AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Here is our schedule of activities for Christmas vacation. Since the school will be closed from Wednesday through Friday both weeks, the offerings are more limited this year.

Mon., Dec. 22nd
10:00-12:00 Drop in activities at school (art, sports, etc.)
2:00-4:00 Zoo Mobile in gym

Tues., Dec. 23rd
10:00-12:00 Drop in
2:00-4:00 Snow White at New England Life Hall. Tickets are $2.00 ($1.75 if 10 or more children go, $1.50 if 50 or more go), and you must reserve them by calling Community Schools, 876-9268, before Friday, Dec. 19th. Meet at school at 1:15.

Wed., Thurs., Fri. SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon., Dec. 29th
10:00-12:00 Drop in
2:00-4:00 Movies in gym

Tues., Dec. 30th
10:00-12:00 Drop in
1:00-4:00 Mystery Field Trips (Small groups will go on various adventures around the city. Be at school at 1:00. Bring 50c)

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, CONT.

Weds., Thurs., Fri. SCHOOL CLOSED

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There will be no evening program over Christmas vacation.

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D A Y - C A R E v s . D R O P - I N

The next 12 week "term" of the Community School program will begin in January when school opens. This fall, we had few children enrolled for day-care and the additional funds from these families made it possible to adequately staff the program with an assistant, three work-study students, a gymnastics instructor, a photography teacher, a comic strip teacher, and karate teachers. Along with the drop-in kids, we had an average of 60 children in the building every afternoon so we have been busy.

The distinction between the day-care kids and the drop-in kids, however, is still not clear enough either in policy or practice, and it doesn't seem that all families are paying equal amounts for equal usage of the program. On Wednesday, December 17th there will be a special Community Council Meeting to discuss Community Schools budgetary matters, and the after-school program will be on the agenda again so that we can figure out how to proceed in January.
DAY-CARE vs. DROP-IN, cont.

It may be that the only realistic solution to the problem will be one basic fee for all families using the program, regardless of the differing amounts of daily or weekly usage. Other options may be suggested. At any rate, we need your support and involvement as we try to smooth out these wrinkles. So please try to make it to the Council meeting on the 17th. Thanks. (6:00 p.m. in the school library).

On the back page of this Whistler, you will find a summary of budgetary allocations of the Agassiz Community School Program for 1974-75. These allocations will be discussed and voted on at the December 17th council meeting as well so it's important that we have ample neighborhood representation at the meeting. See you there!

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AGENDA FOR AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - WEDS., DEC. 17th, 8:00 p.m. in School library.

1) Agassiz Community School budget for 1975-76; review and council vote.

2) Community School Afternoon Program; discussion of fees and enrollment guidelines.

3) Review of Council function and purpose; initial discussion of election of new officers.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE 576-9268

OFFICE HOURS: 2:30-5:30 M-F

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TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - WEDS., JAN 7th 8:00 p.m. in school library.

1) Election of new officers

2) Review and revision of Council by-laws (another attempt to get this under control)

3) Reports on recent council meetings (and measures taken to round issue of crime in neighborhood.

4) Outline of community school program for January-March (afternoon and evening).

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AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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CRIME IN THE AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD. Over the past month and a half, there has been a growing involvement of people in the Agassiz neighborhood in the problem of local crime. A number of meetings have been held to discuss issues such as: adequate street lighting, devices for personal protection, means of identifying personal property to discourage thefts, and street by street cooperation and organization in the struggle.

At the January 7th council meeting there will be a report on the possibilities of increasing the street lighting on streets like Eustis and Wendell, and hopefully some form of fact sheet will be available outlining other topics already discussed in previous meetings. Your involvement in this problem is crucial, especially as we relate to outside agencies or institutions who might be able to offer us some information or support.
THE CAMBRIDGE WIC PROGRAM is now opening enrollment to all eligible Cambridge residents. It is a supplemental food program for pregnant and nursing women, infants, and children under the age of four years. Supplemental food in the form of vouchers, redeemable at most Cambridge food and drug stores, is issued monthly at neighborhood health centers and at Cambridge Hospital. The food allotments include milk, eggs, fruit juices, dry cereal and infant cereal, and formula. In order to enroll, you must make an appointment at either your nearest health center or at Cambridge Hospital, and when you go you must take your infant(s) or child(ren) with you, and you must have both a social security card and some proof of your Cambridge residency. For more information you can call Ms. Louise Belden, the Programs Operation Manager, at 354-2020, Ext. 326.

NEW SEASONS, CONT.

together, you and I assign a price to each item, and we both sign an agreement which covers the various procedures involved in the consignment sale process. We share equally the amount of money earned from whatever items are sold.

If you are coming in to shop around, it is like going to a permanent rummage sale, where prices are reasonable and the atmosphere is pleasant and unpressured.

Since the shop is located so close to neighborhoods where families with small children live, and since it carries many items for children, it is designed to enable people to bring their children with them when they come in to shop or consign their things. There is a special area just for children at the back of the shop, with toys, books, table and chairs, a mattress and a blackboard floor. Children are very much welcome to touch and use whatever appeals to them in their own special space. Meanwhile, the adults are free to take their time, talk, exchange information and make suggestions, as well as buy or consign things.

Eventually, New Seasons hopes to carry (also on consignment) hand-made items for children such as quilts, stuffed animals, etc., thereby providing a local outlet for people who like to make things as well as recycle them.

Phyllis Kornfeld

Please come by and visit us sometime. The hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10-4:30. For more information, call me at 864-9081.

Phyllis Kornfeld
AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP - has openings for a two and three-year-old. It is a parent cooperative playgroup. The openings are for full time - Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 2:30. Please call 547-9355 any morning between 8:15 and 10:15 and ask for Joyce Pavao if you're interested.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
Several Agassiz school parents are interested in starting a children's book and clothing exchange. We would like the exchanges to take place at the school on weekends. If you're interested in participating, please call Doris Deitch at 876-1864 in the late afternoons or evenings.

Wanted: Someone to do part-time typing/secretarial work. 5 hours a week, $3.50/hour. Can set own hours, can work at home using own typewriter or evenings in office at Tufts. Please call Evelyn Glenn at 491-2332, afternoons or evenings.

BUDGET INFORMATION:
The City of Cambridge allocated to the Agassiz Community School for the 1974-1975 fiscal year (July-June) $5,000 for program money (this is a standard figure for all 14 schools) and $25,000 for permanent staff. The following is an explanation of how that money is being spent. A more detailed report will be available at the Dec. 17 Council meeting.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL
Pre-school - North Church
Coop Kdg. - Agassiz School

Community School Share
1/3 total city salary figure
$750 program monies used for work-study students

BUDGET cont.
Children's School

Staff = 4 full time teachers
4 work-study students
2 parent administrator
1 treasure

The money needed to cover the rest of the expenditures comes from tuition and fund raising

After-school Program
Community School Share
1 full time salary
1/3 of total salary
1 part time salary
$3,000 program monies

Staff = 2 full time
5 part time (special classes)
3 work-study
3 volunteers

The after school program faces a serious budget problem. Even with the After-School Day Care program which brings in $500 in tuition every 12 weeks it is becoming increasingly impossible to serve the ever increasing number of kids -60-90 om any given afternoon with the the money now allocated

Evening Program/Special Events
Community School Share
Two 10 hr. salary positions
$500 program monies

Staff = 2 part time
5 Specialists

Summer Programs
Community School Share
Salary positions same as after-school program
$800 program monies

A fully detailed report on the budget is available in the Community School Room