

The AGASSIZ WHISTLER

September 17, 1975

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Our AFTERNOON PROGRAM is underway on a drop-in basis, 2:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday. This week the program will include community school room, art room and gym activities, but starting next week (Monday, September 22nd) our full schedule of activities will begin. Here is that schedule. Activities are available on a first come-first serve basis to anyone in the program.

MONDAY:

Community School Room - for wood-working, crafts, science, etc.
Gym Hockey - outside as long as weather permits.
Library - for quiet time, reading, chess, checkers, etc.
Comic Strip Workshop - in art room
2:30-4:30

TUESDAY:

Community School Room
Gymnastics - in gym
2:30-3:15 K-3rd grade
3:30-5:00 4th-6th grade
Videotape Workshop - in library
2:30-4:30 5th grade and up
limited to 10
See below for more information
Pottery - in art room
2:30-3:30 K-3rd grade
3:30-5:00 4th grade up
BROWNIES - in art room

WEDNESDAY:

Community School Room
Karate - in gym
3:00-4:00 K-3rd grade
4:00-5:00 4th-6th grade
limited to 15 per class
Library - quiet time, etc.
Art Room - miscellaneous projects
POTTERY

THURSDAY:

Community School Room
Gym Hockey

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE, CONT.

THURSDAY, Cont.

Videotape Workshop - in library
2:30-4:30 5th grade and up
limited to 10
Art Room - miscellaneous projects
Photography - in library
2:30-4:30 primarily for younger children

FRIDAY:

Community School Room
Gym Hockey
Library - quiet time, etc.
Art Room - miscellaneous projects

ALSO, ON SATURDAY:

Field Trips - leaving from and returning to school
9:30-12:00
Football - in Sacramento Field
10:00-12:00 3rd-6th grades

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The Videotape Recording Workshop will be run to help children learn about themselves and their community by using videotape recording. The children involved will learn how to use a portable VTR system. Activities will depend on the interests of the group, but some possibilities are: theater games, documentaries, plays, news shows and video feedback art. Production will also be linked to a look at how T.V. affects our lives.

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DROP-IN OR DAY CARE?

In response to a growing need primarily among working parents in the neighborhood for a more formalized day care arrangement for their children, we are offering two options for involvement in our after-school program this fall. We encourage parents

DROP IN OR DAY CARE, Cont.

to consider which arrangement would best meet their needs and the needs of their children and to fill out and return the registration form found at the back of this newsletter. If your choice is Drop-In, the information would be useful to us, especially home and work phone numbers. If your choice is Day-Care, you must return this form as a means of registering your child with us. The Day-Care arrangement will go into effect on Monday, September 29th. Registration will be all next week, Sept. 22 - Sept. 26.

If you choose Drop-In:

- 1.) The primary responsibility for your child's whereabouts remains with you, the family.
- 2.) Children may come to the program and participate in all activities, but they cannot wander in and out of the building randomly. Once there, they should be encouraged to make use of the program for a solid block of time before leaving again.
- 3.) No store-bought treats, candy, etc. will be allowed in the building. There will be a designated area for eating snacks brought from home.
- 4.) All children must sign in in the community schools room when they arrive.

If you choose Day-Care:

- 1.) The primary responsibility for your child's whereabouts lies with the community school staff from 2:30 until the child is picked up between 5:00 and 5:30 (or earlier, if arranged)
- 2.) Children will come directly to the program from school and must stay in the building, unless accompanied by a staff member, until the program ends each day.
- 3.) Children may bring snacks from home to be eaten in a special "snack area" between 2:30 and 5:00.
- 4.) The fee for this arrangement will be \$30.00 for 12 weeks (there are three ~~twelve-week~~ periods in the school year), if your child attends daily. If she or he comes for four days the fee would be \$24.00, three days - \$18.00, two days - \$12.00, 1 day - \$6.00. This sum is due

Day Care, Cont.

during registration week, Sept. 22-Sept. 26, and is always open to adjustment based on need.

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In either arrangement, drop-in or day-care, it is essential that parents and community school people work together to make expectations and program guidelines clear to the children. This is a new design for the program so this fall will represent a trial period to see if it is in fact possible for us to meet the diverse needs of families in the neighborhood. Let us know your thoughts and feelings about the program as it progresses.

You can always reach us - Ken Basler and Julie Snow - any weekday afternoon between 2:30 and 5:30 at 876-9268.

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On Release Days the afternoon program will not operate since the building will be officially closed. A list of release days will be circulated through the school and in our next Whistler.

During vacations, we will run drop-in activities throughout the day(s) as we have in the past. While it would be ideal to be able to offer full-day day-care for those children registered for the day-care option, neither our budget nor our staffing would make it feasible.

SO HERE WE GO. Bear with us as we try and smooth out the snags we are bound to run into in the early stages of this new venture.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EVENING PROGRAM

Our evening program will be getting underway in two stages. Stage one, which will entail activities for our own community, will begin on Monday, September 29th. Here's the schedule:

MONDAY:

Gym Hockey 6:30-7:30

EVENING SCHEDULE, Cont.

MONDAY, Cont.

Teen Basketball 7:30-9:30

Off-Loom Weaving 7:30-9:30

Come make your own wall hanging, belts, bags, etc.

Cost: \$10.00 for 12 weeks

TUESDAY:

Piano 6:30-7:30 beginners

7:30-8:30 intermediate

Classes limited to 5

Cost: \$10.00 for 12 weeks

WEDNESDAY:

Guitar 7:00-8:00 beginners

8:00-9:00 intermediate

Classes limited to 5

Cost: \$10.00 for 12 weeks

Women's Self-Defense - in gym

7:30-9:30

Cost: \$10.00 for 12 weeks

(This class will meet twice a week as soon as space is found)

THURSDAY:

Gym Hockey 6:30-7:30

Adult Volleyball 7:30-9:30

Pottery - in art room

Cost: \$10.00 for 12 weeks

The Off-loom weaving and pottery courses must have at least eight people registered to happen so sign up! Registration for evening courses is open all next week, but please try to sign up by Thursday (Sept. 25th). Payment for classes will be due at the first class.

Stage Two of our Evening Program will begin on October 13th and will entail both courses and talks to be held at the Agassiz, Lincoln, and Fitzgerald Schools designed around a theme vaguely described as living "within the system." The courses which will be offered at Agassiz will be the women's self-defense course already underway, a basic home repair course, and a course on home-brewing wine and beer. Other courses will include: basic car repair, pattern design, plants and

EVENING COURSES, Cont.

gardening, and even some college credit courses to be taught by Leslie people at the Fitzgerald. A special brochure will be mailed to you describing this new venture, and we hope to generate lots of community interest and involvement in the program.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

All members of the Agassiz neighborhood who would like to have some input into the Community Schools Program (after-school, evenings, cooperative kindergarten, and pre-school) are invited to join the council. We meet on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month in the library at school. Our agenda for the next council meeting, Weds., October 1st includes:

- 1.) election of new officers
- 2.) formation of a committee to review and revise council by-laws
- 3.) discussion of methods for ongoing evaluation of programs
- 4.) review of plans for staffing the evening program.

See you all there!

AGASSIZ COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN MEETINGS

Here is a list of the cooperative kindergarten meetings for the year. We list these now in an attempt to avoid the inevitable overlap of meetings that happens in this busy neighborhood.

- October 8th - Weds.
- November 6th - Thurs.
- December 8th - Mon.
- January 13th - Tues.
- February 11th - Weds.
- March 11th - Thurs.
- April 5th - Mon.
- May 4th - Tues.
- June 9th - Weds.

This meetings begin at 8:00 and rotate among the houses of kindergarten parents.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL -
PRESCHOOL MEETINGS

And here is the schedule for the
playgroup meetings for the year.
These begin at 7:45 p.m. and are held
at the North Congregational Church.

- October 21 - Tues.
- November 19 - Weds.
- December 18 - Thurs.
- January 19 - Mon.
- February 17 - Tues.
- March 17 - Weds.
- April 15 - Thurs.
- May 17 - Mon.
- June 22 - Tues.

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BABYSITTING

Once again this year, we are going
to try to keep an up to date file
of babysitters for people in the
community. Please call and put
yourself on the list if you want
babysitting jobs referred to you.
We get lots of calls. Even if
you think you might be on our
list already, please call and
re-register just so we know our
information is up to date.
Thanks!

MORE PIANO LESSONS

Teacher on faculty of New England
Conservatory Extension and member
of New England Teachers Association.
Call Wendy Covell at 232-7030 or
245-5066 for individual lessons.

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE - 876-9268