

Maria Baldwin School Mission Statement

We are a diverse school that delivers a welcoming, inclusive, and joyful learning environment:

- All classrooms use *Responsive Classroom* techniques which are proven to increase student engagement, improve academic achievement and decrease discipline problems.
- Family and school are collaborative partners supporting high student performance and academic excellence.
- Our students smile, giggle, jump, laugh and create every day!

that supports every student in taking risks, learning and reaching his or her full potential:

- Math and literacy coaches enhance the teachers' ability to deliver high quality instruction to meet the needs of our students.
- We incorporate small group differentiated instruction.
- A combination of interns and tutors is used to meet the needs of every student.
- We are piloting *Response to Intervention* (RTI) for the Cambridge Public School District. This is a program which provides early identification and support to students with learning and behavior needs.

that builds community, individual responsibility and self-confidence:

- Monthly All School Assemblies and Spirit Days allow students to share their work and their learning while receiving positive feedback from their peers and teachers.
- All students have the opportunity to participate in annual overnight trips starting in second grade which generate a sense of community and a shared experience out of school.
- Students use and learn from the City Sprouts Garden in all subjects from science to art.
- Families, students, teachers and community members come together for special events like Math Carnival, Poetry Night and the Art Show.
- Our families are the backbone of our school community. Our parent organization, the Friends of Baldwin, works with the faculty to provide enrichment to our students and annual all school projects

and enjoys established connections to universities and museums:

- Harvard and Lesley students serve as interns in all K-5 classrooms and run after school programs such as *Bonjour*, Hoops basketball, EnviroEd.
- Baldwin students regularly visit the Fogg, Sackler and Peabody museums and teachers incorporate the museums' collections into our curriculum.
- Baldwin students regularly work with graduate students in the arts and sciences at both Harvard and MIT.