

MAY 9, 2014

**Tobin
Montessori
School
Today's Teamwork
Tomorrow's Success**

Upcoming Events:

City Sprouts Drop In every
Monday 2-3 p.m.



Monthly Coffee
Tuesday, May 13th

Parent Ed:
Outsmarting the Smart Screens:
A Guide for Parents
See back for details



Early Release Day
Wednesday, May 14th
11:55 dismissal

Annual Book Swap for students will take place June 9-13.
Clean off those bookshelves and bring your donations to the
main office.

Donations should be appropriate for 3 yr olds through
6th grade



Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 20th
8:15 a.m.

Children in
kindergarten to grade
4 will be performing.
Children should wear
concert white
(black pants or skirts

and a white blouse or shirt).

A music sheet has been sent home, and we would
appreciate if you could rehearse the music with
your child.



ClaraJane was a huge help this week.
She, along with several parents, helped fill the new
flower beds with rocks and soil.

Fourth and
fifth graders
in Susan
Grassey's
room have
been taking
part in Art &
Science in
One, an
eight-week
program that



teaches teams of students and adult volunteers how to
observe the natural world and keep nature journals.
Scientific illustrator Erica Beade has been leading
training sessions for the volunteers with the help of Tobin
parent and project coordinator Julie Croston. The teams
visit Fresh Pond and other outdoor areas near the school
to observe, draw, and make notes about weather, animals,
trees, insects, and plants, then return to the classroom for
discussion. This is the second year of the program, which
is supported by Cambridge School Volunteers, Inc.

Library News:

Volunteers are always needed in the library.
No experience is necessary. Ms. Gillis, our
librarian, will be happy to show you what to
do. Contact her at JGillis@cpsd.us.

All library books need to be
returned or paid for by JUNE 4.
If books that have been paid
for are found, your money will
be returned.



Want to stay informed of Tobin events and community/social happenings?
On FACEBOOK, please join "The Tiger's Den -- A Tobin Montessori Families Group" located
at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124343853811/>

Website: [HTTP://TOBIN.CPSD.US](http://TOBIN.CPSD.US)

NEW PLANT BEDS!

Thanks to the vision and labor of Debbie Jamas and husband DJ and with funding from Friends of Tobin, SIX new plant beds have now been installed on the patios outside Children's House Classrooms! On Tuesday, May 6th, parent volunteers helped shovel and load the beds with drainage rocks and soil. Stay tuned for developments as the beds are put to use!



News from Ms. Spencer You can do it!



During the month of May during lunch and class recess, I am encouraging ALL the students to walk or jog. CH has the goal of 5 miles; LE has the goal of 10 miles; UE has a goal of 15 miles!

There will be certificates at the end of May.
Happy May!!!!

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Please join us on Thursday, May 13th for a workshop on setting screen time limits for kids. We will review the Parent Guide. The guide will be available at the workshop. It was written by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health. They have been working on this guide to help parents learn about some of the tools that can help set healthy limits on their children's media. These materials are just a rough draft, and they would love your help to make them better! You are the experts on your kids--they will be here to listen!



Fair Housing Opens Doors and Welcomes Everyone

By Geneva
Fischer

The event was held on the second floor of Cambridge City Hall, with the ceremony itself in the Sullivan Chambers where the City Council meets. The posters that were selected were displayed in the hallway, except first and second place which were in the Chambers. After looking at the displayed posters and snacking on some small sandwiches, we started to file into the chamber for the ceremony.

They started the ceremony with welcoming remarks and introductions. Next came a greeting and proclamation granted by the City Council and given by Mayor David P. Maher. Additional greetings were given by City Manager Richard Rossi and Master of Ceremonies Erika Tarantal. Next was reading of an essay by its author.

Then Barbara Chandler, Sr. Advisor on Civil Rights & Fair Housing (Metro Boston Housing Partnership), gave her speech. She talked about how it isn't right to not let someone live in your building just because they have children or are married to someone of the same sex. And she thanked us for our posters and essays, saying that we made her feel optimistic about the future of fair housing.

An award was given to two women for their kindness in managing the men's housing at the Central Square YMCA. They were nominated for this award by the men who live there. Teacher awards presentation came next. The teacher's name was read out for them to come and get their token of gratitude while we clapped for them. Finally came the students' awards. We shook hands with Mayor Maher and were presented with our envelopes with our prizes which were a certificate, a t-shirt, and a gift card from a business that was supporting this event and checks for the finalists.

At the end, Erika filmed us all gathered together saying, "Fair Housing Opens Doors and Welcomes Everyone! Good morning!" to be broadcast on the Channel 5 morning news.

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