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Everyone Belongs.



First graders at the Observatory

First Graders Visit the Blue Hills Observatory

Blue Hills Observatory

Contributed by Lissa Galluccio
(parent of Louie, Grade 1)



On a beautiful day in April, the three first-grade classes set out on a big, yellow bus to the Blue Hills Observatory in Milton, MA

to continue their studies of the weather. The Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory was founded in 1885 by by Abbott Lawrence Rotch as a private scientific center for the study and measurement of the atmosphere. The Blue Hill Observatory has recorded the weather everyday since it first opened in 1885, making it the oldest continual weather tracker in the United States. Although there have been some technological advances since the 1800's, many of their instruments are the

same-making Blue Hills also the most consistent in terms of their weather recording. The students were quite intrigued to see some of these original "antique" instruments.

The tour was broken up into three sections: 1) discussion of weather recording and the history of the observatory; 2) the use of weather balloons; and 3) how kites help us learn about the weather and atmosphere. The Blue Hill Observatory first used Kites to measure pressure, temperature, humidity, and sometimes wind speed in 1894!

Each class ventured to the top of the observatory to see many of instruments that record wind, temperature and pressure. We also learned the difference between predicting the weather and observing or

tracking weather and how tracking weather gives us important data on how our earth's atmosphere is changing over time. Although the observatory was fun, the real excitement occurred on the ground, when each child got

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The Study of Poetry in First Grade

The first two poems are currently being studied by our first graders and the last one was created collaboratively in Ms. Hassett's class.

Weather

(Anonymous)

from Ms. Edwards' Class

Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
We'll whether the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not.

Warrior is a Poet!

by Haileselassie Giramy
from Ms. Callender's Class

Warrior is a poet
In cahoots with paper and ballpoint
Warrior is a poet
Words are all that is got
Sitting day and night
Ignorance to fight
Warrior is a poet

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Poetry Continued

Who I Am Poem

by Ms. Hassett's First Grade Class

I wonder about wizards and
witches - Fanny Lodge

I love my cats - Juliana
Vandermark

My favorite food is watermelon -
Phoebe Rosenthal

I hope for more legos - Carlos
Paronis

I dream about having more friends
- Yi Yi Chen

I love to go to Las Vegas - Lynn
Schaefer

I feel sharp corners (on the paper)
- Theo Lennhoff

One of my favorite books is
"Arthur" - Ruphael Getahun

I am good at writing - Natalia
Bechtold

I am proud of my mom - Nia Betts

I care about my mom - Isabelle
Appiah

My favorite thing to do is swim -
Safa Khalifa

I wish I could go to Antarctica -
Louie Pardo

When I grow up I want to be a
doctor - Shubashree Dhital

I am an artist - Annie Macbeth

My favorite animal is a lion -
Ashrafal Hoque

The season I like best is summer -
Abderrezzak Afrid

I am happiest when I go to school
- Andrew Cooper

The best part of my day is when I
play with my friends - Diana
Nightingale

Book Corner with Sue Fisher



This picture book was a nominee for Horn Book's Book of the Year Award in 2008. It portrays the close friendship of two boys who are around 6-8 years old. They spend a week at summer camp while



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A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

by Marla Frazee

sleeping at grandma & grandpa's house at night. The story line tells a straight forward story of earnest events at camp and home, but the illustrations portray a wild week spent largely indoors, playing video games, making tent houses, and building friendships. At the end of the week they do discover the joys of the outdoors, but on their own terms.

The juxtaposition of their actual adventures to the expected ones will be a huge hit with the youngest students at Haggerty.

Highlighting the friendship of boys is something rarely celebrated in picture books and this one shouldn't be missed.



Blue Hills

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a chance to send off their own weather balloon and to fly their own kite.

We could not have asked for a more picture-perfect day. The sky was a crisp blue and the temperature ranged between 58 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit, with very few cirrus clouds and the wind at 8 knots-okay I looked at the daily archives of the observatory-but trust me it was very nice. We could have only asked for a little more wind for our kites. You can learn more about this wonderful resource just 10 miles from Boston at www.bluehill.org.

As always, thanks to our wonderful first grade teachers! Thank you also to the parent chaperones who attended this wonderful trip! From Ms. Callender's class: **Laura McGaffigan, Mr. Kahsay, Lisa Connor, Anya Stroud and Claire Schub.** From Ms. Edward's class: **Bridget Rodriguez, Colleen Barber, and Joel Howe.** From Ms. Hassett's class: **Vickie Chang, Marina Sartori, and Lissa Galluccio.**



Ways to help



Kingergarten Open House

Please note the date change: On **Wednesday, May 27**, from **2:30-3:30** p.m., Haggerty will officially welcome our incoming Kingergarten and Junior Kingergarten families to the school.

All current Junior Kingergarten families and, of course, our sibling families are welcome to attend. If any other parents would like to greet the families and share your excitement about being part of the Haggerty Community or if you would like to make treats, please contact Kathy Sampson at 617 349 6555 X208 or via e-mail at ksampson@cpsd.us.



quick notes...

CitySprouts Summer Intern Program

June 22 to July 16 Mondays - Thursdays
9am-Noon at the Haggerty School

Dear Middle School Students and Parents:

CitySprouts announces its summer intern program 2009 for students ages 11 to 14 years old who live in Cambridge neighborhoods. CitySprouts interns will:

- Learn how to grow food
- Make delicious food from vegetables and fruits
- Go on field trips to local farms and other places
- Grow food for people in need
- Be a leader in the community
- Earn a \$100 stipend

Who: Five middle school interns will be selected from each CitySprouts school to work for 4 weeks with the CitySprouts Garden Coordinator at their school or neighborhood CitySprouts garden, 9am - Noon, Monday through Thursday.

When: The internship begins on Monday, June 22 (Session I). Interns must be available for the program Monday - Thursday mornings (9am - 12pm) for the entire 4 weeks of the program. Deadline for the application is Friday, May 22nd.

Interns will be selected on Friday, June 5th.
Session I begins June 22 (to July 16th).

Cost: There is no cost to youth and their families selected for the CitySprouts Summer Internship. Interns are given a \$100 stipend for participating.

For more information email info@citysprouts.org or call (617) 876-2436

APPLICATIONS are available from Karen Kosko, our Librarian.

Box Top Update

Josephine Lupia, mom of Francesco, grade 3



Thank you to everyone who clips, saves and sends Box Tops to school. We

recently received a check from General Mills in the amount of \$142.21 which was given to the Haggerty PTO for deposit. The breakdown for the money is as follows:

\$125.00 for Box Tops clipped and collected from November 2008 until February 2009
\$13.68 for The Box Tops for Education Online Marketplace
\$3.53 The Box Tops reading room
To learn more about the Box Tops for Education program and how it can help the Haggerty School, log onto the website at www.boxtops4education.com. The website is filled with lots of great stuff. Make sure you check it out! And please remember to Keep on Clipping! Thank you Josephine for initiating and organizing this successful program, now in its second year!

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 kathleensmoore@gmail.com by Wednesday at Noon for publication in Friday's paper.

This soup is a favorite at Haggerty Soup Sales. Now you can make it at home. But you have to promise that you'll still buy it at the Soup Sales.

RED LENTIL SOUP WITH COCONUT

- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 medium onion, roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced peeled fresh ginger root
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground tumeric
- 3 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 28 oz can tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup shredded coconut
- 1 head cauliflower (or use green beans or sweet potato or whatever you want), roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup dried red lentils
- 1 quart vegetable stock or water (or, if you are not trying to keep this vegetarian, you may use chicken stock)
- 1 can coconut milk

Heat oil in a deep saucepan or skillet. Add onion and cook over medium heat until onion is soft and translucent, about 3 minutes (stir now and then). Add garlic and ginger and cook for another minute. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Turn the heat down low and cook, stirring often, about 10 minutes.

Turn the heat back up and add tumeric and curry. Cook, stirring, about 3 minutes, until aromatic. Add tomato, coconut, cauliflower, lentils. Add stock and coconut milk and bring to a boil. Then turn the heat down so the soup cooks at a gentle bubble.

Cook, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes.



We Want to Hear from You!

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quick notes...

Important Message from the Administration

NO students should have cell phones on their person. If parents insist that their child carry a cell phone, they are to stay in their backpack in the classroom cubby, and turned OFF! If phones are used or ring during the school day, the following consequences will be imposed:

- First offense, student is reminded of where the phone is to be kept.
- Second offense, classroom teacher will confiscate the phone and it will be returned at the end of the day.
- Third offense, the phone is turned into Mrs. Mahoney, Assistant Principal and a parent/guardian must come and pick it up.

This also applies to IPOD's, iPhones and other electronics.

The school is not responsible for phones or other electronics that are lost or stolen!

Lawn Street Bulletin Board

The 5th grade students are now on display as you've never seen them! Stop by the Lawn Street Bulletin Board and take a few moments to interactively experience the 5th grade's Wax Museum project. Thank you to Diane Norris (parent of Hanna and Katherine, grades 3 and 5) for creating this wonderfully ingenious display.

CPS CHALKBOARD CHATTER

Did you know 11 CRLS students have been accepted to Harvard this year, tying a record set in 2007? Or that the Underwater Robotics Team is headed for international competition? Or that Illustrator and author E.B. Lewis recently visited the Peabody School? For more information on these and a lot of other great things happening in the Cambridge Public Schools, check out Chalkboard Chatter, the CPS blog, at cpschalkboard.wordpress.com or simply click on on the chalkboard chatter button on your school's website.

coming up at Haggerty...

PTO Parent Workshop by Deb Levy

On Thursday, May 14th (7:00 - 8:30, at Haggerty) the PTO/Arts Council has a Parent Workshop by Deb Levy entitled:

Using Positive Psychology Interventions to Improve Your Family Life During Challenging Times.

Recent research has found that Positive Psychology interventions can improve your well being and baseline happiness level. Simply writing down three good things that happen every day can help you (and your family) become more positive and optimistic, while writing a gratitude letter and paying a gratitude visit can significantly boost your short-term well being.



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In addition, research has found that "happy families" possess the following strengths – fairness and equity, forgiveness, social intelligence, teamwork, and honesty (as measured by the VIA Strength Finder Survey) – which we can all learn to develop.

This interactive workshop will give you the opportunity to learn more about Positive Psychology and participate in activities to help you develop some strategies that you can use and share with your family. If you are eager to get started today, write a gratitude letter to someone you need to thank or discover your top five "signature strengths" by taking the Values in Action Strength Finder Questionnaire at www.authentic happiness.com. Come prepared to learn, laugh and meet great people!

ABOUT YOUR WORKSHOP LEADER:

Deb Levy is a Positive Psychology Coach and Consultant living in Cambridge. She is an award winning Teaching Fellow in the Psychology Department at Harvard University and was the Head Teaching fellow for Professor Tal Ben-Shahar's popular Positive Psychology course. She has facilitated Positive Psychology trainings for local schools, businesses and sports teams and can be reached at levydebra@gmail.com. She is a parent of a 5th grader at the Cambridgeport School.

Community Notes



Four Haggerty students to be honored by the Longfellow National Historic Site

We are pleased to announce that

Stephon Pierre -5th

Sultan Shaikh -3rd

Shasha Tekeian -3rd

Jada Vaughn -5th

will be reading from their poems on **June 7th at 3pm** as part of the Longfellow Poetry Competition.



The New England Poetry Club and the Longfellow House selected our students for their awards.

Pow Wow at The Boston Children's Museum

Sunday, May 17th 11-4pm

Join the Pow Wow circle and help celebrate the Native American New Year.

Singers, drummers, and dancers from the Boston area and New England region will perform,

including Nipmuc and Wampanoag tribal nations.

7th Annual Ancient Fishweir Project Event 2009!

Charles Street edge of the Boston Common

The Ancient Fishweir Project brings together Boston Public School children with Cambridge public artist Ross Miller, local artists, archeologists, educators and Native Americans to recreate a replica of an ancient fishweir on



View of the completed fishweir on the Boston Common

the Charles Street side of the Boston Common.

Wednesday, May 20, 1 pm
Wampanoag Nation

Singers & Dancers participatory dance and performance, **May 6 through 31, 2009**

Fishweir on view for the general public.

<http://www.fishweir.org/eventcal.html>

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