

haggerty holler



Everyone is
Different.
Everyone
Belongs.



Welcome Back from our Principal
Nancy Campbell



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Welcome Back to School Haggerty Families!

Despite how hard it is to say good-bye to the summer, it's been a terrific start to the school year for the staff and me. The smiles and excitement in the children bring joy to our work each day. In a few short days I have witnessed veteran Haggerty students welcome new students by reaching out and offering help and friendship. I have witnessed new families reach out to other Haggerty families and new staff effortlessly form relationships with one another and their students. I am sure you feel the same energy in the building that I do.

Getting the building ready is no small task and I know you'll join me in a public "THANK YOU" to the custodial crew for their tireless work in getting the building ready and looking so beautiful! Having a clean, safe and orderly school environment is critical for teachers to ensure that students learn. Thanks to Joe and James for their ongoing efforts to keep our building safe and clean!

Thank you for sharing your children with us and celebrating this new beginning. The trust you place in us in the care of your children is a tremendous honor and we will work hard with you to make sure your children get what they need to be the best they can be! We will also do our best to communicate with you about school news, events and procedures.

Communication With Your Child's Teachers

In the coming days and weeks you will create the best form of communication with your child's classroom teacher. We view our work with parents and families as a partnership and we see you as our child's first teacher. I encourage all of you to determine the best form of communication with your child's teacher so that we maintain open communication throughout the school year. You will also find a list of contact information on the Haggerty website. Please don't hesitate to call the office with any questions or concerns. We all have the same email format: first initial last name @cpsd.us. We will make sure that you are pointed in the right direction! As I am sure you have come to learn, Lissa Galluccio, our family liaison, is another tremendous resource! Thank you for joining us in this partnership, we couldn't do it without you!

Here's to a great year!

Warm regards,
Nancy



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Dismissal Procedures

We have established some new procedures for students being picked up by parents/guardians to help the dismissal process run more smoothly.



If you are picking up a student, you may enter the building at either the Lawn Street door or the Playground door. You will notice **bright orange** signs with room numbers on them. Please proceed directly to the area where your student is lined up with his/her teacher in order to pick up your child. Based on where we are having students line up, here is where you should enter the building:

Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 4th grade students: enter via the **Playground door**

1st grade, 2nd grade, and 5th grade students: enter via the **Lawn Street door**

Please note: We will not dismiss your child to anyone other than you unless you tell us that someone else is picking up your child. This is a safety matter and it is crucial that you tell us if someone else is picking up your child.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our dismissal run smoothly!

Important Reminder about Drop Off

Please remember there is no stopping in the bus lane in front of the building in the morning. If you would like to pull over to let your children out of your car, please pull forward, past the crosswalk and Phoebe our crossing guard. It is very important not to stop in the bus lane. Please also make sure you are pulling your car all the way to the curb, and not letting off children into the road. Please help us keep everyone safe.



Parents/guardians who bring their children into the school building in the morning can stay with their children outside their classroom until 7:40 AM, when they arrive before the first bell. The supervision in the cafeteria is intended for bus students or unsupervised walkers who arrive before the first bell. Thanks for your help in keeping everyone accounted for before the start of our school day!

Library Corner

Welcome to a new year in the Haggerty Library!

The Library Corner in the Holler will keep you informed of what students are doing in the library. You'll learn what books we are reading, which authors/illustrators are visiting, what we are researching and how we are sharing our learning by creating multimedia products.



I can always use help in the library. No library experience is necessary. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lissa or me.

Sarah T. Novogrodsky, Librarian



Haggerty Chorus News!

This is our second year of Haggerty Chorus for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! Every Friday morning, all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will participate in chorus in the music room beginning at 7:45. If you drop off your child, please make sure that on Fridays, you do so at 7:40 so they can arrive to chorus on time at 7:45! If your child takes the bus, don't worry - they're always on time! I'm looking forward to making beautiful music with your children!

Ms. Irvin-Kent



New Birthday Celebration Tradition

Beginning this school year, the Haggerty School will no longer be using food to celebrate student's birthdays or Valentine's Day. This **decision was reached after a very careful review process.** In the end, it was decided that it was in the best interest of children with life threatening food allergies, diabetes, obesity or other health concerns that it was best to find alternative ways to celebrate those occasions.

This does not preclude serving food during parent breakfasts, open houses, or classroom events. State and nation-wide trends are rapidly moving toward serving food with higher nutritional value during the school day.

Parents who have questions should speak with Maureen, our school nurse, or Lissa, our family liaison, who are very comfortable explaining the rationale for this change.

Meanwhile, we are in the process of developing a choreographed birthday song. It was developed as a result of a wellness grant we received in large part due to our initiative around making birthdays healthier. The song and dance will be taught during music class. Once learned by the students, it will be one of the choices classrooms will have in the way they celebrate birthdays.

We will absolutely continue to celebrate student's birthdays in other ways. Your classroom teacher will be a good resource for exactly how it will be done in your child's classroom.

Some time tested ideas are:

- 1) Individual or group cards
- 2) Gift of words read aloud
- 3) t- shirts decorated by having each student sign it with a fabric marker
- 4) Singing a traditional Happy Birthday song
- 5) Draw an outline of a cake and let each child help to decorate it
- 6) Having a special guest come in and read a book to the class in honor of the students (parents, grand parents, former teachers, older siblings, the sky's the limit!)



Thanks, as always, for all that you do to keep the students safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

Nancy and the committee

Family Volunteer Opportunities at our School

At our school, we are a community and we could love to work together to get the most out of our school year. I have sent out a survey in an attempt to find out interests family members might have and to see what areas they might like to help. For example, maybe you love books and would love to help our librarian, Sarah Novogradsky? Or maybe you are a scrap-booker and would love to help create art-filled bulletin boards for our art teacher, Robin Leed? Maybe you love being around kids and would like to help us maintain safety and order in the cafeteria in the morning before the first bell (from 7:15 to 7:40 AM)? Please let me know how you can help our community this year by calling me, 617-349-6555 x208, or filing out the survey below, if you have not already done so.

Your help is greatly appreciated and will help us to have the best school year possible!



PLEASE CLICK THE LINK TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY - THANKS! ~ Lissa

LINK:

[<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dEZmZ0dHcVNTNEZMdUICTodJVmFnT2c6MA>]<https://docs.google.com/>

Danehy Family Day, Saturday, September 20, 11 AM to 4 PM

We Need Your Help!

The Haggerty sells food and drinks at this yearly celebration and proceeds support enrichment programming at the Haggerty School via the Friends of Haggerty, Inc.

How Can You Help?

Donate: Brownies (bagged or wrapped about 2.5" sq., please drop off on Friday, Sept. 19th); Individual bottles of water, juice or seltzer.

Volunteer: Makes Sandwiches on Saturday morning (7:45 to 10 AM) assembly style or work at the stand (one hour slots from 10 to 4pm).

Volunteer by returning backpack flyer (coming home soon) or in Main Lobby on Sign Up sheet.

Meet our Youth Resource and Outreach Officer - Christine Levesque!

Ms. Levesque, a Cambridge Police Officer, works in our school supporting children and families.



Youth Resource Officers build relationships and support activities at their assigned schools and centers. You may also see her at Vassal Lane Upper School, Tobin, Graham and Parks or the Gately Youth Center.

Shop Wednesday, September 17, 2014

5% Day

5% of our sales will benefit The Weekend Backpack Program

This program sends food home to students attending the Cambridge Public Schools whose primary source of nutrition is the school cafeteria. This program ensures that the students, who would normally be undernourished over the weekend, receive enough food to help them to be better prepared to learn on Monday mornings.

WHOLE FOODS MARKET - THREE CAMBRIDGE STORES
CAMBRIDGE RIVER STREET FRESH POND
115 Prospect Street 340 River Street 200 Alewife Brook Parkway

Scan for more info

Suggestions, Stories, or Photos ?

Lissa Galluccio, Family Liaison

Parent of Nate (grade 5)

Send newsletter submissions to:

haggertynewsletter@gmail.com

Want to help produce this newsletter? Have any graphic skills, writing skills, or just want to help? Please let me know. It is a great way to be up on all the wonderful events and happenings at our school.

Haggerty Calendar ~ Important Dates

September

Tuesday, September 9th - Primary Election Day
- Voters @ Haggerty

Tuesday, September 16th - Early Release Day -
dismissal at 11:55 AM.

Tuesday September 23rd - BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT FOR FAMILIES!
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Thursday September 25th - No School - **Rosh
Hashanah**

October

Monday, October 6th - No School - **Eid**

Monday, October 13th - No School - Columbus
Day

Tuesday, October 21st - PICTURE DAY!
Details to come.

Wednesday, October 22nd - Early Release Day
- 11:55 AM Dismissal

Thursday, October 23rd - International
Potluck!!! 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

November

Tuesday November 4th - Election Day - Voters
@ Haggerty in Gym -

Thursday, November 6th - Early Release Day
and 12:15 - 2:15 pm Parent Conferences
(evening conference times to be confirmed)

Tuesday, November 11th - No School -
Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 26th - Early Release
Day- Beginning of Thanksgiving Recess

December

Friday, December 12th - 8:30 a.m. PEACE
DAY CONCERT

December 24th thru January 2nd - Winter
Vacation

January 2015

Monday, January 19th - No School - **MLK Jr's
Birthday**

February

Monday, February 9th thru 11th - Fifth grade to
Farm School

February 16th thru 20th - **February Vacation**

March

Tuesday March 10th Early Release Day - 11:55
AM dismissal. Spring Parent Conferences
Begin

April

Friday April 3rd, No School - **Good Friday**

Thursday April 16th Parent/Teacher
Conferences 6 - 8 pm

April 20th thru 24th - **Spring Vacation Break**

May

Wednesday May 13th Early Release Day

Monday May 25th No School - **Memorial Day**

Wednesday, May 27th - 5th grade concert - 6:00
- 7:00 p.m.

June

Friday, June 5th Spring Concert - 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16th - Moving on Assembly
9:00 a.m.