COMMUNITY EVENTS

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, March 1, 8 p.m. in the school library.

MARCH P.T.A. MEETING - to be announced.

FAMILY FOLK DANCING NIGHT, Tuesday, March 21, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the school gym. Carol Swann will lead the dancing and games. 75¢ per person.

HOLIDAYS - Friday, March 17, Friday, March 24. No school all day.

MARCH RELEASE DAY - Tuesday, March 28. No school all day.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, Cont.

Registration for the 4-7 Grade Program is next week, Monday, Feb 27 - Fri, Mar 3. The term begins on Monday, March 6th. Here's an outline of the program:

DROP IN CENTER:

The schedule remains the same for the drop in part of the program. Grades 4 and 5 on Monday and Weds. Grades 6 and 7 on Tuesday and Thurs.

Space continues to be our problem, with too little for too many; but with no place to expand we're making the best of it. Parents are encouraged to drop by any afternoon, and if you have any ideas for programs or events, please feel free to share them with staff.

INTEREST CLUBS/CLASSES:

This part of the program has met with great success. All the clubs except karate will continue and new ones will be added. We are still looking for adults to lead clubs in the area of electronics, sewing, pottery, woodworking, or any other activity that kids of this age might be interested in. Please get in touch with Ken Basler for more info.

INDIAN BEADING - Monday 2:30-3:45 and 3:45-5:00. Learn to do Indian beading on a loom. Looms are provided and are yours to keep. Cost: $5 for 10 weeks.

GYMNASTICS - Tuesday 2:30-3:45. Both floor and equipment routines. No cost.

COOKING - Wednesday 2:30-4:30. Learn to cook a variety of dishes.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

The third term of the K-3rd Grade Program begins on Monday, March 20th. All payments for this term should be made during the previous week (March 13-17). You may bring your payment directly to Julie Snow in the science room any afternoon, or mail it (to her attention) to Agassiz Community School, 28 Sacramento St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138. (The cost for this program is: $10 - one day, $20 - two, $30 - three, $40 - four, $50 - five, paid once at the beginning of each term. Those families with scholarships should pay the previously agreed upon amounts.)
COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, Cont.

COOKING, Cont. - Cost: $5 for 10 weeks.

PHOTOGRAPHY I - Thursday 2:30-4:30. Learn to take, develop, and print your own pictures. Cost: $10 for 10 weeks.

PHOTOGRAPHY II - Friday 2:30-4:30. (same as Photography I).

SKATEBOARDING - Thursday 2:30-4:30. An afternoon at ZERO GRAVITY in Central Square. Kids are provided with helmet, knee pads, and elbow pads. This is the only safe place to skateboard in the area. Cost: $1 each time.

MAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - Tuesday 2:30-4:30. Learn to make and play your own simple instruments. A fun way to learn about music and how sound is made. Cost: $5 for 10 weeks.

EVENING SPORTS -
- Wednesday 6:30-7:30 Basketball for grades 4 and 5.
- Wednesday 7:30-9:30 Basketball for grades 6-8.
- Thursday 6:30-8:00 Gym Hockey for grades 4-8.

Registration forms for this program can be picked up from Ken up at Sanctuary or from Julie at school any afternoon.

P.T.A. RELATED NEWS, Cont.

Alice Wolf countered with a substitute proposal advocating consideration of renovations for all three schools at once.

Both proposals have been passed by the School Committee, so the future course of action is not clear. In March, however, the City Manager is due to appear before the School Committee to discuss what funds he has available and will allocate to schools for renovations. It will be important to have a large neighborhood turn out at this hearing, to show support for Agassiz's need for renovations. Notice of this hearing will be sent home through school when the date is known. Please plan to come and show your support for Agassiz. Thanks.

WHISTLE PROGRAM???

We have lots of whistles still to sell if the program is going to have any impact on crime in our neighborhood at all. At present we are without an organizing body to disseminate information and whistles to people in the neighborhood. If you're interested in helping out with this program, PLEASE call Julie Snow at 876-9268 any weekday afternoon. Thanks.

P.T.A. RELATED NEWS

At present the next three elementary schools scheduled for renovations are the Haggerty, Agassiz, and Roberts Schools. Recently, in fulfillment of an election campaign promise, School Committeeman, David Holway, submitted a proposal to the School Committee for $1,000,000 worth of renovations for Haggerty with no mention of either of the other two schools.

Don't forget our Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 1st - 8:00 p.m. in the school library. See you there!

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE 876 - 9268
DOWNZONING PETITION UPDATE

Work is continuing on the Mellen/Wendell/Everett St. downzoning petition. This petition asks the city council to downzone the two blocks bounded by Wendell St., Oxford St., Everett St., and Mass. Ave. from C3 to C1, as was done in 1974 by the Sacramento Field petition. Passage of this petition is vital if we are to prevent Lesley College from building more buildings identical to the one it put up on Oxford St. five years ago. As was the case with the 1974 petition, we face the threat of further Harvard expansion and irresponsible commercial development, as well.

As Whistler readers know, the petition was heard on January 17 by the city Planning Board. Since then, we have spoken extensively with members of the Planning Board, Agassiz residents Paul Keledner, Barry Zevin and John Reinstein have met with representatives of Lesley College, and discussions with City Council members have taken place. A neighborhood meeting was held February 8 at Sanctuary to discuss possible changes in the petition and strategies for getting City Council support.

Due to technicalities, the petition must be reheard by the Planning Board on March 21, but our sights are set on the next major public event, an open hearing before the City Council sometime in April. The date will be set in the next few weeks.

We will need the support of Whistler readers in our campaign to persuade the city to adopt this petition! As a start, we plan to submit a statement of support signed by hundreds of Agassiz residents. So please take the few moments to sign the petition on the bottom of this page and send it to Peter Desmond, 10 Mellen St., Cambridge 02138. Have your neighbors sign, too! This issue affects all of us!

We will also need help in other aspects of this campaign, such as phone calls and letters to City Councillors, a mass turnout at the Council hearing, and wider circulation of the petition. So if you will have even a little time to help in the next few weeks, or if you would like more information, please call one of us: Peter, 547-6434; Joani or Paul, 491-8414; or Susan, 864-0892.

The Whistler will carry more information, including the date of the City Council hearing, in its next issue. Look for news about this effort in the Cambridge Chronicle, too.

Cut on the dotted line. Sign the petition, fill in the blanks, and send to Peter Desmond, 10 Mellen St., Cambridge 02138

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE, SUPPORT THE PETITION TO DOWNZONE THE WENDELL/MELLEN/EVERETT ST. AREA FROM C3 TO C1.

Signatures

Are you a homeowner?

Are you a registered Cambridge voter?