



Everyone is Different.  
Everyone Belongs.



For more great photos of the Farm School trip, see page 3

## City Kids go to the Farm

### 6th Graders head west to the Farm School

Contributed by Cheryl Appleman (parent of Samuel and Douglas, grades 6 and 4).

Right after February break the 6th grade class found themselves traveling to The Farm School in Athol, MA for 3 days.

Each year, the Farm School hosts approximately 1500 school children from all over Massachusetts.

According to the website "It is an incredibly productive place, with large vegetable gardens designed to help feed all that come...a maple sugaring operation, a dairy with up to 12 cows...

that ships milk to a local co-op, pigs being produced for Cambridge restaurants, goats, chickens...Students are fully integrated into the farm operations, rising early for milking, tending to the garden, fields and forests, and helping to cook meals with the food they have harvested."

What the website doesn't talk about is how when your child returns from the experience they perceive the world differently. For instance taking out the garbage doesn't seem nearly as offensive as it used to when compared to shoveling manure.

By fostering a feeling of community with their classmates and encouraging

independence and responsibility, The Farm School reminds us that important lessons are learned in all types of classrooms.

I can only hope that my 4th grader will have the same opportunity.

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**The World**  
**By Danyal Khalid**  
Grade 5, Ms. Warlick & Ms. Sweeney

Come and see my world  
My world is my life  
I want to see equal rights

On my right, I see civil rights  
On my left, I see racial rights  
In my world I see a greenhouse  
In my world I see beautiful houses  
In my world I see people walking

I see less cars  
In my world I see rain,  
sunshine, and meadows of life  
This is the world I want to be in  
This is the world I want you to be in

## All School Assemblies

The 6th grade families are one step closer to their fund raising goals for their spring NYC trip after a successful Spaghetti Dinner last Friday night.

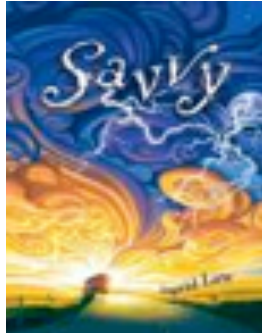
The event was well attended. Entertainment in the form of storytelling was graciously provided by our very own **Bill Kubicek** and his daughter **Liz**, a current 6th grader.

In addition, three Indian ceremonial dances were beautifully performed by the Triveni Dance Troupe, including our own **Kailash Nakagawa** (grade 2).

Technical support was provided by **Ray McCann** and **Kevin McGonegal**.

Thanks to all the folks who helped in so many ways, from soliciting donations, baking brownies, washing lettuce, setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up: **Lisa, Joe, Katy and Kristen O'Loughlin; Erika Wentworth, Pat and Alix Kalaher; Jen Costa; Marjorie and Will Eiref; Joachim, Jessica, Sophie and Calder Martin; Kathy Sampson; Jim, Nancy, Emily and Christo Hays; Isabella, Jordan and Deb Hurley-Jones; Olganuku Khaminwa-Joseph; Ellen Kurz and Sophie Kurz-Cosgrove; Cheryl and Sam Appleman; Maggie and Ruby Booz; Daitoro Anderson; Dean Douyon; and Susan Lanzoni.** Thanks also to our great custodial staff, **Dan, Tommy and George.** So many people stepped up to help at the actual event, we apologize if we have left anyone off!

## Book Corner with Sue Fisher



Sue Fisher is parent of Colin Lee, grade 5 and Aidan Lee, grade 4. She serves on the board of directors for CitySprouts, and is a board member for Friends of Haggerty. She is a Librarian at The Fenn School in Concord, MA.

## Savvy by Ingrid Law

For 5th - 6th graders.

Mibs, who is two days away from turning 13, is in a family full of people with magical powers.

Each person's powers are unique, and are discovered on their 13th birthday, some with dramatic results. Her brother can swirl up water into great waves and hurricanes. Her grandfather can literally make and move mountains. Her older brother can cause power outages on demand.

What will her Savvy be? How will turning 13 change her life? This fantasy is sure to please, and has won many awards, including the Boston Globe-Hornbook Honor for 2008.

## Spaghetti Dinner!



# Ways to help

## Knitting Supplies Needed!

The 5th and 6th graders are still knitting away but could really use more supplies. Let's help keep this wonderful extra-curricular activity going by donating our unused yarn and extra knitting needles! Donations can be left in a box outside Kathy Sampson's office, marked "Knitting."



## Join the Haggerty Core

Would you rather wield a pen than a shovel? In these tough economic times we need all the help we can get. How about helping us find some untapped resources to get projects done through grants? We need your help. Please e-mail John Lodge ([johnlodge@comcast.net](mailto:johnlodge@comcast.net)) or the [Haggertypto@gmail.com](mailto:Haggertypto@gmail.com) if you are interested or have some ideas.

## More Photos from the Farm School Trip



## What's For Dinner?



Contributed by Kathleen Moore

We welcome your recipes each week in this spot. **Kathleen Moore** (parent of Jackson, grade 3) has graciously agreed to collect and type up recipes as they are submitted. We would love for these recipes to represent the great diversity of our community. Please submit your contribution to [kathleenmoore@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmoore@gmail.com) by Wednesday at Noon for publication in Friday's paper.

### Sam's Favorite Chili

Contributed by Ulrika Brand

Sam in Mrs. Cournoyer's 2nd-grade class was delighted to learn that President Obama shares not only his favorite sport, basketball, but his favorite dish: chili. This is Sam's dad's Mark's recipe:

Serves 8-10 people

#### Ingredients

3 lbs meat (85% ground beef, ground pork, and ground lamb) or substitute turkey or chicken  
2 very large sweet onions (or add other aromatics too)  
1 or 2 green, red, or yellow peppers  
2 15 oz. cans of dark red kidney beans (never organic!)  
1 or 2 25 oz cans of tomatoes (best 1 can whole + 1 can Pastene Ground "Kitchen Ready")  
3 tablespoons chili spice (I like sweet, usually available in bulk) (note this ratio: 1 tablespoon chili powder to 1 pound of meat, if you change your quantities)  
Additional cumin to taste (usually 1+ tablespoons with this recipe)

#### Instructions

Very Important - Slowly brown the onions and peppers in a large skillet until they are brown and sweet and tender (a little less tender on the peppers). If this takes less than 20 minutes you did it too fast. (add a bit of salt)

At the same time, in large pot or Dutch oven, brown all the meats (add salt).

Add sautéed onions and peppers to meat; add spices next and mix; add tomatoes and mix

Simmer uncovered for 45+ minutes and Taste (add more cumin if needed), add additional water at simmer start - chili should be almost "underwater", it will reduce. Taste! Adjust spicing as desired.

With 15 minutes to go, add beans. (Rinse in can before adding)

Serve with rice or fusilli pasta and with your favorite fixin's (chopped onions, cilantro, greek yogurt or sour cream, Louisiana hot sauce, etc...

Enjoy.



## We Want to Hear from You!

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## coming up at Haggerty ...

### Walk/Ride Days are the last Friday of Every Month

Haggerty was one of the first schools to have this program, designed to encourage families to find creative ways of coming to school without using their car. It benefits both our environment and our health. Let's think of creative ways to get our kids excited about using their own power to get places! Thanks to **Ulrika Brand** (parent of Sam, grade 2), **Millicent Cutler** (parent of Chase and Alister, grades 4 and K), **Claire Schub** (parent of Lily, grade 1), and **Liz Vandermark** (parent of Juliana, grade 1) for signing on to help **Madhvi Patil**.

The next Walk/Ride Day is Friday, March 27th – get those sneakers out!

### They're Not Using an Abacus Anymore!

Please come Wednesday, March 18th from 8:00-9:00 a.m. for a Math Coffee in the multi-purpose room. We'll follow up on discussions that began at the January Math Expo night and start new ones. Come talk about math activities, math homework and issues/questions you have about mathematics at the Haggerty School.

### Haggerty Community Basketball Night

Are you the next K.G.? Or, are you confused about the rules of the game? Either way, please come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of basketball games on Thursday, March 26th from 6:00-8:00 PM. **Mr. McCann**, 6th graders and staff will lead the community in a variety of basketball activities. We hope everyone participates in an evening of fitness, fun and food. Pizza, treats and drinks will be available. This event is a fundraiser for the 6th grade trips. As ever, the 6th grade team, students, and families greatly appreciate the community's support.

### Friends of Haggerty School Inc.



FOH is our non-profit fundraising umbrella group. Composed of teachers and parents FOH provides funding for curriculum enrichment, field trips, community building, performances, library, arts, and more. Charitable donations to FOH are tax-deductible.

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## quick notes...

### Lawn St. Bulletin Board

The 3rd grade photos have arrived! Thanks to **Kathleen Moore** (parent of Jackson, grade 3) you can now see your 3rd grade friends on the Lawn Street Bulletin board. Check it out!

### Visitors to the School

The Haggerty Faculty Advisory Committee wishes to remind everyone that all visitors to the building (between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM, including families) must sign in and get a visitor's pass at the main office. If you are dismissing a child for the day for an appointment or otherwise, please speak to Diane directly. We appreciate your help following this important school procedure.

### CPS Chalkboard Chatter

For daily updates on district-wide school issues, including the budget and the search for the next superintendent of schools, and for fun and important updates from all of our schools, check out the cps blog "chalkboard chatter", found on the cpsd website at [www.cpsd.us](http://www.cpsd.us).