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AGASSIZ COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN MEETING - Monday, April 5th, 8:00 p.m. at Bob and Fran Brown's house, 27 Everett St.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday, April 7th, 8:00 p.m. in school library.

AGASSIZ COOPERATIVE PLAYGROUP MEETING - Thursday, April 15th, 7:45 p.m. at North Congregational Church.

PTA MEETING - Thursday, April 29th, 7:30 p.m. in library.

APRIL RELEASE DAY: Thursday, April 29th.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

AGENDA for the April 7th meeting:

1) Council vote on new cooperative kindergarten admission policy (see page 3 for outline of new policy).

2) Planning for cooperative kindergarten for next year (staffing).

3) Report on community school staff salary increase problem.

4) Report on Council by-laws by informal review committee.

5) Nortons Woods Summer Day Camp - preliminary planning.

6) Red Line Extension news.

COUNCIL NEWS, cont.

At the MARCH 3rd COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING we began with the election of Joelle Brown as our new council chairwoman. Julie Snow will continue as council secretary, and Larry Pskowski volunteered to become the new council treasurer, so Jill Herold can be relieved of the job after three faithful years of bookkeeping.

The central purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of a police-community task force in the Agassiz neighborhood. Three representatives of the Cambridge Police Department were present, and they explained the functions of such a task-force: to facilitate communication between police and community, to relay specific individual and group concerns (traffic, ticketing, lighting, petty crime, etc.) back to the police department, and to help disseminate useful information about crime prevention among neighborhood people. The council seemed to feel that council meetings were the best time for task force activities, so in the future these concerns will be aired regularly at council meetings. Representatives from the Agassiz neighborhood who might like to participate in the task force should call Joelle Brown (491-5655) for more information.

We hope to see a large turn-out at our April 7th council meeting. We have lots of business to take care of and we need your support and participation. See you there!

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE
876-9268
AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

April 1st marks the beginning of our third and last "term" of the afterschool program. This means that payment for the program is due once more and should be mailed or dropped off at school (with Julie Snow in the library) as soon as possible. The rates are still:

- $30.00 - 5 days a week
- $25.00 - 4 days
- $20.00 - 3 days
- $15.00 - 1 or 2 days

If you have filled out a registration form already, you don't need to do so again. If not, we would still like this information on file (especially work or emergency phone numbers) so please drop by the library and fill a form out. Also, remember that these funds pay our assistants' salaries so your prompt payment puts food on their tables! Thanks.

Also, PARENTS: Please make your expectations about your child's signing out and leaving the after-school program clear to both your child and to us. Warm weather leads to much more wandering off, visits to the store, extra long routes home, etc. All children in the program must sign IN and OUT every afternoon, and while they are IN the program, they may not go to the store or leave the school yard. If we are to be responsible for your children between 2:30 and 5:00 every day, these guidelines need to be reinforced by staff and parents alike. Thank you.

VACATION WEEK is APRIL 19-23. Our schedule of activities is as follows:

- **MONDAY** Holiday/School closed
- **TUESDAY** 10-12 Drop In (bring a lunch if you're going to the play)
- **WEDNESDAY** 10:00-3:00 Norton's Woods Cook Out and Clean Up Meet at school at 10:00 and we'll walk over together.
- **THURSDAY** 10:00-12:00 Drop In including art, sports, mini-field trips.
- **FRIDAY** 10-12 Drop In 1:00-3:00 Field Day at Fitzgerald School - Leave Agassiz at 12:30, return by 3:30.

Our **EVENING PROGRAM** Schedule will change slightly starting April 1st. Monday and Thursday nights will remain the same, but the ADULT EXERCISE CLASS (a great class!) will change from Wednesday to Tuesday evenings, 7:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m. And Tuesday's GYM HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL will switch to Wednesdays.
AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN - NEW ADMISSION POLICY

The following policy was voted upon and passed at the Cooperative Kindergarten meeting on March 9th. For final approval it now will be voted upon by the Agassiz Community Council on April 7th. (Every member of the Agassiz neighborhood is a member of the council.) The main change is not holding any positions open until the fall. If you have a commitment to either the old or the revised policy, it is important that you attend the Council meeting and vote accordingly.

Cooperative Kindergarten class: 24 children, 12 in the morning, 12 in the afternoon.

1) Registration for the coop kindergarten will begin on the first day of the public school registration and will continue for two weeks. All children must be registered in the public kindergarten before their applications will be considered active for the coop kindergarten. All applications received before and during the registration period will be dated with the date of the last Friday of the registration period.

2) If 20 or fewer applications are received by 3:00 on that Friday, all applications will be accepted at that time.

3) Applications made after the spring registration period will be dated as they are received. These applications will be accepted on a first come-first serve basis until the remaining positions (up to 20) are filled. These acceptances will become finalized after these children are registered in the public kindergarten in the fall.

4) The next four applications made will be "conditionally accepted". This means that their acceptance will depend on the division of the class into morning and afternoon sessions in the fall. Our sessions are determined by the division of the public kindergarten class which is done by Mrs. Cox. If one of our sessions is full, then only children fitting into the other session will be accepted. These last four acceptances cannot be finalized until September 10th when the public kindergarten sessions are known. Parents of children "conditionally accepted" are urged to speak with Mrs. Cox to get their child into the corresponding session.

5) If more than 20 applications are made by 3:00 on the second Friday of spring registration, there will be a lottery to fill 20 positions. These children will be accepted at that time.

6) Up to 4 additional applications will be chosen by lottery for "conditional acceptance".

7) The applications made after the 20 regular and 4 "conditional" acceptances are chosen will be dated as they are received. If positions become available they will be considered in order of their application date.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

As spring approaches and the ground softens in the Sacramento Street garden plots, it is time to plan for this year's gardens. All but about six plots are taken (that is, kept from last year), and all changes in plots already assigned should have taken place between March 29th and April 3rd. Between April 5th and 9th new gardeners can sign up for plots on the Community School Room door (please don't wander into the room during school hours since the coop kindergarten is in session then). On April 5th there will be a lottery to give out the remaining plots. Any plots not worked by June
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14th will be given to people on the waiting list. If you have any further questions, call Joelle Brown at 491-5655.

RED LINE EXTENSION NEWS

On March 18th there was a neighborhood meeting at the North Congregational Church to review and endorse a joint resolution from neighborhoods 8, 9 and 11 on issues of zoning which relate to the extension of the Red Line MTA through Porter Square. This resolution was read (for the records) at both a Land Use meeting called by City Councilor Sandra Graham on March 22nd, and at a Public Hearing at the Peabody School on March 25th.

On March 31st there was still another meeting of community representatives with Zoning Administrator David Vickery to discuss and draft preliminary proposals to go before the City Planning Board. Come to the April Council meeting for more details and a progress report.

NOTICES:

TO ALL CAMBRIDGE PARENTS - Central School and the Child Care Resource Center are convening a Cambridge based parents' organization to deal with the problems and improvements needed in public school education. The group will be called PARENT TO PARENT, and the first meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on April 12th at Central School, 43 Essex Street, Cambridge. For more information, call Sheli Wortis at the Child Care Resource Center (547-9861).

BABYSITTING/CHILD CARE - call Annie Lawrence 862-7307.