



Everyone is  
Different.  
Everyone  
Belongs.



## Read Across America Day

On Friday, March 1st, the Haggerty school community celebrated Read Across America Day, and Dr. Seuss's birthday! Students dressed as their favorite character from a book. We started the day with an all-school assembly and got to see all the "characters." During the assembly, various classrooms and students shared highlights from their favorite book. Ms. Marfione's Kindergarten class did a fabulous puppet show of *Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons* book. Also our librarian, Sarah Novogrodsky, brought an excerpt from the *Cat in the Hat* book to life, with the help of some 5th graders. The entire audience was led in a rousing rendition of a story-song of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, led by Bill Kubicek. We were even visited by a couple students from Hogwarts castle!

Following the assembly, each classroom had a visit from a guest reader. The readers were either other staff members or a surprise visit from a retired staff member! It was a great day and we would like to thank our Librarian, Sarah Novogrodsky, for her leadership in this event. It is always fun to have a day to celebrate our favorite books!

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## Peace Corps Volunteers Visit our 4th and 5th Graders

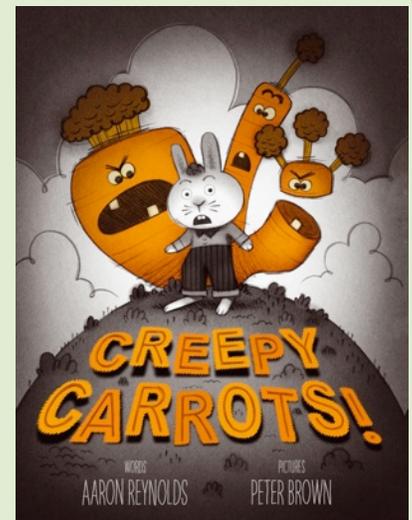
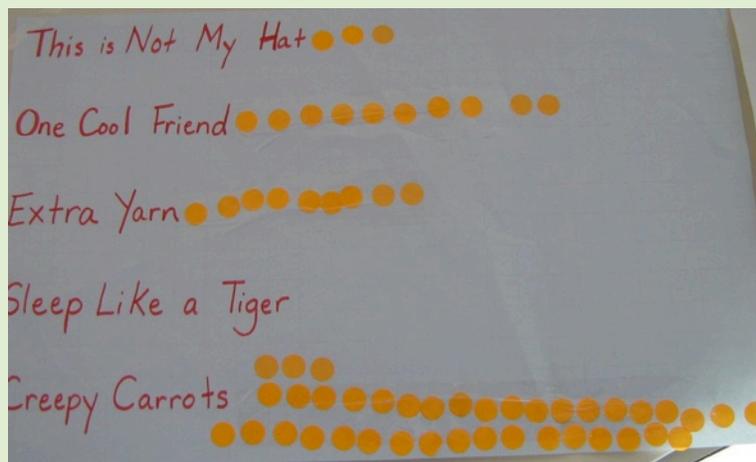
In the library we continue to address the Haggerty School theme of peace through understanding. We recently had a Peace Corps volunteer who spent three years in Burkina Faso visit with fourth and fifth graders. Ms. Erica Baker was in the African nation of Burkina Faso from 2006-2009. At the time, Burkina Faso was considered the third poorest country in the world. Ms. Baker shared slides of her life in Burkina Faso, answered questions, and showed us every day items from her life there. The students did reflective writing after the presentation.

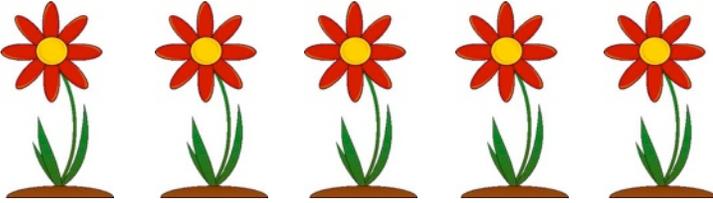
*"I learned that people have to pay to go to school." "If you are rich in Burkina Faso then you can buy a bicycle." "In Burkina Faso the national language is French." "I learned that people wear t-shirts with English words on them, but they don't know what they say." "Erica taught me that African kids don't have life handed to them. They have do lots of chores." "I learned that in Burkina Faso, the toilet is a hole in the ground."*



## Kindergarteners Vote on Caldecott Winner!

The Haggerty kindergartners and first graders voted on their choice for the Caldecott Winner. *Creepy Carrots* written by Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Peter Brown won thanks to some strong lobbying.





### Safety Reminders:

1) If you come to visit during the school day, please sign in and out at the Main Office, and put on a Visitor Name Tag. Even parents should follow this protocol.

2) Please enter through the main entrance at all times. Staff are no longer allowed to open the Lawn St. door or Playground door for anyone.

3) If you need to pick up your child before our 1:55 PM dismissal, please let your teacher know by the morning of the early departure, when possible. Please come to the main office and ask for help getting your child from their classroom. Please also sign them out in our dismissal book, and if they return please sign them back in.

4) Your children can only be released to an adult who is written on the emergency card or who has your permission to pick up your child. Teachers will begin to ask for identification if they do not know this person. No one else is allowed to pick up your child.

If you have questions or concerns about safety at the Haggerty ask Nancy or Sue or your child's teacher. Thanks for your help!

## Upcoming MCAS testing dates for English Language Arts:

### 3rd Grade:

Wednesday, March 20th

Thursday, March 21st

### 4th Grade:

Tuesday, March 19th: Long Composition

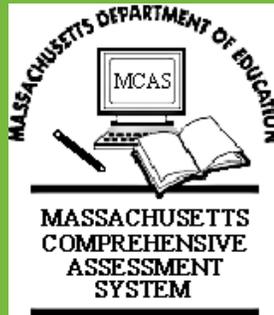
Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd

### 5th Grade:

Wednesday, March 27th

Thursday, March 28th



## Music Corner by Shelley Irvin-Kent

February's Secret Song has been revealed!

Ask your child the details about the secret song!



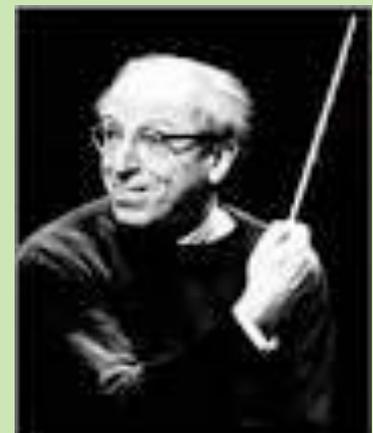
Title: **Fanfare for the Common Man**

Composer: **Aaron Copland**

Country: **United States**

Date: **1942**

Musical concept: **fanfare**



# 5th graders Overnight Trip to the Farm School!

by Natalia Bechthold, Annie MacBeth, Juliana Vandermark, and Jesse Lowe



## Introduction

### What is Farm School?

A wonderful place where dreams come true! After a two hour drive, we worked on the farm all afternoon and the following morning. We slept in bunks, except for a few girls who went to the bed and breakfast nearby. We ate delicious meals made by classmates, tended the garden, cared for the animals, and even split wood! It was an amazing experience to be running the farm ourselves. Read on to find out more about we did at farm school!



## Garden

Another wonderful thing that the fifth grade learned how to do at farm school was working in the garden. The fifth grade was divided into groups. Not everyone got to do the garden work but the fifth graders and teachers who did it all liked it. Lily Schub, a fifth grader, said "we picked green beans, cut raspberry stalks and we picked carrots and ate them." Another fifth grader, Halina Anderson, says "we picked carrots, we picked leafy greens, and we knocked snow off the roof of the green house." Yet another fifth grader, Yiyi Chen, replied "we used garden clippers to cut the raspberry stalks, we went into the greenhouse and we started picking spinach and then we go to pull out a carrot and eat it." A fifth grader named Jasper Sieniewicz said "we cut down raspberry stalks and we thinned out spinach and we ate carrots." Different groups did different things but everyone had fun!

## Barn

At farm school, one thing we did was barn work. Each day you did one work and one chore. The four options were barn, garden, forestry, and cooking. In barn work, we split into smaller groups and did things like mucking out stables, bringing hay for cows, shoveling snow, and seeing to animals other needs. It was a great experience to be doing so much work and being so close to huge animals. For chores, we mostly just put out the day's food and water. Again we split into groups - one with cows, one with horses, one for sheep, and one with chickens. It was a different experience than most people have often - getting up at the crack of dawn, before breakfast, running outside, lugging gallons of water to horses and dragging hay to cows. But of course we all had so much fun!





## Forestry

Forest work was very interesting. The fifth graders split logs, and sawed and rolled logs. The staff members that worked at forestry, Nora, Rafe, and Bradley, were all very ice and very eager to help the students. All the children who did forestry agreed that it was very enjoyable and farm educational. "Sawing took a lot of energy," Annie Macbeth says, "but fun at the same time!" We also did a forestry chore with Rafe. We walked through the woods, once in the morning and once at night, to look for animal tracks and play games like "camouflage." It wasn't exactly chore-like but it was a very enchanting experience, especially during the morning walk while the sun came up and rooster crowed.



## Cooking

One of the many activities at the farm school was cooking. Everyone helped each other out and used teamwork to get the job done. They made oatmeal, eggs, spaghetti and sauce—chopping, mixing, pouring, cleaning up and washing. The fifth graders did it all! "I liked how we used everything from the farm", said fifth grader Doralee. Everyone enjoyed the food after a long day of farm work. It tasted even better knowing that they had made it! And at the end, people volunteered to clean up, "I liked helping wash the dishes," said fifth grader Roza. The nice farm school environment made it more fun than if they do it at home!



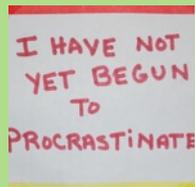
## Conclusion

Farm School was an awesome treat! Everyone just loved the fresh air, snow, animals, playing card games with teachers, and playing Mafia on our bunks. We also loved the dogs to play with, the food to cook, and animals to feed. At night we told stories by the fire! We really enjoyed ourselves while we were there. From food to exercise to animals, Farm School had it all! The fourth grade must be looking forward to next year, and we're sure that they'll have just as much fun!

# Suggestions, Stories, or Photos ?

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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  
March & Apr**

School Advisory Council  
Wednesday,  
March 27th  
6:30 to 7:30 PM  
Conference Room  
All Welcome!



No School  
Friday,  
March 29th



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



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



## Community Events

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### Central Division Cambridge Little Baseball League Spring Season: April - June 2013

Everyone makes a team and everyone plays! • For boys and girls ages 5-12 • T-Ball, Farm, Minor and Major Leagues • Multiple games/practices per week  
• All fields near the BU bridge • Player and skill development emphasized • All players welcome - regardless of residence location • No baseball experience necessary

Registration Online: [www.cambridgecentral.org](http://www.cambridgecentral.org) In person:  
[Saturday, March 16, 2013 10am - 2pm, Morse School 40 Granite St., Cambridgeport](http://www.cambridgecentral.org)

Costs T-Ball & Farm: \$45.00 Minors & Majors: \$75.00 Scholarships and sibling discounts available.

For more information: Call: Rebecca Leaman at 617-840-6965 email: [centeraldugout@aol.com](mailto:centeraldugout@aol.com) online: [www.cambridgecentral.org](http://www.cambridgecentral.org)

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### CAMBRIDGE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

661 x 661 - [heatinupthediamond.blogspot.com](http://heatinupthediamond.blogspot.com)

Cambridge Girls Softball League is looking for new players to play softball this coming 2013 spring season. The Cambridge Girls Softball League is open to girls who live in Cambridge or attend school in Cambridge.

The Minor League welcomes 8 year olds (8 as of April 1, 2013) through 12 year olds (born after January 1, 2001). The Major League welcomes 12 year olds (born before January 1, 2001) through 14 year olds (14 as of April 1, 2013).

Tryouts took place on March 3, 2013, but the League is still looking for new players. If you would like to play this season, or having any questions, please contact: Christine Burke at [joel.burke@comcast.net](mailto:joel.burke@comcast.net) or Paul DelVecchio @ 617-492-2013 or [cambridgegirlssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgegirlssoftball@gmail.com) You can also register directly online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGhDVnpzRGpXNDhMd0N3X1g5SkV2VWc6MQ> Fees for the season, including uniform, is \$55.00 for the first child, \$45.00 for the second child and \$35.00 for the third child.

**We will accept registrations up until April 12th, all new players will be put on teams in order of team need (roster numbers).**

