

The Baldwin Broadside

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*Welcome Back! Welcome to Our New Students and Families!
Back to School Curriculum Night - September 18
Early Release Day - Tuesday, September 16*

Back to School Curriculum Night Thursday, September 18

Please join us for a potluck picnic at the Sacramento Street field at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Back to School Night begins at 6:30

with Mr. Leonardos welcoming families in the cafeteria. There will be two sessions in the classrooms to accommodate families with more than one child,
7:00 - 7:30 and 7:30 - 8:00.

Students are welcome to attend. Childcare for students will be in the gymnasium and the cafeteria.



Friendly Reminders

- The school day: The classrooms open at 8:40 a.m. for students and parents. The instructional day begins at 8:55 a.m. and parents are asked to leave the classroom by 8:55. The school building is open at 8:00 a.m. Students are asked to go to the cafeteria or morning activities (Let's Move!).

The instructional day ends at 2:55 p.m. Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Parents who pick up their children are asked to enter the school by the Sacramento Street door. For the safety of the students, the door will remain locked until the first bus is called. We also ask that you please exit the school via the back stairway and door. This will help avoid traffic in the front stairwell for students who are trying to get to their bus.

- Your Student's Dismissal Schedule

If there are any changes to your child's dismissal schedule, to ensure students are safe and worry-free about their end of the day routine, please send a note or call your child's teacher or the main office.

- Parking: Please do not park in front of the school during arrival and dismissal times.

- Street sweeping: Street sweeping in the school neighborhood is on the 3rd Monday and Tuesday of

each month. There is street sweeping on September 15 and 16.

Summer Reading

Baldwin students set their personal summer reading goal before summer break. Students are asked to bring in their summer reading log. Mrs. Rogers is looking forward to seeing all the books you read this summer.

Let's Move Morning Gym

Starts September 8th!

Our physical education teacher Mr. Gladu is offering before school Let's Move again this year.

Monday & Wednesday morning is for students JK-2.

Tuesday & Thursday for students grades 3-5.

Let's Move begins at 8:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.

What's Happening in the Baldwin Garden?

Welcome back to school! My name is Michele Kaufman and I am the new City Sprouts Garden Coordinator for Baldwin. Before City Sprouts, I worked as an Ecologist and STEM educator with The East End House, a community center in East Cambridge.

I will be at Baldwin on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

Our garden had a very productive summer, thanks to the help and support of the Cambridge community!

This summer we grew many different plants ranging from tomatoes to carrots, kale to basil, and chives to sunflowers.

I am so excited for this school year to begin! We have plenty of vegetables to harvest and taste, seeds and bulbs to be planted, and bugs to be examined. In October we will have our annual cider pressing day. This outdoor classroom offers great connections to science, math, writing, and observation skills, to name a few. Some examples of the activities students will be doing in the garden include:

- counting sunflower seeds



- planting fall vegetables and measuring their growth
- mixing compost and learning about the full plant life cycle
- observing different shapes in the garden
- exploring all five of our senses in the garden
- taste testing different vegetables
- examining the pollinator bed & learning about bees

Michele Kaufman

Garden Coordinator, City Sprouts



Happy Birthday Maria L. Baldwin!

Maria L. Baldwin was born on September 13, 1856.

A brief history of Maria Baldwin: Maria Baldwin graduated Cambridge High School in 1874.

In 1881 she was appointed as teacher of primary grades in the public schools of Cambridge. In 1889 after teaching in all the grades from the first to the seventh, Baldwin was made Principal of the Agassiz School.

In April, 1916, when the school was torn down and a new building was erected, Baldwin was made Master of the new Agassiz School, one of but two women Masters in the city of Cambridge. Baldwin remained Master for forty years at the Agassiz School. Maria Baldwin was always a student. She took many courses from professors at Harvard and other colleges. She was a great reader.

Maria Baldwin died on January 9, 1922.

The 1916 Agassiz School building was torn down in 1993 and in 1995, a new Agassiz School building was dedicated. On February 12th, 2004, this school was officially re-named the Maria L. Baldwin School.

Reference:

The African American Atlas

Black History & Culture an Illustrated Reference
by Molefi K. Asanta and Mark T. Mattson

Great Question!

Parents have asked about the start date for the next school year, **2015-16 school year.**

The following was verified by Patty Nolan:

The school year will start the Tuesday after Labor Day. "The Tuesday following Labor Day", not a date, is stipulated in the teacher contracts as the first day of school. "



How Can I Get Involved?

- Baldwin School Council

The Baldwin School Council is looking for parent members. School Council meetings will take place

on the second Wednesday of each month in the Baldwin Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are a great way to learn about our school and to help accomplish school-wide goals. Last year, the School Council established an in-class food policy and developed a concise snack list. The goals for this year include developing a parent survey, and discussion and ideas for deepening and encouraging family engagement. If you are interested, please contact Susan at stiersch@cpsd.us. Please join us for our first meeting on *October 8*.

- The Friends of the Baldwin School

The Friends of the Baldwin (FOB) is a non-profit organization working to strengthen the Baldwin community and support the educational experience of our students. The FOB is a source of funds to support the teachers, supplement classroom activities, pay for community building events and for many other activities that support our school and our students.

Friends of Baldwin is a few years old and we all owe a great deal of gratitude to Emily Ehrenfeld, Silvia Rimolo and Trish Marti for establishing a solid organization. There is a great momentum to build on. This year, the Friends of Baldwin board consists of Kjersti Rosen, Melissa Maldonado, Lianne Fisman, Melinda Gray, Courtney Wilson, Bernette Dawson, Jonas Shoor. This dedicated group could use your help.

Last year the *Friends of the Baldwin* helped fund the now annual Welcome Back Popsicle Party, the storyteller at Pajama Reading Night, and funded in-school enrichments for every grade as well as classroom grants, the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, provided supplies and prizes for the Math Carnival, supplied the dunk tank for field day, scholarship books from the book drive and more. One of their major fundraising efforts is going on now, the Baldwin Community Card (see below).

Friends of the Baldwin School meetings are open to all. Please stop by. It's a great way to meet members of your school community. They are looking forward to working with you and hearing your ideas that will help our students and build community. The first meeting of the year is on Friday, September 26 at 8:40 in the first floor conference room. After the first meeting, monthly meetings will take place the first Friday morning of each month, starting in November.

- Room Parent

Room parents serve as the primary contact for in-classroom coordination. Please check with your child's teacher.



The Baldwin Community Card

The Baldwin School Community Card is major fundraising initiative for the school. Since starting three years ago the Baldwin Card has raised over \$10K to support enrichment for the school. The Baldwin Card provides discounts of up to 10% at Cambridge businesses. it's a great deal, spend \$10 on the card and save at Tags, Simon's Coffee, Apple Cinemas to name a few! Teachers have been able to bring in fabulous experts to talk to the classes about specific topics studied, additional supplies have been purchased, school-wide community events have been supported all thanks to proceeds from the Baldwin Card.

How can you help?

- Forms have been sent home so you can order your card.
- Take a batch of cards to sell to your neighbors, friends, colleagues and others.
- We would love help selling Baldwin Cards at the Danehy Day on Saturday, September 20 9/20 from 11-4. Sign-up for an hour shift while your children enjoy the many activities there. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d49abae28a13-danehy>
- Sign up to sell cards in front of one of our participating businesses. In past years we've had great success with families staging a lemonade/ brownie and Baldwin Card selling booth in front of the Biscuit and StellaBella!

Please contact Meg Swift if you have any questions at megswift@yahoo.com.

Thank you to the Friends of the Baldwin!

Thank you for hosting the Welcome Back Popsicle Party! It was great to see so many families. It was the perfect afternoon to meet up with Baldwin families. Thank you for all the parent representatives who organized such a nice afternoon!



Friends of the Baldwin School

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Walk/Ride Day

Friday, September 26

Green Streets Initiative is an international grassroots organization based in Cambridge that celebrates, promotes, and advocates for the use of alternative transportation. The Green Streets Initiative is best known for the creation of monthly *Walk/Ride Days*. Walk/Ride Days occur on the last Friday of every month. Go green, wear green., walk, ride your bike, or scooter to school! Participate in Walk/Ride Day with the many families of Baldwin who participate in this monthly event.



Picture Day

Friday, October 24

Forms will be distributed in October.

Pajama Storytelling Night

Thursday, October 30

BALDWIN CALENDAR

September 16, Tuesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m
September 18, Thursday	Back to School Curriculum Night and Potluck Picnic 5:30 Potluck Picnic 6:30 Welcome 7:00 - 7:30 - Session 1 in Classroom 7:30 - 8:00 - Session 2 in Classroom
September 25, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah
September 26, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 8:40 a.m.
October 8, Wednesday	Baldwin School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 6, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Eid Al Adha Holiday
October 13, Monday	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
October 22, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
October 24, Friday	Picture Day
October 30, Thursday	Pajama Storytelling Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
November 6, Thursday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 7, Friday	Friends of Baldwin Meeting 8:40 a.m.
November 11, Tuesday	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 12, Wednesday	Baldwin School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 26, Wednesday	Early Release Day School dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
November 27, Thursday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
November 28, Friday	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

*** EARLY RELEASE DAYS ***

Tuesday, September 16
Wednesday, October 22
Thursday, November 6
Wednesday, November 26
Tuesday, March 10
Wednesday, May 13
Thursday, June 4

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Baldwin School Before and After School Activities

We are in the process of finalizing a list of before and after school activities for Baldwin students. Most after school activities will take place on days that we have a late bus, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. More information to follow.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

Does your child love to sing?

Register your child for **Cambridge Children's Chorus**.

Kodaly Singing (age 4 - kindergarten) Mondays 4:00 - 5:00

Melody Makers (grades 1-2) Thursdays 3:40 - 4:40

Training Chorus (grades 3-5) Thursdays 4:40 - 5:40

Wendy Silverberg and Josh DeWitte, Directors

Contact them at 617-869-8848 or

info@bostoncitysingers.org

Location: St John the Evangelist Church, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue

Suzuki Violin Lessons

No previous musical experience necessary.

Beginner Group for 5/6 year olds.

Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

12 weeks, September 13 - December 6

Small class: 3-5 students

\$345 includes Suzuki materials and violin rental

Beginner Group for 4 year olds

Saturdays 11:30 - 12:30

12 weeks, September 13 - December 6

\$268 includes Suzuki materials and violin rental

Contact Breana Bauman 718-863-6282

<http://breanabauman.com>

Cambridge Family Microsoccer

Register now for Cambridge Family Microsoccer for girls and boys aged 4 - 6.

Register online at <http://www.microsoccer.org/>

Practices and games generally take place Saturday mornings at Raymond Park (also known as Corcoran Park) in Cambridge, as follows:

Session 1 (9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.)

Session 2 (10:30a.m. — 12:00 noon)

Cambridge Youth Soccer

Cambridge Youth Soccer offers soccer for girls and boys from kindergarten through 8th grade. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played on Saturday with one or two practices during the week depending upon which league you're in.

The season is about to begin so sign up now at

www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.org/registration.html

YMCA Swimming

The Cambridge YMCA offers swimming programs for all ages. Their fall classes meet September 6 through October 10. For more information or registration information, visit cambridgeymca.org or contact Dana at aquatics@cambymca.org or 617-661-9622 x 702.

Learn to Skate Classes - Bay State Skating School

Saturdays at 2:00 at the Simoni Rink

Classes begin on September 20.

For children 4.5 and up.

www.baystateskatingschool.org

**Brooklyn Builders Somerville Adventure Day
September 25**

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 - 12 (extended day available).

- Team building games and elements!
- As much climbing as your rock star can handle!
- Balance, flexibility and spatial awareness skills
- Problem-solving on the wall
- Arts and Crafts
- Lunch and free play in Conway Park \$95.

Brooklyn Boulders Somerville

12A Tyler Street, Somerville

**MIT Draper Laboratory Science on Saturday
Saturday, October 18**

Free! Open to all elementary students and their parents.

How Computers Think

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

Hands-on activity booths afterward

MIT Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Avenue

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Run for CitySprouts

Sunday, September 14

5K Road Race and 1-mile Kids Fun Run

Danehy Park

Kids run at 9:00 a.m. for ages 7 - 12. FREE. A one-mile run.

5k Road Race starts at 10:00 a.m.

Register for the 5k at wholefoodsmarket5k.com

or <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=4182>

**Cambridge Public Library- Make Way for
Ducklings**

Monday, September 15

Robert McCloskey and the Art of the Picture Book

7:00 p.m

Main Library Lecture Hall

On the evening of Robert McCloskey's 100th birthday, join leading children's literature historian, Leonard Marcus, to explore and honor the fascinating legacy of this beloved children's author and illustrator.

Weekend Backpack Program Benefit

Wednesday, September 17

5% of your Whole Foods Sales to Benefit the Weekend Backpack Program
At all three Cambridge stores.

Danehy Park Family Day

Saturday, September 20

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The City of Cambridge will host the 19th Annual Danehy Park Family Day. Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last! Check out performances throughout the day at the children's stage. Other special giveaways include colorful kites that appeal to kids of all ages! The rain date is Sunday, September 21.

Danehy Park is located at 99 Sherman Street in North Cambridge (adjacent to Garden and New Streets).

This free event, sponsored by the City of Cambridge.

Shuttle buses will be running throughout Cambridge to provide transportation. Danehy Park can be reached by public transportation: #74 bus or #78 bus from Harvard Square; #83 bus from Central Square; or take a shuttle bus from the Alewife MBTA Station. Picnics and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Curiosity Day

Saturday, September 20

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Main Library

Meet Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat, sing "Happy Birthday" to Curious George at Noon and join us for stories, songs, crafts and screenings of the Emmy-Award winning PBS show.

Cambridge Discovery Day Historical Tours

Saturday, September 20

Explore Cambridge on Cambridge Discovery Day, Saturday, September 20. Join experienced guides and performers for a day-long program of free tours and events throughout the city.

There are many places to discover. A few samples include:

- "Have You Milked The Cows Today?" (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Meet on brick apron to right of the Massachusetts Avenue door of First Parish Unitarian Church, Zero Church Street. Look for the bright red rug!

For Children Ages 4-12. (Must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

- Free Tours of The Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters

- Streets & Squares of Cambridge: A Walk In Mount Auburn Cemetery (1-2:30 p.m.)

For tour and event descriptions visit <http://www2.cambridgema.gov/Historic/walks.html>.

11th Annual Revels RiverSing

Sunday, September 21

A free family event along the Charles River.

Revels RiverSing, a night of music, song and celebration to bid farewell to summer and welcome in the fall, along the banks of the Charles River. There will be family festivities in Harvard Square, a puppet-filled parade to the river that all can join, communal singing, music, and more along the banks of the Charles.

Gather in Winthrop Park at 5:00 p.m. for family festivities including music, face painting, hula hooping and more. The parade to the river will begin at 5:45 p.m., with singing along the Charles at 6:00 p.m.

Cambridge Repair Cafe

Saturday, September 27

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

Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callender Street
Free and open to the public. What to do with a chair when a leg is loose? With a toaster that no longer works? Or a sweater with moth holes? Toss it? No way! You can repair it at Repair Café! Repair things together, receive expert advice, meet each other, be inspired, learn about how things work, and save money.

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.

Cambridge Fitness Brothers

New sessions starting this fall.

Free, 10-week fitness & exercise program for men.

Form a team of 4 men - attend health and fitness workshops.

Orientation: Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
119 Windsor Street, 2nd floor

For more information email rharding@challiance.org or call 617-665-3769.

CitySprouts Webinar Series

Are you interested in garden-based learning? This FREE webinar series features guest teachers from Boston and Cambridge sharing their garden-based lessons in science, math & English Language Arts.

Register at www.citysprouts.org

Webinar sessions are Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30
9/18 - Math

10/2 - Science I-Plant growth

10/9 - Multidisciplinary connections

10/16 - Science II-Ecosystems

For more information please call Kim Goldstein at 617-876-2436

Introducing KnowBullying

Put the Power to Prevent Bullying in Your Hand
Free on the App Store.

Parents and caregivers who spend at least 15 minutes a day talking with their child can build the foundation for a strong relationship, and help prevent bullying. KnowBullying, a new mobile app by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), encourages dialogue between you and your children and helps you start a conversation.

KnowBullying by SAMHSA includes:

Conversation Starters: - Tips: Learn ways to prevent bullying.

- Warning Signs: Know if your child is affected by bullying.

- Social Media: Share tactics and useful advice.

The KnowBullying app is available for Android™ and iPhone®.

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

There are a very limited number of seats available (approximately 90). 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.

