THE AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DOES HAVE AN EVENING PROGRAM,
WHICH INCLUDES:

**TUESDAY**
- Gym Hockey 6:30-7:30
- Teen Basketball 7:30-9:00
- Piano I 6:00-7:00
- Guitar I 7:00-8:00
- Guitar II 8:00-9:00

**WEDNESDAY**
- Gym Hockey 6:30-8:00
- Women's Self Defense 8:00-9:30 in the gym.
  This is a new course which will start on Feb. 12th. Cost will be $1.00 per class. Call 876-9268 to register.

**THURSDAY**
- Adult Volleyball 7:00-10:00
- Leathercraft 7:00-9:00
- Clayworks 7:00-9:00

We also have teachers available to teach evening courses in DRAWING AND PAINTING, INDOOR PLANTS - THEIR CARE AND MAINTENANCE, and/or FURNITURE REFINISHING. If any of these interest you (or if you have other ideas for evening courses), please call 876-9268 and let us know.

Also, if we can get two or more people to sign up for another BEGINNING PIANO course, we can schedule it and begin immediately.

**MEETINGS - MEETINGS - MEETINGS**

For February:

- **AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MTNG.**
  Weds., Feb. 5th, 8:00 p.m. in school library.

- **EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE KENNEDY LIBRARY BUT NEVER DARED ASK (etc.)** - a community discussion, Weds., Feb. 5th, 8:00 p.m. at First Church (Congregational).

- **PTA MEETING** - Weds., Feb. 12th, 8:00 p.m. in school library.

- **CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** - Thurs., Feb. 13th, 8:00 p.m. at the Fitzgerald School.

- **CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COMMISSION MEETING** - Thurs., Feb. 20th, 8:00 p.m. at the Fitzgerald School.

- **AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL MEETING** - Tues., Feb. 25th, 7:45 p.m. at the North Congregational Church.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH at 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

The agenda for the Council Meeting on February 5th will include:
1) final discussion of Kitty Basler's proposed leave of absence, effective July, 1975.
2) further discussion of the Community School budget.
3) news of programs and activities at the North Cong. Church.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Our last meeting just had to be one of our nicest. Both Oliver Brown, from the School Department, and Alice Wolf, from the School Committee, left us with the impression that there are people in positions of power who are basically on our side - on the side of community initiative and participation in public education.

Next general meeting: Weds., Feb. 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the school library. It's the middle of the year, and it seems like a good time for taking stock; figuring out what we've accomplished and where we want to go.

So, the guest of honor will be us. We'll slow down and discuss some of the issues that have been coming to the fore this winter. Now that it's had time to get off the ground, what do we think of "766"? How are we going to support Agassiz's budget requests at the School Committee hearings? We will make time for some of the issues that haven't been able to come to the fore. Can lunch time be improved? What steps can be taken to upgrade and expand Cambridge's physical education program? What's on your mind? If people think it's a good idea, we can break down into small groups for part of the time.

Also on the agenda:
All the architecture contest entries will be in by this time, and you'll be briefed on next steps, etc.

Peggy Umanzio would like to see parents working to get the school a foundation grant, so we'll be looking for volunteers to help.

Up and coming:
Planning Committee Meeting on Thurs., Feb. 14th, 8:00 p.m. at Grenelle Bauer's, 54 Sacramento St.
Upper Grades Meeting on Thurs., Mar. 6th, 8:00 p.m. at Agassiz to discuss the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Parents, teachers, and kids from these grades are invited to come. Those in the 5th grade who are interested are welcome,

too. We'll talk about how the program has changed this year, and how it can be made even better next year. Other questions: Do older kids have special needs that are currently being met at Agassiz? Are the students being prepared for the harsh(?) reality of high school? And whatever else is on your mind.

Primary Grades Meeting on Thurs., Feb. 27th, 8:00 p.m. at Agassiz.
This meeting is for K, 1st and 2nd grade parents. A lot of people have let me know they're concerned about next year - specifically about whether or not there will be mixed classes again. This is the time to voice your hopes and fears for the future. Parent involvement in the classroom can be fun and rewarding. Much of the feedback I've gotten lately indicates that, for many of you, it isn't. How about designing a parent-help program that meets parents' needs as well as the schools.

Hey, middle grade parents, are you getting lost in the shuffle? If you feel there are group issues that need discussing, let me know, and we'll arrange a middle grades meeting too.

See you all on the 12th!

Ginnie MacLean

The AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, our community pre-school presently housed in the North Congregational Church on Mass. Ave., is now accepting applications for next year. Admissions decisions will be made towards the end of May. Call Phyllis Cornfeld at 864-9081 for an appointment to visit the school.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
**FEBRUARY VACATION IS FROM THE 17th TO THE 21st. HERE IS OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR THAT WEEK:**

| **MONDAY** | Holiday. School Closed. |
| **TUESDAY** | "SLEEPING BEAUTY" This will be a special performance put on for residents of North Cambridge at the Charles Playhouse. Tickets are $1.50. We will all go as a group, leaving Agassiz at 10:00 a.m. and returning between 12:30 and 1:00. We need parents to help supervise this trip. Please call 876-9268 if interested. |
| **WEDNESDAY** | 10:00-12:00 Drop In Program |
| | 1:00-2:30 MAGIC SHOW at Fitzgerald. We need parents to help with transportation. |
| | 2:00-4:00 Drop In Program: Art Room Community Schl. Rm. Open Gym (2:00-3:00) |
| | 3:00-5:00 Gymnastics (regular classes) |
| **THURSDAY** | A DAY AT THE FITZGERALD SCHOOL |
| | Leaving Agassiz at 10:00 a.m. Returning at 3:30. Day will include: |
| | Performance by "City Dancers" 10:30-11:30 |
| | Lunch (BRING A PAPER BAG LUNCH) |
| | Relay races for all. |
| | Movie: "Revenge of Frankenstein" 1:30-3:00 |
| **FRIDAY** | 10:00-12:00 Drop In Program |
| | 1:00-2:30 MAGIC SHOW at Fitzgerald. We need parents to help with transportation. |

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**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** are from 2:30 to 5:00 every Monday through Friday.
AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING - On Thursday, January 23rd, the A.N.P.G. held its monthly meeting in conjunction with the first session in the Agassiz neighborhood of the Cambridge Department of Planning and Community Development's Comprehensive Planning Program. Discussion centered around the likes and dislikes of residents with regard to their neighborhood. Future joint meetings of these two groups will deal with current proposals for city-wide re-zoning and with the future of the Sacramento Field.

Discussion also centered around the proposed Kennedy Library and the review of the recently released "Environmental Impact Statement" (copy available at Cambridge Library). Residents are urged to attend a community discussion, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Kennedy Library But Never Dared Ask", at the First Church (Congregational) on Weds., Feb. 5th, at 8:00 p.m.

A.N.P.G. has joined forces with four other neighborhood groups (the Riverside, Cambridgeport Community Corp., the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Assoc., Neighborhood 9, and Neighborhood 10) to form COPE (Communities Organized to Protect the Environment) in order to review the E.I.S. and disseminate information to Cambridge citizens regarding the potential impact if the library is built as planned.

Jim Herold

NOTICES:

BABYSITTERS - we are still trying to build up our file of babysitters for neighborhood sitting. If interested, call 876-9268 and give us your name and number.

KITTENS - real cuties, ready to go in 2 or 3 weeks, gray and white, black and white, tiger. Call 776-5373 eves.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM WELL UNDERWAY AT NORTH CHURCH

North Church's senior citizens have been meeting weekly for about three months now. They gather in the basement of the church on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:30. Good conversation, companionship, and a variety of activities attract the fifteen to twenty people who come regularly. Often cards and games bring people together to share both small and large concerns. People frequently teach each other new games and strategies. And coffee and food are welcome additions to each week's get-together.

Special events have included a visit by three social workers from local hospitals, a singer, and birthday parties for the group members. Plans are underway to expand these activities, to learn more about the practical matters of life among the elderly, and to create a program which will have meaning and relevance in their day to day lives.

Margaret Hazelwood should be commended for her energy and initiative in developing this program. Others committed to its success are Amy Powell, Beulah Dolliver, and Mary Golden. George Anderson, Clarence Mason, and Earl Dooks are regular and vocal members. Laura Sova, Ministerial Assistant, has recently begun to work with the program, and she brings with her considerable experience (from another senior citizens program). We all hope that more members of the church who are retired or elderly will come, join, and contribute to the success of the Senior Citizens Program.

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