-first serve basis starting Saturday, November 6. You can find out more at <http://esp.mit.edu/learn/Splash/index.html>, or email splash@mit.edu.

Important Information for 8th Grade Families

* **8th Grade Information Night**

Thursday, January 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the CRLS Theatre. All 8th grade students who are considering attending CRLS next year and their families are encouraged to attend.

* **Tours of CRLS**

Tours for families are given on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Please make an appointment with Greta Hardina (ghardina@cpsd.us or 617-349-6660). Students are welcome on the tours as well. Please note that the 8th grade students will visit CRLS with their teachers later this year.

* **Student Shadowing**

Your 8th grade student can visit CRLS with a freshman who is currently enrolled at CRLS or with a student guide arranged by a Dean of Students. Shadow forms are in the Baldwin School Main Office and must be signed by Mr. Leonardos.

* **Other Information:**

COURSE CATALOG: The course catalog for this year is online so you can get an idea of the kinds of courses your child will be signing up for this spring before the end of school (with the help of CRLS guidance counselors and 8th grade teachers).

PARENT NEWSLETTER: Sign up for the parent newsletter by going to the CRLS website http://crls.cpsd.us/news/crls_parent_newsletter.

Many important CRLS dates can be found on the complete 2011-2012 CRLS Calendar at www.cpsd.us/crls



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to *Jake Woisin*, recipient of the West Cambridge Little Baseball League Michael F. Rafferty "for the love of baseball" Memorial Trophy.

Pay it Forward

Dear Baldwin,

I collected bottles and cans to get \$30. I got this idea from the end of the year potluck picnic when we had a bag for cans. I asked for the can bag and I brought it in to Johnnies and I came back with money. I decided I would ask my neighbors for more coins and bottles and I kept doing this for the whole summer. I took this money and I bought books for my classroom. I donated *Saffy's Angel* and *Indigo Star* by Hilary McKay,

Keeper by Kathi Appelt, and *Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes. Inside the cover of the books, I wrote a tribute that said, "To Room 214, from Paloma's Summer Can Drive."

Love,

Paloma Sequeira

Mark your Calendars!

Baldwin Parent Teacher Conferences

There will be two opportunities for Parent Conferences:

Tuesday, November 15, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2012 MCAS Dates

ELA Composition (grades 4 & 7) - *March 20*

ELA Reading Comprehension (grades 3-8) *March 20 - April 2*

Math (grades 3-8) - *May 7 - 22*

Science and Technology Engineering (grade 5 & 8) - *May 7 - 22*

Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Schedule

The Baldwin School Advisory Council (SAC) Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Baldwin Library, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SAC Meetings are open to the public and are a great way to learn about what's happening in school.

November 9	March 14
December 14	April 1
January 11	May 9
February 8	June 13

Kindergarten Information Sessions

For children Entering Kindergarten September 2012

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Tobin School

Saturday, November 19, 2011

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the King Open School

Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year?

Any child who will be four years old on or before March 31, 2012 is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2012. Please contact me and I will be sure that you get the Kindergarten registration packet. Thank you! Susan Tiersch, 617-349-4377 or stiersch@cpsd.us.



Art Committee Corner



Baldwin Holiday Wreath Sale! The Baldwin Arts Committee will again be sponsoring a festive holiday wreath sale to support arts programming in our community. Please plan on purchasing your beautiful, hand-decorated holiday wreath at the sale in early/mid December. Details will be forthcoming. If you are interested in ordering ahead, want to pitch in or have any questions, please contact Sharon Bober

(sbober@comcast.net) or Miriam Tendler (mtendler@aol.com)

Friends of the Baldwin

We have had an informal *Friends of the Baldwin*, (FOB), organization for many years. It is a parent-run group that serves as our "PTA". Due to tightening school budgets, and a need for a more productive way of filling in the gaps, the organization was formalized this year by state incorporation and application for non-profit status. The goal of FOB is to be a source of funds for supporting the teachers, supplementing classroom activities, community-building events, and for many other activities that support the educational experience of our students.

In order to accomplish our goal we need to raise the needed funds. Once we receive non-profit status we can participate in national programs offered by retailers, such as Target and Shaw's, and apply for grants from organizations looking to support education. Groups of parents are also raising money through the sale of the Baldwin Community Card.

The *Friends of the Baldwin* serves as the accounting frame work for other groups at our school like the art committee, class trip fund raisers, or summer camp scholarships. The groups raise their money and spend it, just using the FOB to keep it in between. If you have an idea that supports the goals of the FOB, come to a meeting and find out how to make it happen. Volunteers are needed to help raise money but also to help decide where it is best spent.

The FOB is a school-wide organization dedicated to supplementing the experience of all our students. Please look for opportunities to get involved with *Friends of the Baldwin* activities and see what a difference you can make for all our children.

Please come to learn about *Friends of the Baldwin*, and how you might get involved, after the SAC meeting on November 9 at 7 PM or join us for coffee in the morning at drop off on November 10.

Green Streets Walk/Ride Day - Friday, October 28

Go Green, Wear Green! Walk, bike, scooter, skate, take the bus, carpool to school. You're bound to see your friends along the way! The next Walk/Ride day is Friday, November 18.



September Walk/Ride Day

Our Walk/Ride Day Coordinator, *Hope Kelley* reported that about 61% of our students arrived to school via green means - walking, busing, biking, carpooling. Kudos to our greenest classroom, Mr. Wrin's 1st grade, with 85% of the students walking or taking the bus.

Upcoming Events

October 28, Friday	Walk/Ride Day
November 1, Tuesday	Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Community Building Meeting with Facilitator Ellen McLaughlin 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Baldwin School Library
November 7, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Eid Al Adha
November 9, Wednesday	SAC Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Baldwin Library
November 9, Wednesday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Baldwin Library
November 10, Thursday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Activity Room
November 11, Friday	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 15, Tuesday	Progress Reports Distributed
November 15, Tuesday	Parent Conference Night K-8 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
November 17, Thursday	Early Release Day 1:00 p.m. dismissal
November 17, Thursday	Parent Conferences K-8 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
November 18, Friday	Walk/Ride Day
November 23, Wednesday	All-School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 23	Early Release Day 1:00 p.m. dismissal
November 24, Thursday	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Holiday
November 25, Friday	NO SCHOOL
November 30, Wednesday	Rindge Avenue Upper Campus Meeting with Facilitator Ellen McLaughlin "Engaging Learners in a New Community" 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Peabody School
December 2, Friday	Picture Retake Day
December 14, Wednesday	Music Concert, Grades 5-8 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
December 14, Wednesday	Middle School Concert & Dinner 5:30 Concert, 6:30 Dinner for all families.
Monday, December 26 - Monday, January 2	December Break
January 3, Tuesday	School Resumes
January 11, Wednesday	SAC Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Library
January 16, Monday	NO School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 7, Tuesday	Report Cards Sent Home

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26, Wednesday	Food Service Advisory Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Kennedy-Longfellow School Activity Room
November 2, Wednesday	Kindergarten Information Session Tobin School 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

November 19, Saturday	Kindergarten Information Session King Open School 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
December 1, Thursday	CRLS Fall Musical, Hairspray 7:00 p.m. at CRLS Theater
December 2, Friday	CRLS Fall Musical, Hairspray 7:00 p.m. at CRLS Theater
December 3, Saturday	CRLS Fall Musical, Hairspray 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at CRLS Theater
December 4, Sunday	CRLS Fall Musical 2:00 p.m.
December 8, Thursday	All-City Music Concert 7:00 p.m., CRLS Theater
January 19, Thursday	8th Grade Information Night CRLS Theater 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 24, Tuesday	Food Service Advisory Meeting 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Kennedy-Longfellow School

Tasty Choices Vegetable of the Month

November is *Butternut Squash*

Butternut squash is an excellent source of vitamins A & C, is low in calories and fat free. Did you know squash is native to the Americas and has been part of Native American diets for more than 5,000 years? Squash got its name from the Narragansett Native American word "askutasquash".

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Connexercise - Connecting and Exercise Together! Adult Exercise Group

Consisting of parents of children in the Cambridge Public Schools.

Please join us for:

- Walks at Fresh Pond, the Minuteman path, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and more
- Hikes at (TBD).
- Rides on the Minuteman and (TBD)
- Paddling the Charles
- Winter skating at local public rinks
- Snowshoeing
- Gym Days: Kids' gym games for adults!
- Tennis "Tournaments" (no experience necessary!)
- City Scavenge: An improvised scavenger hunt across the city
- 5K: Walk/run, just for fun
- Rock climbing at (TBD)
- And More!

Events will take place once per week. Meeting locations and times to be determined. Ideas are welcome!

Please email: Selena Sheaves

selena.sheaves@gmail.com or Maureen Manning at mo.maureenmanning@gmail.com to sign up for email alerts. No commitment necessary! We hope you'll be joining us to *Talk, Walk and Roll!*



From the Cambridge Public Library

A Living History of the Civil War

Bring your kids for a day of history and fun. Come to the morning or afternoon "muster" to learn what it was like to be a new recruit. Dress like a soldier, train with reenactors and take home your very own soldier's packet.

Saturday, November 5

10:30 - 12:00: Kids Morning Muster
2:30 - 3:30: Kids Afternoon Muster

To Yell or Not to Yell: Managing and Expressing Anger

A workshop for parents and providers with Yvette Thomas

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:15 p.m.

O'Neill Branch Library
70 Rindge Avenue

Free childcare is available but registration is required.
Please call 1617-349-4409.

Let's Share Stories

Presented by Jen Baily, The Agenda for Children
Sharing stories...from memory or made up on the spot is a meaningful and delightful way to help children develop their imaginations and literacy skills.

A program for parents and providers

Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Main Library
Children's Room
449 Broadway

Free childcare if provided, but sign up is required.
Please call 617-349-4409.

Cambridge Rindge & Latin School Annual Fall Musical

Don't Miss the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Musical *Hairspray*. Performance is at the renovated CRLS Fitzgerald Theatre in the Arts Building. Show dates:

Thursday	December 1	7:00 p.m.
Friday	December 2	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 3	2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 4	2:00 p.m.



In Our Community

Halloween Mask-Making Workshop at Maud Morgan Arts

Sunday October 30
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

\$5 / per mask

All ages and families are welcome at Maud Morgan Arts to make scary and sublime masks for Halloween.
20 Sacramento Street

Not So Spooky Halloween Happening!

New School of Music is hosting a fall open house, with Family-Friendly Musical activities, tricks and treats for all ages. A safe, fun addition to local Halloween and fall events! Free Family Event!!

Sunday, October 30
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Admission: Free
New School of Music, 25 Lowell Street

Cambridge Fire Department Open House

Monday, October 31, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Cambridge Fire Department will be having an open house at all stations from 2:00-4:00. They'll be handing out glow sticks, Halloween Bags with safety tips printed on them, glow sticks and candy donated by Cambridge Brands.

Family Literacy Month Celebration at the Boston Children's Museum!

Friday, November 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress Street, Boston

Cost: Target \$1 Friday Nights (offered every Friday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

Fun family activities, take home resources, meet Clifford the Big Red Dog and more.

15th Annual Cambridge Family Literacy Fun Day

Saturday, November 5

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cambridge City Hall

A FREE event for Cambridge families with children pre-k to grade 5.

Children's activities, free books, Bonaparte the Magician, sing-a-longs, face painting and much more!

Veteran's Day Observance

Friday, November 11

The Cambridge Veterans' Organization (CVO), in conjunction with the City's Department of Veterans' Services will hold their annual Veterans' Day Observance at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11. The observance will be held at the Veterans' World War I Monument located adjacent to the main gate of the Cambridge Cemetery, 76 Coolidge Avenue. Following the observance, a collation will be held at the American Legion Marsh Post #442 located at 1 Gerry's Landing. The public is invited to attend.

Longy School of Music Families Series Concert

Winter Wonderland: Holiday Tales And Carols

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.
Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall

27 Garden Street

Come ready for holiday cheer and an audience sing-along in this lively mix of stories and carols! The program features an imaginative telling of The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams, accompanied by

Beethoven's Romance in F. Performers: Adrienne Bassett, violin, Rachael Chagat, soprano and conductor of Singing for Young Children, James Dargan, narrator, Dee Jay Robinson, baritone, and Naoko Sugiyama, piano.

Central Square Farmer's Market

The Central Square Farmers market is now accepting SNAP benefits as payment. In addition, a special grant will double the \$\$ you spend using SNAP. If you use \$10 of your SNAP benefits you can buy \$20 in produce.

This is how it works: check in with the market managers table. Swipe your SNAP card for let's say \$10 and they will give you \$20 worth in coupons to spend at the market.

The market will be open every Monday 11.30 a.m. - 6 p.m. until November 22.

ATTENTION GIRLS!

The Society for Women Engineers Boston presents
Space Night

For: Girls in grades 2-8

October 27

6:30 p.m – 8:30 p.m

MIT Lincoln Laboratory 244 Wood Street Lexington, MA

Cost: \$5/student

Register:

<http://sweboston.org/SpaceNight.html>

Math MovesU - for Girls Grades 4-8

Sunday, November 20

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Middlesex Community College

491 Springs Road, Bedford

This fun-filled day will feature workshops led by women engineers from Raytheon, professors at Middlesex Community College and engineering students. Girls in grades 4-5 will participate in a variety of activities while girls in grade 6-8 will focus on robotic technology.

Cost: \$20 for current girl scouts/\$32 if not.

Register by November 4 at

www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/programs

Family-Friendly Flu Clinics

The Cambridge Public Health Department will host five flu clinics for adults and children. While there is no charge for the flu shots, please bring your family's insurance cards to the clinic. The Cambridge Public Health Department is able to bill insurance companies, which helps offset the cost of the purchased vaccine.

Wednesday, November 2

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

King Open School

850 Cambridge Street

Wednesday, November 9

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tobin School

197 Vassal Lane

Wednesday, November 16

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Peabody School

70 Rindge Avenue

Wednesday, November 30

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr./Amigos School

101 Kinnaird Street entrance

FAQs on the Innovation Agenda

If you are looking for information on the Innovation Agenda, there is a new post to the district website, under District News, titled Innovation Agenda FAQ.

Trick or Treat: Use Those Feet

Fall is in full swing and so are its great activities!

- ☆ Fresh crisp juicy apples are the Fruit of the Month in school meals. Take a trip to pick apples. This is a fun-filled day that ends with healthy treats to take home.
- ☆ Use the apples you picked as your Halloween treat. Use peanut butter and nuts to dip them in and become the neighbor everyone wants to go to.
- ☆ Check out the Farmers' Markets near your neighborhood and make a day of it. Walk to the market or grocery store for a healthy food scavenger hunt. Find your favorite fall fruits and vegetables.



Wired up? Is your child a master of iPods, texting and Facebooking? By paying attention to how and with whom your child uses e-media, you can stay in the know.

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Parent / Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 15, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.