

# The Baldwin Broadside

VOLUME 3

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*No School October 13  
Coming up ... Pajama Storytelling Night, October 30*

**Before School Activities**

*S.T.E.M (Science Technology Engineering Math) Club*  
Grades 2-5

Fridays 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Baldwin Library

STEM club challenges the idea that math is just arithmetic. By engaging in projects, explorations, games, and math competition problems, children will exercise their creative and analytical minds. Students will have the chance to pick from different math, science, and engineering "stations" where they will work with friends, teachers, and parent volunteers to build, create, and solve. This fall children will make straw gliders, rubber-band harmonicas, and tin foil boats, among other things, as they learn about thinking like and engineer.

*Math Olympiad*

Grades 4-5

Wednesdays 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Baldwin Library

Math Olympiad is for children who have expressed an affinity for math and are looking to tackle hard problems. Students will explore a math topic or strategy in depth, using Creative Problem Solving in School Mathematics, or they will practice for contests using non-routine problems.

**Lunch Taste Test**

On October 28, our kitchen staff is cooking up a delicious new dish. The Tasty Choices taste test program is introducing a new dish with the International Flavors Series of authentic international dishes. We will be tasting the Ethiopian dish Doro Wat. This dish was developed by food service staff from a family recipe. It will be served at lunch along with the regular menu. All students may try if they wish.

*Thank  
You*

**Thank You!**

Thank you to Brian and Erin for helping a fellow Baldwin family who was looking for a double stroller.

Thank you to our many kind families who brought in board games for the students to use at indoor recess. Thank you Dana, Todd, Danyelle, Kevin, Jim, Cristi, Lindsey and Jascha. The kids will be very excited to see the many, many games next time they have indoor recess. Thank you!

**Library News**

Ms. Kugel asked the students to write about how they feel about reading. Here are some of their responses:

"I like that you can pick books you like."

"I like reading because it is relaxing."

"Reading helps you learn and you also learn new words."

"I like when there is action in a book."

"I love reading books because it creates a movie in my mind."

"I like that you can learn stuff and still have fun."

"... there are always more books to read!"

"Reading makes me happy."

"I sometimes feel like I'm in the story."

**What's Happening in the Baldwin Garden?**

We had a lot of fun in the garden this month! This is what some of the classrooms have experienced:

- Learning about compost by collecting food scraps and dried leaves for our compost in the garden
  - Creating garden maps to practice measuring garden beds, drawing maps to scale, and making map legends
  - Examining & sketching different types of seeds to learn how plants drop seeds in the fall to prepare for their spring growing
  - Measuring soil erosion and soil temperature, making predictions about how they will change over time
- Classrooms are getting ready for annual apple cider



pressing with Michele.

*Michele Kaufman*

Garden Coordinator, City Sprouts

### **Our First All-School Meeting**

All-school meetings are an opportunity for the whole school to come together as a community and share something they are proud of. At our first all-school meeting of the year, Mr. O'Connor's first grade class shared the kites they made. The children put their hopes and dreams on the kites and on the next windy day, their hopes and dreams will take flight. They presented their kites while singing "Let's Go Fly a Kite". Ms. Karma's second grade class shared their interpretation of music under the direction of Ms. Ankuda. That was followed by Ms. Power's second grade class singing "Apple Sauce Rock". Ms. Della-Calce's kindergarten class shared their ideas on how to keep our school clean. Our next all-school meeting will be on October 30 at 2:15.

### **Snack Reminder**

Thank you to all our families who have signed up to bring snack for their classroom. If your family is tasked with bringing snack for the classroom, please remember that it is just that ... a snack. It should be small, like a cup of cereal. If you have any questions, please ask.

### **Friends of Baldwin News...**



*Friends of the Baldwin School*

### **Pumpkin Sale**

*Wednesday and Thursday, October 15 & 16*

Before and after school.

Get your holiday pumpkin at school.



### **DATE CHANGE**

Friends of Baldwin Coffee, 8:15 a.m.

### **Thursday, October 23**

Welcoming all parents! Please come for coffee and meet other Baldwin parents.

### **Election Day at Baldwin**

Election day is approaching. It has been a Baldwin tradition to host a food sale for the neighborhood voters. In the coming weeks, you will see a sign up asking for donations to the food sale. Thank you.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

#### **Picture Day**

#### **Friday, October 24**

Forms will be distributed next week.

Picture re-take/absentee day will be Friday, December 5.

#### **Pajama Storytelling Night**

#### **Thursday, October 30**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come to a storytelling performance by Tony Toledo, telling silly and scary stories. Hear stories from other 'famous' Baldwin storytellers.

*Friends of Baldwin* will host a dinner fundraiser starting at 5:30 in the cafeteria.



### **Family Contact Books**

The district is putting together a Family Contact Book, also known as a "School Directory" for each school. The book will list the names and contact information for all families who voluntarily "opt in" to participate. Participation is optional and you control what information to share. The book will be shared with Baldwin School families.

You will need to provide your child's Student ID #. The ID number is printed on school district correspondence including bills from the Food Services department. If you don't know your ID#, call or email Susan to request your child's ID. You can also call Betty.

Susan: 617-349-4377 or [stiersch@cpsd.us](mailto:stiersch@cpsd.us)

To "opt in" online, go to:

[https://secure2.cpsd.us/contact\\_books](https://secure2.cpsd.us/contact_books)



from Sara-Jane Rogers, Baldwin Literacy Coach

Whether at Back to School Night or in the previous edition of the Baldwin Broadside, you've been hearing a lot about Baldwin School's efforts to develop a growth mindset in our students and ourselves. Below are some ideas for ways in which you can cultivate a growth mindset while supporting your child as a reader.

*Model growth mindset*

Parents and teachers need to find ways on a daily basis to model growth mindset in our words and actions in order for children to cultivate their own growth mindset.

- Tell your child about a time when you didn't know the answer to a question or problem, who you asked for help, and how you figured it out.
- Let your child see mistakes you make as learning experiences: What could I do differently next time?
- Let your child see you persisting on a challenging task. Talk about how you stuck with the task even though it was hard for you.
- Encourage your child to take on new challenges: You read for 10 minutes uninterrupted last week. Do you think you can read for 15 minutes this week?

*Ask open-ended questions*

Open-ended questions encourage student's thinking and consideration of different points of view.

- What are you thinking about this book so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- How would you describe (character)? What makes you say that?
- Do you agree with the decisions (character) made?
- What is the problem in this story? How would you solve the problem?

- What was challenging about your reading and how did you figure it out?

*Use specific praise focused on effort and persistence*  
Specific praise places the emphasis on effort and using strategies rather than being a "good reader."

- You read for 15 minutes without interruption!
- You figured out that tricky word on your own. How did you figure it out?
- You used context clues to figure out what (unknown word) means.
- You gave three clear pieces of evidence from the text in your response to the question.

**BALDWIN CALENDAR**

October 13, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
October 15 & 16	Pumpkin Sale Before and after school
October 22, Wednesday	<b>Early Release Day</b> School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
October 23, Thursday	Friends of Baldwin Informational Meeting and Coffee 8:15 a.m., Lower level
October 24, Friday	Picture Day
October 30, Thursday	Pajama Storytelling Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
November 6, Thursday	<b>Early Release Day</b> School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 7, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 9:00 a.m.
November 11, Tuesday	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 12, Wednesday	Baldwin School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 21, Friday	Grade 5 Class Breakfast
November 26, Wednesday	<b>Early Release Day</b> School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 27, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
November 28, Friday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 5, Friday	Picture Retake/Absentee Day
December 10, Wednesday	Theatrical Performance 6:00 p.m. (more information to come)
December 16 - 18	Annual Book Fair

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD**

**MIT Draper Laboratory Science on Saturday**

How Computers Think

**Saturday, October 18**

Free! Open to all elementary students and their parents.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - presentation

Hands-on activity booths afterward

MIT Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Avenue

### **Learn to Skate and Play Hockey**

Cambridge Youth Hockey Recreational Programs  
Programs at Simoni Rink, 155 Gore Street

#### *Learn to Skate*

Boys and girls, ages 4 - 9

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Session 1: October 18 - November 23 (\$60)

Session 2: December 7 - March 15 (\$150)

#### *Instructional Hockey*

Boys and girls, ages 4 - 11

Saturdays, 8:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Session 1: October 18 - November 23 (\$130)

Session 2: December 7 - April 5 (\$340)

#### *Learn to Play Hockey for Girls*

Ages 4 - 11

Saturdays, 12:00 noon - 12:50 p.m.

Session 1: October 18 - November 23 (\$120)

Session 2: December 7 - April 5 (\$260)

For more information, or to register, go to

[www.cambridgeyouthhockey.org](http://www.cambridgeyouthhockey.org)

or call Jon at 617-868-3277.

### **Audition for the North Cambridge Family Opera, "Kids Court"**

Auditions for adults and children ages 7 and up.

Audition dates: October 18, 19, 25 and 26, 1:00 -  
7:00 p.m. by appointment.

Location: Deborah Mason School of Dance, 624  
Somerville Avenue, Somerville

To see more, go to [www.familyopera.org](http://www.familyopera.org)

To schedule an audition, call Heather at  
617-719-8311.

### **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

#### **Community Football Day**

*Saturday, October 11*

11:30 a.m., Harvard Stadium, 65 N. Harvard Street,  
Allston

Residents of Cambridge are invited to enjoy free  
tickets and lunch at the annual Community Football  
Day. To reserve your tickets, please email  
[community@harvard.edu](mailto:community@harvard.edu) to reserve your tickets.

#### **Honk Parade Workshop at Maud Morgan Arts**

*Sunday, October 12*

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

20 Sacramento Street

FREE

Come to this free workshop to create crazy hats and  
masks. Your wearable creations can then be worn  
and displayed at the parade as it passes along  
Massachusetts Avenue toward Harvard Square.  
Pizza lunch also available for \$5.

#### **37th Annual Harvard Square Oktoberfest**

*Sunday, October 12*

12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Starts with the Honk Parade in Davis Square at noon.

#### **Fall Open House at the Museum of Fine Arts**

*Monday, October 13*

FREE Admission

#### **Halloween Costume Swap**

*October 18*

Go Green this Halloween at the Cambridge  
Halloween Costume Swap! Bring your complete,  
gently worn costumes and find a costume that's "new  
to you".

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callender Street

#### **Sacramento Street Preschool Open House**

*Saturday, October 18*

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### **50th Annual Head of the Charles**

*Saturday, October 18 & Sunday, October 19*

#### **Boston Book Festival**

*Saturday, October 25*

Free festival that has something for everyone...  
workshops, presenters and activities.

[www.bostonbookfest.org](http://www.bostonbookfest.org)

#### **FREE Concert - Debo Band**

*Saturday, October 25*

8:00 p.m.

Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy Street

Debo Band is an 11-member group led by Ethiopian-  
American saxophonist Danny Mekonnen. The  
concert is free and open to the public. Tickets will be  
available beginning October 11 at the Harvard Box  
Office. Call 617-496-2222.

#### **Trick or Treat to the Beat - A Musical Halloween Open House**

*Sunday, October 26*

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

New School of Music

Free Admission.

Fall open house with family-friendly musical activities  
for all ages. Families are welcome to trick-or-treat in  
the music studios, try instruments in the petting zoo  
and join in a family sing-a-long. Come in costume.

#### **8th Annual Cambridge Family Literacy Fun Day**

*Saturday, November 1*

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

Cambridge City Hall

Free event for families with children pre-k - grade 3.  
Children's activities, free books, sing-a-long, face  
painting and more. Magician show begins at 1:30  
p.m.

#### **43rd Annual Agassiz Baldwin Community Thanksgiving Potluck Feast**

Tuesday, November 25

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Maria L. Baldwin School Dining Hall

Join us for an evening of celebration, good company, and delicious food. Each year's event is successful due largely to the generosity of our neighbors and community. You can help by bringing a side dish ample enough for your family and a few more to share.

This year, we need eight people to cook turkeys, and four to help carve before and during dinner. Volunteer now! Contact Phoebe Sinclair at

[psinclair@agassiz.org](mailto:psinclair@agassiz.org) or (617) 349-6287 x10.

### Cambridge Flu Clinics

Cambridge residents can receive a free seasonal flu shot at the Cambridge Public Health Department's annual flu clinics. 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.

Adults and children (6 months or older) will be seen at these clinics. FluMist will be available for children.

King Open School, 850 Cambridge St. (East Cambridge)

Friday, October 24

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Peabody School, 70 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge)

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue (Central Square)

Wednesday, November 5

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Bicycle Workshop Schedule

The City of Cambridge is proud to offer bicycle education workshops throughout the year, free to those who work or live in Cambridge.

**November 5:** Women-Powered Cycling

6:30 p.m.

344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conference Room

**November 8:** On-bike Training\*

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

Danehy Park - meet at the parking lot next to the Dog Park on New Street, behind Fresh Pond Mall)

**November 12:** Rules of the Road

6:30 p.m. - Main Library, 449 Broadway

**November 13:** Bike Maintenance Basics

6:30 p.m. - Main Library, 449 Broadway

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

#### Pathways to Family Success

- Helping parents help their children succeed in school

Do you have a child who is in grade K to 3?

Is English your second language?

Do you live in public housing or have Section 8?

If you have answered yes to all these questions, then Pathways to Family Success could be for you.

Meets Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. October to May

119 Windsor Street

For more information call Beth at 617-665-3827.

### Help Spread the Word ...

#### Kindergarten Lottery Information Sessions

Learn more about our the district, the registration, and lottery process at our Kindergarten Information Sessions.

Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Peabody School, 70 Rindge Avenue

Saturday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Kennedy-Longfellow School. 158 Spring Street

#### 3-Year-Old Lottery

Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) offers three programs for children as young as age 3:

Fletcher Maynard Scholar College

Special Start Integrated Classrooms

Tobin Montessori Children's House

Learn more:

3-Year-Old Programming Information Session

Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Fletcher Maynard Academy, 225 Windsor Street

The deadline to apply for these programs is October 31, 2014.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

