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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This seems an appropriate time of the year to hear from some of the people who don't normally write for these pages - our neighborhood children. We are happy to print a selection of pieces (prose and poetry) from Agassiz School students about Christmas, winter, and the years to come. To round out our holiday issue, we've included a Christmas poem from an old favorite, some recent writings from here and there, and lines from a carol. We hope you'll stop a moment to read them all and reflect on them.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

Community Schools programs will not be held from December 23 to January 4. In order that the Agassiz School may be cleaned at this time of year by the one custodian employed, it is necessary to close the school building for that period. Most student volunteers will be away for the holidays as well. During the week of January 11, announcements of new Community Schools activities will be made.

NO NEWSPAPER PICK-UPS

Old newspapers will not be picked up in the Agassiz neighborhood until arrangements can be made for volunteers to do the job. If you have a car or can help someone who does, call the Community Schools office at 876-9268. It should take about two hours of your time every two weeks.

An announcement will be made to the community when pick-ups can be resumed.

TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE...

The December 2nd meeting of the City Manager, the Acting Director of Community Schools, and the Chairman of the Commission for Community Schools, which was to include on its agenda the Agassiz neighborhood's unresolved staffing problem, was cancelled. On that date the Model Cities board members held a sit-in at the City Manager's office. At issue were personnel policies and community control of the Model Cities program.

The next date set for the Community Schools meeting was December 10th. That meeting was also cancelled. The City Manager's office was again involved with demonstrators, when the Nonviolent Direct Action group attempted to "rent" the Cambridge Draft Board at City Hall for an office of Vocations for Social Change.

The Community Schools meeting was re-scheduled again, for December 17th.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Agassiz Community Schools Council will be held on January 4, Monday evening, at 8 PM in the school library. Everyone in the community is invited to come and share their ideas.

The cost of having The Whistler mailed to your house for six months (two issues a month) is only \$1.00!

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Forgive us our trespasses

Little creatures everywhere!

James Stephens

LATE CHRISTMAS

He filled the lantern, lit the wick.
 It was so still he heard the tick
 of the small deathwatch in the wall;
 It didn't seem Christmas Eve at all.
 The house was empty as a shell;
 His grown-up sons had turned out well
 and gone for good. Their mother lay
 Outdoors now by night and day.
 He took the lantern, got his pail,
 Took his coat down from its nail,
 And went out through the frosty shed.
 Christmas was gone out of his head;
 It was one milking hour more.
 The milking stool was by the door.
 He swung the door and raised his light,
 And entered the midst of Christmas night:
 Four damp legs and two big eyes
 Tottered to meet him, friendlywise;
 Between the eyes as soft as silk
 There was a star as white as milk
 On the new young being there
 Standing and staring its first stare.
 A cow had been ahead of the mark,
 Had come to her time here in the dark.
 The man put down his light and knelt;
 It might have been a child he felt,
 The hair on the thin thing was so fine
 To feel of in the lantern's shine.

Robert P. Tristram Coffin

I am envious
 of him who is being scolded:
 The end of the year.

We are not daily beggars
 That beg from door to door,
 But we are neighbors' children
 Whom you have seen before.

Love and joy come to you
 And to you your wassail too,
 And God bless you, and send you
 A happy new year
 And God send you a happy new year.

from THE WASSAIL SONG

SNOW

I really love snow,
 Boy!!! It really does glow.
 Some people just pout at snow,
 But I feel so sad when it has to go.

ICE

I love ice very much.
 Slipping, sliding, lots of slush.
 Ice and snow are alot alike,
 And there are lots of places to hike.

Rachel Golden
Grade 4

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CREATION

He bites a little and kicks - but it doesn't hurt. He is a very beautiful cat, and an old one too. He often gets beat up. But we are to get him out of that. We will try to keep him away from other cats. He is very big and heavy. His color is blackish and light grey. He was named dusty. He has a toy mouse. I really like that cat! He makes me happy.

Clark Warner
Grade 2

We get seedless oranges by taking a branch of an orange tree and putting it on the little lemon tree, then wrap it with cloth and then wax it and it will grow seedless oranges. This is called "grafting."

People wanted to have smaller turkeys on thanksgiving so U.S.D.A. found a way to make a turkey smaller. They crossed a duck with a turkey and made a smaller turkey. They called it the Beltsville turkey.

Science Class
Grade 6

IF I WAS A GIRAFF

All I'd like to be is a giraff, living along and roaming the country free. And when I die, I want to be alone. And right then and there I would have finished my travels. But I'd remember my travels, and my happy travels being alone.

Helen Slavin
Grade 4

MAGIC MOVIES

(my eye is a camera)

One day I was walking down the street when I saw this beautifully decorated box. It had a small glass hole on the side of the box so I went over to look through the hole. When I looked through the hole I saw a sign that said: YEAR OF 2001. It showed what it would look like in 2001. It showed Vietnamese shouting: "don't shoot!" It showed the United States so polluted that everybody had to wear gas masks. After the movie was over, I showed my friends the pictures I took and then we had a little talk and we decided to try to stop the way it would have been like.

Lesley Kline
Grade 4

PEOPLE ARE NOT THE SAME

Mommy is mommy

and
that's who she is.

Daddy is daddy

and
that's who he is.

My cat is my cat

and
that's who she is.

Me is me

and
that's who I am.

Julie Slater
Grade 2

GIVING

There once was a tired Santa and he had a wife and elves. One day it was time to give all the toys out to the children. The tired Santa Claus was sleeping. Mrs. Santa Claus could not wake him up. She heard all the little children crying for their toys. She could not stand the crying so she dressed up as Santa and soon they were all laughing.

Sybil Ferguson
Grade 2

Your heart is filled with love and happiness because baby Jesus was born on Christmas day. (Jesus lay down in a manger.) You can not see the Christmas spirit but it is there in your heart.

Helen Gabriel
Grade 2

It was Christmas night. The snow was falling down fast. The stars were spread over the sky and the moon was full. It shined over the hills and over the soft snow covered grass. The whindows were full of shinning Christmas trees. The Christmas spirit filled the sky. People were sitting by the fire telling stories and laughing. The christmas filled the sky. And from this day on every Christmas you can't see the spirit but you canmakehim live in your heart.

Giulia Michelini
Grade 2

COMPARATIVE STUDY

Back in the years of slavery the slave owners treated their slaves like animals. Now the Black People are still treated like animals. Black People were sup-

pose to be freed almost two hundred years ago, but it seems that they have n't been yet. The Declaration of Independence says that all men shall be created equal, but all men haven't been created equal, just the White Man is, or has been created equal. This is a proven fact.

Linda Hines
Grade 8

The women of today are quite like the women of yesterday. The women of yesterday wanted equal rights. Today the women are aiming for the same things as long ago but today it's known as Women's Liberation. But it is still the same thing. As one woman said: "all women and all men are created equal and that still holds today."

DeAnne Kvingedal
Grade 8

Lincoln was elected in 1860. Kennedy was elected in 1960. Both Presidents were assassinated on a Friday and both in the presence of their wives. Both were shot from behind and in the head. Lincoln's successor was named Johnson. Kennedy's successor was named Johnson. Both Johnsons were southerners, both were Democrats and both were former Senators. Andrew Johnson was born in 1803. Lyndon Johnson was born in 1903. John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald were both murdered before trials could be arranged. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939. Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and ran to a warehouse. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theater.

Joseph Perry
Grade 8

THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ON SNOW . . . Parking and Sidewalks

When snow is forecast, read your newspaper, listen to radio and television for emergency announcements. Cooperating stations are:

WEEI WCAS WBZ WHDH WRKO WCOP

Familiarize yourself with the signs posted on your street - one of these signs applies to your street:



Streets with this sign will be restricted on both sides for the duration of an emergency. \$15.00 fine plus towing fee.



Streets with this sign will be restricted on one side for the duration of an emergency. \$5.00 fine plus towing fee.

You must remember that these emergency regulations are added to the existing regulations.

If you have any questions concerning snow emergencies, the Department of Traffic and Parking will be open 24 hours a day to answer them or refer you to someone who can. The telephone number to call is 876-6800, Ext. 314.

As soon as the snow emergency is declared over, you can return to the street and park. It may be necessary to designate streets that the Public Works Department will be removing snow from the curb. Temporary snow removal signs will be posted and any vehicle obstructing this operation will be towed.

GENERAL ORDINANCES - Chapter 33

The tenant or occupant, or any person having the care of a building or lot of land bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway or, if there is no tenant, occupant or other person having the care of the whole of such building or lot, the owner thereof, shall, within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime, and before one o'clock on the afternoon after a fall of snow during the night, cause all snow that may be on such sidewalk or footway to be removed therefrom; and if he fails so to do, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two nor more than ten dollars; and for each and every hour thereafter during which such snow remains on such sidewalk or footway, he shall be liable to a further penalty of not less than one nor more than ten dollars. The provisions of this section shall apply to snow which falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

COOKIES FOR CHILDREN TO MAKE

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| 2 cups sifted flour | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder | 1 egg |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening | 1 TBS. milk or cream |

Mix and sift 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, baking powder, salt, Cream shortening until soft; beat in sugar, egg, vanilla and cream. Stir in flour mixture, add enough of remaining flour to make dough stiff enough to roll. Chill. Place on floured board, roll $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Cut with floured cutter, place on ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with sugar, bake at 375-400 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

WRITE US A LETTER

The Whistler wants to know what you think of your neighborhood paper. What would you like to see it include? Can any of our long-time residents tell us if there has ever been a similar newsheet in this area? What was it like? Write us a letter - we'd like to publish as many as possible so that everyone can read them, but, whether you wish us to or not, we'll welcome them. Send them to Editor, The Whistler, Agassiz Community Schools Program, 28 Sacramento.

See Whistler subscription coupon below!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS BADLY NEEDED

To deliver surplus foods to the elderly or to drive elderly persons to and from the C. E. O. C. Surplus Foods Store in Cambridge. Many people living in Cambridge who are eligible for this program cannot take advantage of it because of transportation problems. If you can help (once a month) please call Mrs. Katherine Mansfield at 868-2900.

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WATCH FOR...

The coming feature film at the Agassiz School to be presented by the teens for the benefit of their Center. To be announced soon!

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WHO BAKED THE PUMPKIN BREAD?

I bought a loaf at the Country Store Sale. It was delicious! Would you be willing to share your recipe? Please call 491-5158.

WHISTLER SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATION

Please mail me The Whistler twice a month for the next six months. I enclose \$1.00. (Check or money order only, please, made out to the Agassiz Community Schools Program. Send to the Agassiz Community Schools Program at 28 Sacramento Street.)

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