



Everyone is
Different.
Everyone
Belongs.

“Stories through Songs” Continues

The "Stories through Songs" grant from ASCAP, [American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers] provides the Haggerty students an opportunity to meet with songwriters/composers, singers and musicians to find out how they do their professional work.

Recently, the fifth graders had the chance to hear Mark Kiliansky and Dave Delaney as they spoke about the folk songs they created, including the back stories of the actual composing. They performed several selections that will be part of their newest CD. Professionally they play as the Whiskey Boys, named after members of the Irish Rebellion. The students had serious questions about the skills needed to write music and lyrics and how to collaborate.

Mark and Dave were here last year and were invited back through the New England Folk Music Archives, NEFMA.

We join them in celebrating "November is Folk Music Month" here in Cambridge.

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Library Corner with Karen Kosko



Author Adele Pressman Visits with 5th Graders

Local Author, Adele Pressman came to read from her book last week. It is about growing up in the fictional town of Canterbury, also known as Cambridge, and playing Baseball. The book title is "Pump Prout" and it was inspired by her son who told her that he had read all of the 'baseball books' and wanted more. Adele wrote this book for her son Noah Gardner. His name is also on the trophy we have in the lobby at Haggerty, the Heather Menzies Leadership Award. This year, our 6th grader, Jaden Jarvis has his name on the trophy. We had the trophy on display in our library media center while she read to some of the fifth graders.

Ms. Pressman talked about the process of writing and answered questions about her book. She read a selection about 'going to your first game' at Fenway Park. We shared our Fenway memories with her.

A Letter to Parents, BY ROBIN SMITH (this is an abridged version of the letter.)

For complete versions: http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2006/sep06_smith.asp

Dear Parents,

Reading is a big part of every second grader's life. But reading can be fraught with anxiety for these new readers. Most seven- and eight-year-olds in my classroom can read, but their reading levels vary widely, and they are not yet very good at finding books for themselves. They often notice what everyone else is reading and become fretful if some of their friends can read books that they can't yet. They may even report to you that "I am the worst reader in the class." Please do your best to ignore this anxiety, as it is just part of the age, and help your child choose books that he or she will love. Here are some ways to go about this task.

Books for you to read aloud to your child should:

- be interesting to her. Second graders like all sorts of things, from dinosaurs to tornados to fairies to family stories. I tend to choose shorter books because they are so likely to want to read, themselves, the books I read aloud to them.
- be interesting to you. You can't fake this any more than they can. Make sure you really want to read that book about giant lizards of the Galápagos before you start it.

Books for your child to read independently should:

- be short. New readers are great starters and not great finishers. So make sure the book is short enough to get through. (The Magic Tree House books, Martin Bridge, Judy Moody, Ruby Lu, Andy Shane, Marvin Redpost . . . that sort of book.)
- be illustrated. Most new readers see chapter books as the Holy Grail and turn their backs on picture books. This is unfortunate because new readers really need those picture cues to help them understand the story.
- be humorous. As dour as your second grader can act at times, she loves humor, the goofier the better.
- be easy on the eyes. Young children need a lot of white space around the printed word in order to see it without strain. They should track the words with their fingers, too, but many of them see that as juvenile and will not do it.
- be exciting. Think cliffhanger endings and tears. Think Stone Fox. Think My Father's Dragon. Think The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. Think melodrama.
- be easy to understand. This is not the time for magical realism or unreliable narrators. This is the time for straightforward plots, easy-to-understand characters, and clear settings. The story can be set in the Indonesian rain forest for all these readers care, but the book should not use up much ink describing it.

- be a part of a series. Not all new readers read series, but in my experience with this age, most do.

And most feel a need to read the books in order. So, if your child really, really loves the first Boxcar Children book and wants the second one, that's what she means. The second one, and then the third. When children read their way through series fiction, they are building confidence and fluency.

If you help your child find books to read, it won't be long before he or she will be passing books on to you. Imagine the joy you will feel when you hear, "I just finished this book and you will love it, too! Want to read it?"

Happy Reading, Ms. Smith



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Hallie Durand teaches Kindergarteners to Drive!

Recently, all of the kindergarten classes had the opportunity to meet Author, Hallie Durand. Ms. Durand was promoting her new book called "Mitchell's License". It's about a young boy who hates going to bed until he finds out he can DRIVE to bed when he is given a piggy-back ride on his Dad's shoulders. After Hallie read to the classes, Zoe and her sister Nova each demonstrated 'how to drive to bed' on the shoulders of their Dad, Darrin. They showed us how to clean the windshield and honk the horn, along with adding oil to the engine. Both girls are ready for the licenses.

In fact, Hallie and her publisher Candlewick Press donated key chain licenses to all of the participants. Ms. Durand has a wonderful series about a young girl called Dessert. Her books 'Dessert First', 'Just Desserts', and 'No Room for Dessert' are fun family books.

Hallie was traveling home to New Jersey with her daughter MacGhee Louise. It just happened that on the day of their visit....it was MacGhee's 9th birthday. We joined in singing Happy Birthday to her. She was surprised and pleased and just before she left for the train, she had DESSERT = cake.





ALL CITY MUSIC WINTER CONCERT

DECEMBER 8, 2011

7:00 PM

CRLS



A significant number of Haggerty students are in the All-City chorus, orchestra and band, and they would love for you to attend the concert! The All-City Concert takes place in the Arts building at CRLS. I hope we see some of you in the audience this year!

Haggerty teachers who conduct and assist in All-City include Dave Cross, Brandon Sciarra, Dorene Blair, and Shelley Irvin-Kent. Please come out and show your support!

6th Grade Wrap Up a Very Successful Clothing Drive!



THANK YOU!!

Our 6th grade students, after an inspirational visit to a local soup kitchen, organized a clothing drive! We have seen the pile in the lobby grow over the last few weeks.

The clothes will be delivered Friday, November 18th to the Bristol Lodge in Waltham, with the help of a few of our 6th grade students and Mrs. Henry. The Bristol Lodge will clean and sort the clothes and they will be made available to families.

Thanks to everyone who contributed clothing and our 6th grade students who helped coordinate the effort! Well done!

Please stay tuned for more community service opportunities!

What's For Dinner?

contributed by Kathleen Moore



We welcome your recipes each edition in this spot. Kathleen Moore (parent of Jackson, grade 6) has graciously agreed to collect and type up recipes as they are submitted. Please submit your contribution to kathleensmoore@gmail.com.

Looking for something beyond the usual apple, pumpkin, or pecan? How about Cranberry Pie this Thanksgiving....and why not do a trial *run* (get it?) and bake one of these for the Pie Raffle next Wednesday--it's in the Gym, after the Turkey Trot.

Cranberry Pie

For the Filling:

Butter, for the pie plate
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped (and optional)

For the Topping:

2 eggs
3/4 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon almond extract

Directions

For the Filling: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the cranberries in a buttered, 10-inch pie plate. Toss the sugar and walnuts over the berries.

For the Topping: Cream the eggs and the butter with the sugar. Add the flour and almond extract to the mixture, lightly tossing with a fork.

Pour the topping over the cranberry mixture and bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream.

Holiday Open House: ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFTS

November 19th (1-8PM) and 20th (12-7PM),

plus weekend hours in December.

Some of our Haggerty own are selling their wares!

STEBBINS GALLERY,

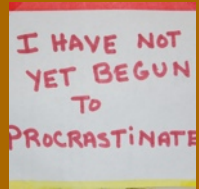
First Parish Church, Zero Church St., Harvard Square

Suggestions, Stories, or Photos ?

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Lissa Galluccio, Family Liaison
Parent of Nate (grade 2) and Louie (grade 4)
Send newsletter submissions to:
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Want to help produce this newsletter? Have any graphic skills, writing skills, or just want to help? Please let me know. It is a great way to be up on all the wonderful events and happenings at our school.



coming up @
Haggerty in
November



Early Release Day
Wednesday,
November 23, 2011
Dismissal at 11:55 AM



Turkey Trot
Wednesday,
November 23, 2011
Glacken Field
8:30 to 10:30 AM



NO SCHOOL
Thursday & Friday
November 24 & 25, 2011
Thanksgiving Holiday

**A Vassal Lane Triad Parent
Workshop: Bullying Prevention
and Intervention for Parents.**

Tuesday,
November 29, 2011
6:30 to 8:30 PM
at the Tobin School
on Vassal Lane



**School Advisory
Council**
Wednesday,
November 30, 2011
6:00 to 8:00 PM



HAGGERTY PEACE DAY CONCERT DECEMBER 9th at 8:30 AM Please Join Us!

Nobel Peace Prize Day is Saturday, December 10th. To celebrate at Haggerty, we will present a Peace Day Concert and Art Display on Friday, December 9. All students at Haggerty, grades K-6, will perform in the concert.

The concert will begin at 8:30 AM in the gymnasium. Please come celebrate peace, community, and your children!



Community News

The National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance and the Cambridge Public Library present:

The Exquisite Conversation: An Adventure in Creating Books

Saturday, Dec 3rd at 1:00 PM
at MIT Kresge Auditorium, Cambridge, MA

With authors:
Katherine Paterson
M.T. Anderson
Natalie Babbitt
Susan Cooper
Steven Kellogg
Patricia MacLachlan

Suggested audience: Adults and Young Adults age 10 and up.
For more details call 617-349-4409