



Peabody Preschool Newsletter

July 2015



June in review: This month in social studies children have been exploring jobs that people have. They visited the post office to explore and mail letters they wrote to themselves. A police officer visited our classroom to talk about what he does. Benjamin Scott's father came into to talk about what he does as a chef. They will visit Jose' Mexican restaurant on July 1st to experience what happens there. In science children monitored caterpillars and documented their life cycle through drawings then went to Diane's garden to released the butterflies. We visited Alewife Reservation with Spe-



cial Start. Hazel's mother Jessalyn came along to help children identify the flowers in the reservation. She also brought a special snack for everyone. Thanks Jessalyn for the snack and coming with us! We then went to Russell Field to have a picnic lunch and play in the playground before coming back to school. Fun time!! The New England Aquarium Tide Pool visit our classroom. They brought clams, mussels, periwinkles, hermit crabs, a horseshoe crab and sea stars. It was so much fun to be able pick up these sea creatures and look at them up close. A good time was had by all!

School is Closed on Friday July 3th for Independence Day

Field Trips:

July 1st Jose Mexican Restaurant @ 10:30

July 9th Conway Park, Somerville Ave., Somerville 9:45-Sprinklers

July 16th Preschool Get together with Pizza lunch @MLK leaving at 9:45

There will be some local Arts in the Parks Activities that we will attend which may be at Bergin Park or other parks that are close by. We will let you know the dates soon as we decide which ones we will attend.

Vacations: Diane July 6-10, Cathy July 13-17

We said good-bye to Leila and her family on June 30th. We wish them well on their return to San Francisco. We will miss you all very much!!

Children will be going in the sprinklers weather permitting on Tuesday and Thursdays during the months of July and August. We will travel to several parks in the area to use the sprinklers. Children need a bathing suit, water shoes or sandals that are closed toed please. They will need a backpack for a small towel and their lunch in on these days.

We have finished with our family conferences. Thank you for taking the time to come talk with us. Thank you for your many donations for our classroom curriculum and for helping us with paper, tissues and hand soap throughout the year. We are very grateful that you all found the time to come in for your child's special week. It was a wonderful way for us to get to know your family. Happy summer everyone!!!



Butterfly release



**Oliver and Miles examining sea shells that Felix found at the beach and brought in to share. Thanks Felix for sharing!
Oliver, Kai, Miles and Evan marble painting.**



Edo playing with silly putty. Felix and Benjamin painting

Lorraine, Dani, Benjamin and William dressing up. Sanika and Dani painting with cars.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

For information about the **Cambridge Public Schools** call the **Family Resource Center** at 617-349-6551. Multilingual voice mail 617-349-6550 (Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Spanish).

Cambridge Public School Department Office of Special Education (3 yrs or older) 159 Thorndike St. Cambridge 02139 (617)-349-6500 www.cpsd.us

Cambridge-Somerville Early Intervention provides developmental services for children under age three at risk for developmental delays. If you are concerned about your child's development, call 617-629-3919.

Cambridge Public Library has branches in many neighborhoods that offer a variety of activities for families. Call 617-349-4038 or go to www.cambridgema.gov/cpl.aspx

Childcare Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) 105 Chauncy St, 2nd floor, Boston. 02111, (617)-542-5437 Fax number: 617-292-4629 <http://www.childcarechoicesofboston.org/index.asp>
cccb@bostonabcd.org

Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) runs many programs for children and families including **Preschool** and School Age **Childcare**, **Community Schools**, and **Youth Centers** around the City. For information, call 617-349-6200 or see www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp.aspx

Community Learning Center offers adult education, including GED and ESOL (617)-349-6363

Cambridge Multi-Service Center provides housing information and assistance to families from Cambridge who is at risk of becoming homeless. Call 617-349-6340.

Cambridge Food Pantry Network provides food to families around the city. For information, call the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) at 617-868-2900.

Children's Clothing Exchange is a program of Solutions at Work. The Exchange takes children's clothes in good condition to trade for other clothes or equipment. Call for information: 617-576-0039. Roosevelt Towers, 391 Evereteze Way, Cambridge 02139 www.solutionsatwork.org

Cambridge Program for Individuals with Special Needs serves people with special needs from school age to adults. There is an after school group and a Saturday morning recreation program. Call 617-349-6200 for information.

Cambridge Somerville Resource Guide has listings for more services in the community. Look on the internet at: www.cambridgesomervilleresourceguide.org if you are not able to find what you want, call the Center for Families (617)-349-6385.

Cambridge Fuel Assistance 51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617)-349-6252

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (Child Care, Food Pantry, Tax Service, Tenant Help) 11 Inman Street, MA 20139 (617)-868-2900

Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services 60 Gore Street, Cambridge, 02141 (617) - 603-2700

Cambridge Health Alliance Connections 1493 Cambridge St. Cambridge, 02139 1- (877)-637-2273 Free services that will help find affordable health insurance, understand your choices, and finding a doctor.

Reminders:

- Check extra clothes for underwear, socks, pants, shirt, shoes (add more when they get used).
- Lunches stay in cubbies, (you will need icepack for cold items and thermos for hot items)
- Remember to put silverware in lunch boxes.
- No medications, left in cubbies. Give to teacher immediately.
- Money stays home
- Home toys stay home
- Jewelry stays home
- Candy stays home
- Wash sheets and blankets on Friday. Return clean on Monday
- Chap sticks need to be given to a teacher to dispense.
- Sprinklers on Tuesday and Thursday during July and August weather permitting. Take home and wash bathing suits on Friday.



Reminder:

Street Cleaning around the Peabody School will take place on the odd side of the street Wednesday July 15th and on the even side on Thursday July 16th.



July 4th Activities for Cambridge Youth

Cambridge youth ages 4-12 are invited to participate in FREE Fourth of July festivities hosted by the Dept. of Human Services Program's Recreation Division. Activities include races, doll carriage and bike parades. Participants in the races will receive a prize. Youth participating in the doll and bike parade will receive a Cambridge Recreation T-Shirt. Events will be held Friday, July 4, at 9:30 a.m., at these locations: Donnelly Field, Berkshire & York St., East Cambridge; Glacken Field, 600 Huron Ave., West Cambridge ; Hoyt Field, Gilmore St., Riverside Community.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at 617-349-6228.



Pajama Story Time

Wednesdays, July 29th and August 26th 6:45pm-7:30pm, O'Neill Library (70 Rindge Ave.)

Come to the library to listen to stories, read with your children, and have a snack before bed. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite pajamas! There will be FREE book giveaways. No need to register, just come!



The Highland Street Foundation

is offering free admission to 70
museums and cultural venues
over 10 Fridays this summer
(starting June 26th)!

For a complete list of locations and dates, go
to www.highlandstreet.org or stop by the
Center for Families for a flyer!

For more information, call 617-969-8900.



Family Fun Day!

Saturday, July 18, 10:00am-1:30pm, Rindge Field, 70 Rindge Avenue (rear of Peabody School).

The Center for Families' Annual Family Fun Day will have lots of fun activities for children 0-8 years & their families! Free light lunch will be served. For more information, call 617-349-6385. *Rain location: Peabody School Gym.*

Free Swimming Pools



Francis J. McCrehan Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool

359 Rindge Ave

Open : June 27th -September 7th

Hours: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

617-661-0670

Veterans Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool

719 Memorial Dr.

At Magazine Beach

Open June 27- August 23rd

Hours: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

617-661-0564



Alewife Reservation



Alewife and Russell Field





New England Aquarium Tide Pool



Post office visit to mail letters children wrote to send to their homes.



Pizza Dance Party Celebration

Celebrating our Families and children's accomplishments for a fantastic year of fun and learning from one another.





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Chef Jonathan (Ben Scott's Dad) demonstrated how to prepare foods to use in cooking. He cut up fruits and vegetables and put them together in a blender to make a smoothie. He also made something with chocolate that was yummy! Thanks Jonathan!!



Officer JJ visited our classroom to talk with children about his job. Thanks Officer JJ!!!



Eleanor's Birthday was on June 3rd



Happy 4th Birthday Eleanor



Felix's Birthday was June 5th



Happy 4th Birthday Felix



Oliver's Birthday was June 7th



Happy 4th Birthday Oliver



Benjamin's Birthday was on June 8th



Happy 5th Birthday Benjamin

