

the AGASSIZ WHISTLER

*** SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE ***

May 1980

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL - NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, May 14th, 8:00 p.m. in the Agassiz School library. Our agenda will include: 1.) an UPDATE on proposed meetings between the community and Lesley to improve mutual understanding and good will, 2.) further discussions on the future of Sacramento Field: how it should be used, upkeep, improvements, etc. Come and share your thoughts and ideas with your neighbors!

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PARENTS! FRIENDS! KIDS! NEIGHBORS!

Please help us plan our summer and fall Community School programs by filling out this special WHISTLER QUESTIONNAIRE and returning it to the Agassiz Community Center, 20 Sacramento St. or the Community School room in the basement at school BEFORE MAY 9th. While our current programs appear to meet the needs of families in our neighborhood, there may be changes or new ideas for programs you'd like to see implemented. This questionnaire is designed to bring us that feedback; please take the time to answer these questions and add any other ideas or comments you may have. Thank you.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

DAY CAMP - In previous years our summer day camp was held in the nearby 5-acre tract of woods, known as the Sachs Estate, owned by Harvard. Since the American Academy of Arts and Sciences began construction of its office building in the center of this space last year at this time, we were forced to move the camp to the back yard behind the Community Center and to reduce the size of the camp (last summer). Construction is still underway, so it looks like we will be based "out back" again this year.

The camp staff will include: two co-directors, one or two college work-study students, and a teenager from the neighborhood, and we will enroll up to thirty children (entering 1st through 4th grades) per week. Traditionally we have set a limit of five weeks per child to allow the maximum number of children into the camp during its 7 week duration. The camp runs from 8:45-2:30, Monday through Friday, from June 30th through August 15th, and includes activities such as: arts, crafts, science, drama, sports, swimming, and weekly field trips to woods and beaches.

- 1.) Are you planning to use the camp this summer? _____
- 2.) Child's age _____ grade _____
- 3.) Are there changes you would like to see in:
Programming? _____
Staffing? _____
Structure? _____
- 4.) Are there any particular activities you would like to see added or emphasized? _____

5.) Would you be willing to work on a hiring committee to help us choose our staff for the summer? _____ Name _____
 Day-time phone _____

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4TH - 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES (SUMMER) - In the past we've sponsored such activities as: _____
 _____Swimming at the Harvard Pool
 _____Tennis
 _____Sports in Sacramento Field
 _____Day trips to lakes and beaches
 _____Films

Please check any of these activities you'd like to see repeated this summer. Any ideas for any other activities? _____

1.) Will your child (children) participate in these activities during:
 _____July? _____August?

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FALL 1980

Currently we have three major programs plus a variety of evening activities:

- 1.) After-School Day Care Program (K-2nd grades)
- 2.) After-School Activities Program (K-3rd grades)
- 3.) 4th-6th Grade Activities Program
- 4.) Evening Programs: Little Orchestra rehearsals
 Pre-teen and Teen Basketball
 Adult Volleyball

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AFTER-SCHOOL DAY CARE PROGRAM - This program takes place in the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento Street. It was started this year and is currently staffed by two teachers plus work-study students. Up to 20 children can be enrolled in the program, and all the children come every day, 2:30-6:00 p.m. Release day care is provided as well as day care from 8:30-12:00 (a.m.) during vacation weeks.

- 1.) Will you want to use this program next fall? _____
- 2.) Child's age _____ grade _____
- 3.) Are there any modifications of the current program you'd like to see made? _____

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (K-3rd Grades) - This program is slightly larger than the Day Care Program, and since children can come from one to five afternoons a week, the population of children varies from day to

day. The variety of activities offered is designed for a wider age range of children as well. Some children sign up for particular days according to the activities offered on that day (such as K-1 sports, 3rd Grade Club, Etc.). Other children are registered more in line with parents' needs for child care. This program takes place in the school itself and runs Monday through Friday, 2:30-6:00 p.m., with no provision for release day coverage, and special activities planned throughout vacation weeks.

- 1.) Will you want to use this program next fall? _____
- 2.) Child's age _____ grade _____
Child's age _____ grade _____
- 3.) Are there any modifications you would like to see made in the current program? _____

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4TH - 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM - For the past several years we have offered a series of courses for this age group, after school, Monday through Friday. The courses have included: cooking, clay, drama, photography, batik and tie dyeing, advanced gymnastics, and magic. While these courses have been very successful, we have not succeeded completely in providing activities for the 6th - 8th graders. In addition, the part-time nature of this structure has not provided enough after-school "care" for some 4th graders.

- 1.) Do you have children who will probably enroll in these courses?
Child's age _____ grade _____
Child's age _____ grade _____
- 2.) Any ideas for new courses? _____
- 3.) Any ideas for courses specifically for 6th-8th grades? _____
- 4.) Do you think drop-in hours in our barn behind the Community Center (for pool, ping-pong, unstructured hanging-out time) is a good idea? _____ Does your child participate in this aspect of our program? _____
- 5.) Do you think 4th graders should be included in our After-School Activities Program for K-3rd graders? _____ If not, what ways might we provide a more full-time, structured program for them?

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TEENS - At the moment, the only programming for teens is Thursday night basketball and Drop-In afternoons in the Barn for younger teens.

- 1.) Any ideas for programs or special activities for teens which would draw them into the Community School program? _____

SENIORS - This is another area of programming covered by Community School programs throughout the city.

1) Any ideas for programs or special activities for senior citizens which we might develop next year? _____

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THE WHISTLER - The Whistler is the monthly newsletter put out by the Agassiz Community School.

1.) Do you read the Whistler every month? _____

2.) Any suggestions for ways we might improve it? _____

3.) Do you wish to remain on our mailing list? _____

4.) Do you know any neighbors or other long-term residents of the Agassiz neighborhood who would like to recieve the Whistler?

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____

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GENERAL COMMENTS? _____

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THE AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL is the official governing voice of the Agassiz Community School program. It meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the Agassiz School library. Anyone in the Agassiz neighborhood is eligible to participate in the Council. If you have any more ideas or feedback you would like to share, join us at our next Council meeting, May 14th, 8:00 p.m.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE BY FRIDAY, MAY 9th!!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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