



Everyone is
Different.
Everyone
Belongs.



The Story Pirates Return!

In a closing assembly on Thursday, April 4th, the Story Pirates returned to bring to life four stories written by our very own Haggerty authors! They first brought to life a story about animals in a zoo who are left to fend for their own dinner and end up ordering take-out, written by Ms. Hassett's 2nd grade class. Next, they acted out a story written by Zoey Johnson in Kindergarten about a little girl who really wants a fish and her parents are not so sure. A high seas adventure came to life in a story written by 3rd grader Nate Pardo. Finally, we were entertained by fifth grader Annie MacBeth's story, about how an unwilling political candidate comes to terms with his new career path. The assembly concluded with the audience creating an improvisational story that the Pirates brought to life – even creating a song! All of our Haggerty authors will be receiving their stories back from the Pirates with hand written comments. Well done Haggerty authors!

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Microfinance and One Hen

On March 15, author Katie Smith Milway met with the Haggerty 3rd and 4th graders to discuss her book *One Hen* (2008) and her non-profit organization [One Hen, Inc.](http://www.onehen.org) In library students read the book and learned about a young boy in Ghana who began his journey with a small loan from his mother to buy one hen. Today he is a successful chicken farmer in Ghana. Ms. Milway spoke with students about cost, revenue, profit, and interest as they relate to Kojo's journey. Her organization provides microloans to people around the world. The presentation was filmed by One Hen, Inc. in order to provide a video of a One Hen presentation to students beyond Ms. Milway's reach. If you're looking for something to do on Saturday, May 4th One Hen holds its annual fair at Babson College's Knight Hall.



MCBA

In order to vote for a favorite title from the Massachusetts Children's Book Award, students must read at least five books from a list of 25. This year we had 26 students from the 4th and 5th grades read five or more books. We had a tie between *Because of Mr. Terp* by Rob Buyea and *Mockingbird* by Katherine Erskine. We are so lucky to host National Book Award Winner Ms. Erskine on May 1st!



Thank you to Friends of Haggerty for our most recent purchase of new books for the library!

Sarah T. Novogrodsky, Librarian
Haggerty School
110 Cushing Street
Cambridge, MA 02140



Music Corner by Shelley Irvin-Kent



3.

The Secret Song that worked on in March has been revealed! Ask your child to share all the secrets of this song with you.

Title: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music)

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Country: Austria

Date: 1787

Musical concepts: steady beat and chamber music



Listen to the beginning of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and have your child show you the motions! You can find the song here [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ob_jOBgzU-I]New Link - we learned from the beginning to 1:11.

Motions:

- 1) Slow, steady beat tap on left leg
- 2) Faster tap on right leg
- 3) Curvy left arm
- 4) Curvy right arm
- 5) Tapping starting on knees...up to head!
- 6) Play violin for 8 beats



Parent/Teacher Conference Night on Thursday, April 11th 6:00 to 8:00 PM

(This will be the night for most teachers. A few teachers have been selected to participate in a English Language Learner masters level course and it was scheduled for this evening. Either way, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to offer a conference next week).



Parent Information about your child's next grade will be available in the gym.

The specialists will be in the gym where you can discuss their curriculum area (art, music, phys. ed, computer technology, library media) and view upcoming learning targets for your child's next grade. The coaches will be there as well, please come and learn about what your child's next grade level will focus on in all of the content areas. If you would also like to see a specialist to have a conference regarding your child, please be in touch with them directly to schedule a time.

The Spring Conference time is a designated time for parents and teachers to discuss student progress. It is not the best time to discuss the next grade level or the next teacher you feel your child should have.

The Placement Process for 2013/2014 will begin soon and that is the time for parents to share their thoughts and ideas about the upcoming grade level. In the next week, please look for a letter from Nancy about the placement process. Parents are encouraged to share their ideas about their child's learning and social needs.

**You are cordially invited to the culminating
performance of the**

HAGGERTY GLEE CLUB

**Monday, April 8th
6:30 pm (done before 7:30pm)**

WEST CAMBRIDGE YOUTH CENTER

680 Huron Avenue

FREE!

**Come and cheer on our hardworking, singing
and dancing students!**

Read, Re-Read, Recycle!

Time to get your books ready for the

Haggerty Book Sale

Drop-off books starting Fri., 4/26 until Wed. 5/1

Buy Books on Thurs. 5/2 and Fri. 5/3

**Proceeds benefit the
Friends of the Haggerty School, Inc.**



Second graders in Room 210 visit Wolf Hollow

5.



Room 210 visited Wolf Hollow on Tuesday this week, April 2nd. We met many different wolves, learned their names, their ages, and their rank order in the wolf pack. Joanie at Wolf Hollow knows a lot about wolves! She shared her knowledge with us while we were standing outside near them. It was a cold day, and we were freezing! But it turns out wolves love cold weather, and they were very relaxed. While Joanie was talking, the wolves played a little and also rested.

Joanie shared facts about wolves with us, about how they live as a pack, and about rank order. The alpha male wolf passed away recently in January 2013, so right now there is just an alpha female named Nina. There were a few moments while we were visiting when Nina was teaching the other wolves how to behave. It looked like they were playing, but Joanie said that Nina was actually teaching the others what behavior was acceptable (and what was not). Just like parents in our families! We learned that female wolves are able to control the size of the families they create. They will only create families as large as they can care for. The more land they have, the more pups they can have. If they only have a small piece of land in their territory, they will have fewer pups. They also have a mysterious ability to reabsorb their eggs if they don't feel it's a good time to have a family. This means they won't have any pups at that time. Pretty amazing!

Joanie shared a lot of information about the history of wolves, how they don't attack humans, and are actually afraid of humans! We also learned about how wolves are hunted for their fur, and need our protection to survive. Wolves do a lot of good things for other animals and for our environment that aren't recognized, and people need to be more educated about this. Joanie at Wolf Hollow really wants us to help educate people about the truth about wolves, so check out her website and get more information! www.wolfhollowipswich.org We had a great trip!

We would like to send a big thank you to Ms. Russell, Ms. Doyle and to all the parents for their hard work in fundraising for this trip! We would also like to thank the teachers for buying salads! It was a real collective effort!

Contributed by Laura Indigo (Tavi's mom)

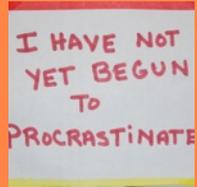


Suggestions, Stories, or Photos ?

6.

Lissa Galluccio, Family Liaison
Parent of Nate (grade 3) and Louie (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.



coming up @
**Haggerty in
April**



PTO/Arts Council Meeting
Tuesday,
April 9th
8:00 to 9:00 AM



Parent/Teacher
Conferences
Thursday,
April 11th
6:00 to 8:00 PM



April Vacation
Monday-Friday
April 15-19th



Science Morning
Wednesday,
April 24th
7:45 to 8:30 AM
Grades 1 - 5



School Advisory Council
Thursday,
April 25th
7:45 to 8:30 AM



Used Book/Plant Sale
April 29-May 3rd!



Early Release Day
Wednesday,
May 8th
Dismissal at 11:55 AM

Community Events

CAMBRIDGE WINTER FARMERS MARKET GET GROWING FEST! APRIL 6, 10a-2p

Want to Grow or Forage your own fresh food? Come learn how—even in a tiny space.

Get tips on composting, improving your soil, container gardens, and starting seedlings.

Swap seeds. Meet a chicken. Observe bee-havior. Fall in love with mushrooms.

No space of your own? You can work with neighbors; harvest community fruit; spruce up city spaces, and more. Come find out how!

www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com

5 Callender Street, 02139

The Farm School has a local CSA!

Get your food from a farm your kids love! Haggerty's very own Farm School has a CSA that delivers incredible veggies to Iggy's @ Fresh Pond and athenahealth at the Arsenal in Watertown... or even directly to your door via Metro Pedal Power.

Subscribe now and receive a generous share of the The Farm School's harvest every week for 21 weeks starting in early June.

Great value on beautiful organic food, unparalleled choice with both boxed shares and a market-style pick-up, all from this place that means so much to our community: check it out! www.farmschool.org

