



# Peabody K-2 Afterschool News

Fall 2015

## Peabody K-2 Afterschool Staff

### Wendy McLaughlin: Director/Head Teacher



I'm so thrilled to continue my work with children at the Peabody K-2 Afterschool Program! I was born and raised in Cambridge and have been working with Cambridge youth for over 15 years. When I'm not working, I am busy chasing my adorable one year old son around. I enjoy spending time with family and friends and learning to cook new things.

### Alex Adamo: Teacher

As a newbie to both Mass. and the Afterschool programs, I couldn't be more excited to begin my first year with Peabody K-2! I recently moved here from Westchester, New York where I was a teaching assistant at The International Center of Photography and taught a recycled art program in the summer through the YMCA. I spend my free time designing chalkboards, traveling, and throwing delicious potlucks.



### Von-Dee Robinson: Assistant Teacher



I am very excited to start another fun filled year at the Peabody K-2. I have been working for the City of Cambridge with children for over 10 years now and really enjoy cooking and arts & crafts!

### Lale Hariry: Assistant Teacher

I am happy to be returning to the Peabody Afterschool for my 9<sup>th</sup> year as an Assistant Teacher. I enjoy playing board games, reading but I especially love doing Arts & Crafts with the children! When I'm not at work I like spending time with my family & friends exploring new places.



## Curriculum.

Our staff is working hard planning fun and enriching Project Based Learning units this year that connect to the Cambridge Public School's Learning Strands. One of the first units will be "The Harvest", focusing on building our community while participating in fun fall projects. We will come together with the Peabody 2-5 Afterschool to celebrate our work at our annual Fall Festivus Potluck in November! Stay tuned for the upcoming dates!

## October 2015 Important dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Please pass in your Parent Surveys by October 6 <sup>th</sup>				
5	6	7	8	9
12 School & Afterschool Closed	13	14	15	16
19	20 Early Release Day	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## Peabody Afterschool & Preschool Play dates!

In an effort to strengthen our community, once a month the Peabody Afterschool and Peabody Preschool get together for some fun filled play dates. Our two programs combine for structured classroom play, a gym game, or some fun on the playground. This in turn makes a nice transition for the preschool students who may be moving into the afterschool program in the years to come. It is also a dedicated time for the former students of the preschool to visit with their former classmates and teachers; but overall this effort has brought our programs together and created a nice opportunity for everyone involved to develop new friendships and have some new experiences with some familiar faces.



## Group Incentive

Peabody encourages and celebrates the wonderful acts of kindness, positive choices, and gestures that our students display daily. We use marbles to acknowledge how many positive choices we see and how each positive choice can build onto the next. The more marbles earned, the fuller the jar. Our students have been working together to fill the jar to reach the top and earn a party. The staff and students will come up with some fun party ideas to celebrate all of their good deeds. We will have our first party very soon!!



### Friendly Reminder:

**Absences:** *If your child is absent for any reason, guardians are responsible for notifying the after school program. Your prompt notification saves teachers time and worry trying to locate your child. If your child will be absent from our program, please leave us a message – 617-349-6276 or email [wmclaughlin@cambridgema.gov](mailto:wmclaughlin@cambridgema.gov) The schools do not notify us of any school day absences and therefore we rely on your timely communication.*

### Typical Daily schedule:

2:30 Early Arrivals  
3:00 Choice Time  
3:30 Outdoor Activities  
4:00 Community Meeting  
4:15 Snack  
4:30 Homework & Kindergarten  
Activities  
5:00 Gym/Activity Time  
5:30 Quiet Choice  
5:55 Closed

Our voicemail is on 24hrs so feel free to leave a message or send an email with any questions or concerns you may have.

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## Check out our Leaders Board!

**Each week we will pick three students to be Leaders of the Week!**

**These students will be Line Leaders, Door Holders, Teachers Helpers, Snack Helpers and Classroom Inspectors among other responsibilities! Everyone will have an opportunity to be a Leader at least a few time before the year over! Everyone is pretty excited for their chance to have this responsibility.**