
THE CONNECTION

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PRINCIPAL'S PAD

It is impossible to believe that the year is rapidly ending. We are in the midst of completing many end-of-the-year "happenings." This week we were treated to a wonderful showcase of music during our Grade 4 & Grade 5 Concerts. Grade 3 recorders joined the Grade 4 Concert on Monday morning. What was particularly notable was the improvement in skills over the course of this year. Special thanks go to Caitlin Quinn, music teacher, Ted DeColo and Tom Sheppard, instrumental teachers, and Mary Reynders, string teacher and accompanist. In addition, Wednesday we had a wonderful Art Exhibit with beautifully mounted artwork from grades 3, 4, & 5. It was exciting to see so many families visiting the exhibit. Thank you to Robin Leed, art teacher, and to the parents who generously mounted the pieces of work. "The Arts" are alive and well at Franklin.

We have two new grade 4 classroom teachers joining the faculty for next year. As you know Ms. D'Eath is returning to Canada, and Mrs. Ayube is expecting her first child. She will take a leave. Replacing them, will be Ms. Tiffany A. Back who comes to us from fourth grade at Underwood. In addition to Underwood, which has sustained teacher cuts, Tiffany has taught in Shrewsbury for 5 years. Her vision, energy, and experience with diversifying instruction were very impressive to the search committee. She is joined by Erica Terk who at present is teaching for Lucia Sullivan in grade 5. In addition, she has taught with the grade 4 team this year. She knows the fourth grade curriculum and brings an intelligent, insightful, and calm voice to learning and teaching. I am delighted both these professionals will be at Franklin next year. Meagan Maurer, grade 2 teacher, is moving to grade 3. There will be four grade 3 classes next year. Not only does Meagan have the certification, but she has had experience in teacher other grade levels in addition to grade 2. In doing placement for next year, the teachers and I have broken the grade two classes into four new groups, and then teachers are assigned.

The organization for next year is as follows:

- **Kindergarten:** Erin Lally, Melissa Joseph, & Eileen Keane
- **Grade One:** MaryJane Boudreau, Lindsay Scott, & Steve Mucci

- **Grade Two:** Donna Devaney, Cheryl Dischino, & Geri Russillo
- **Grade Three:** Angela Galbraith, Lynne Georgian-Cohen, Reach, Jaqueline Mahoney, Meagan Maurer, & Steve Kanode
- **Grade Four:** Tiffany Back, Kara Fucci, Heather Lufkin, Reach, & Erica Terk
- **Grade Five:** Paula Hayward/Lucia Sullivan, Kathleen Crowley, Reach, Michelle Matteo, & Joan Yospin
- **Art:** Robin Leed . 8
- **Music:** Caitlin Quinn
- **Physical Education & Wellness:** Sharon Foster & BethAnn Nohmy
- **Library:** Heather Weiner
- **Psychologist:** Dr. Kathy Curran .8
- **Inclusion Facilitators:** Megan Barberio, 1.0 & Heather Humphries, .8

We will sadly say good-bye to Laura Perkins, Social Worker. The Social Worker positions were cut and have not been restored. Laura has spent 19 years at Franklin supporting and advising families, and teaching, honoring, and respecting children. An honest and confidential presence, Laura has been a strong voice for respect for human differences and inclusion. Laura's insights, care, and emphatic belief in the goodness of children will be sorely missed. She is a champion of children being challenged "to find out how good they can be." We say good-bye to our one day a week BEST grant social worker, Mary Gartland, whose position is also cut. She joined our faculty just this year and lent an incredible voice to the rights of children. We are also saying good-bye to Jennifer Mayo, Kindergarten teacher. Her position was also cut as our school moved from 7 classes in the K/1 unit to 6 classes. Jennifer came to Franklin with experience as an early childhood educator and with a master's degree in technology. Jennifer absolutely delights in the achievement of her students. She too will be missed. Our Early Intervention Reading Tutors sustained cuts. Our staffing hours are cut in half for next year so there will be no EI in kindergarten and grade three. Only grades 1 and 2 will receive that extra reading help. These are difficult times when we must say good-bye to these compassionate educators.

To mark your calendars: Please know that Progress Reports will go home June 17. Grade 5 Graduation is at 9:00 a.m.

June 16	End of year Picnic, 6 pm
June 18	5 th Grade Moving On, 9 am
June 19	Last Day of School --NOON

on June 18. The last day for students will be a noon dismissal on June 19.

We offer congratulations to Steve and Amanda Kanode whose son, Aidan Joseph, arrived Friday, June 7. Mom, Dad, and Aidan are healthy.

I too will say good-bye to you. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be at Franklin. I consider it a privilege to have been the Interim Principal. I will miss you and I do expect to remain in touch. Thank you for your kind and generous support as we continued to expect Franklin to be that special child-centered school.

Thank you,
Ruth H. Chapman, Interim Principal

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NEWS FROM THE PTO

As school comes to a close and we reflect on all the PTO did this year, we are moved and energized by the number of people who participated in the community events, the fundraisers, and the committees that work to support the school. Whether you decorated a hallway, attended a meeting, or made a donation, the PTO thanks all of you for your involvement and support. Thank you all for a fun and successful year!

And to **Principal Chapman**, we thank you for taking the helm this year. With your confidence and patience, you have provided us with stability and ensured growth in a time of transition.

For our most recent PTO events, thanks go out to **Shelli Adam** and **Elise Lublin** and all the parent volunteers that made **Color Day** such a blast, even in a drizzle.

We should all also recognize the efforts of **Ellen Tanowitz** who is active right now organizing a Welcoming program for next September's incoming kindergarteners. If you have a young one coming into Kindergarten, please participate in the Kindergarten Buddy program and try to attend one or more of this summer's Playground Nights. You'll be helping make new families feel more at ease as they transition into Franklin. Contact Ellen Tanowitz for more information, and to make sure she has your email for Playground Night announcements.

Whether you have a busy summer or a lazy one, remember to read! Reading daily is the best way for our children to become strong life-long readers and to stay prepared for the next school year. Ms. Weiner our librarian and Ms. Kubie our Literacy Specialist are again partnering with Cabot's Ice Cream for a summer reading program special to Franklin. Please see the form on www.franklinpto.org for details (coming home with the kids too).

Also, don't miss the "Wild Reads" program at the Newton Free Library www.newtonfreelibrary.net & <http://www.readsinma.org/newton/>, the programs at Barnes & Noble and other retailers, and the bike raffle sponsored by Farina's and Dependable Cleaners (through July 11, www.dependablecleaners.com/read_to_ride_2008.html).

With the close of school next week, many families will be saying goodbye to Franklin. Some are moving away, many are graduating their youngest. We would like to thank these families for their support through the years and wish them well with their new adventures outside the Franklin community.

Have a wonderful, rejuvenating summer!
Kim and Susan

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The Franklin End-of-the-Year Picnic Monday, June 16th

Join us at 6:00pm on the main playground. This is a relaxing evening for Franklin families and faculty to kick off the summer together. We'll celebrate the contributions of Mrs. Chapman and other faculty members leaving us this year. Each family should bring dinner for themselves and a dessert to share. This event has been a Franklin favorite for years, so make plans to come! Rain date: Tuesday, June 17th.

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Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Fall Soccer

Registration begins June 16th

Children in Pre-K (4-5 years old) and those entering Kindergarten this September are invited to join. GCKS provides an introduction to the game of soccer; teaching a variety of basic skills in a fun, non-competitive environment. Team sizes are limited to 10 players in each group. Registration is limited to 80 players per league. Fall session runs from September 6, 2008 to November 1, 2008. Practice/games are held Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am for the Kindergarten league and 10:45-11:45 am for the Pre-K league. Games are played on the field at Burr Elementary School, Pine Street in Auburndale. Volunteer parent coaches are needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Cost is \$60 per child. GCKS is a joint venture of Franklin's and Lincoln-Eliot School's Parent Teacher Organizations. Proceeds benefit both schools PTO programs. To register, email gardencitysoccer@gmail.com. Registration forms can also be downloaded from both school's PTO websites www.franklinpto.org/gardencitysoccer.htm or www.lepto.org. For more information, call Franklin School parent Deb Rooney at (617) 630-8520 or L-E School parent Melanie Varady at 617-244-5773.

Registration deadline is August 15th.

FRANKLY SPEAKING SECOND EDITION, HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The Second Edition of Frankly Speaking, the Franklin School News Magazine for kids, by kids, will be available to all members of the Franklin School community during the last week of school. Look for it in your folders, kids! Additional copies will be available in the office.

FRANKLY SPEAKING IN NEED OF PTO SPONSORS

Frankly Speaking, the Franklin School News Magazine for kids, by kids, is an after-school activity sponsored by the Franklin School PTO. Students who participate write, draw, discuss, brainstorm, plan, edit, design, socialize, learn, and have a good time! Since 15-25 kids usually sign up in grades 3-5, several parents are needed to help run the weekly one-hour meeting and put the paper together. Some familiarity with desktop publishing is helpful, since we type the students' work and transform it into a news magazine format (complete with photos and illustrations!). The news magazine can ONLY happen with parent help, so if you are interested in guiding budding writers and artists in this venture, please contact Cindy Mapes.

Super Summer Sizzler Reading Program! Summer 2008

Please encourage your child to read this summer. One way to do this is to participate in Franklin's Super Summer Sizzler Reading Program that is supported by Cabot's Ice Cream.

Here is how the program works-

1. Have your child read or read to your child at least 20 days this summer.
2. Each time your child reads or you read to your child, record this session on the log provided on the other side of this paper.
3. Once the reading log is completed, accompany your child to Cabot's at 743 Washington St., Newtonville. Bring along the reading log, so your child can select and enjoy his/her free ice cream cone.

Download the reading log from www.franklinpto.org/forms/reading08.pdf

Have a wonderful summer, and enjoy your reading!
Heather Weiner, Franklin School Librarian
Katie Kubie, Franklin School, Literacy Specialist

SAVE THE DATE SCHOOL APPRECIATION DAY Saturday October 5 or 19

As always, we need as much help as we can get, painting, fixing, doing paperwork tasks to make Franklin a great school! Want to help earlier? Be on the committee? **WE REALLY NEED YOU!!!** Contact Megan McA'Nulty or Paul Labovitch

Creative Arts and Sciences: What a Year!

Thanks to the work of a dedicated team of volunteers and some great fundraising by the PTO, the Creative Arts and Science (CA&S) Committee was able to bring 22 high-quality programs to Franklin this year. In case you missed past Connection updates, here's a quick summary of what's been coming through. The programs fall into four categories: language arts, social studies, science, and art and music.

Language Arts. The committee kicked off the year with a wonderful, school-wide poetry performance by *David Zucker*, who made poetry come alive with his unique combination of acting and mime. Later in the year, *Emilie Boon*, creator of more than twenty books for young children, entranced first graders with her stories and illustrations, while *Eleanor Rosellini* spent time with Franklin's third and fourth grade classes, speaking about the experiences that inspired her Hidden Treasure Mysteries. Kindergartners and second graders also enjoyed a visit from award-winning author/illustrator *David Biedrzycki*, who wowed students with his digital drawings and artistic expertise.

Social Studies. The Committee brought in five highly regarded social studies programs designed to supplement key components of the curriculum. During their study of China, art historian *Jill Sanford* guided second graders through an exploration of Chinese art. Later, while studying Ghana, they were treated to *Joe and Vida Galeota's* wonderful program "A Day in Ghana." Third graders deepened their understanding of Native American life in New England during a visit from Native educator *Rob Aptaker*. Fourth graders got a glimpse of the immigration experience during author *Mitali Perkins'* poignant autobiographical "Life Between Cultures" program. Finally, Jill returned with a program for fifth graders that explored how art from the time of exploration through the 20th century reflected changing attitudes between the indigenous Americans and Europeans.

Science. Many of our tried-and-true science presenters were back, as inspiring as ever! Maire Anne Diamond, Franklin parent emeritus and co-owner of *Bugworks*, continued to delight first graders with her collection of cockroaches, millipedes, centipedes and beetles. Second graders learned about honeybees and the art of beekeeping from *Birgit deWeerd*. Biologist *Eric Olsen* (aka “Canopy Guy”) inspired third graders with his tree-climbing demonstration and overall knowledge and love of science. Fourth graders created their own crystals and sedimentation chambers as part of the Rocks and Minerals program presented by the *Science Discovery Museum*. The museum also led an interactive program for kindergartners on how sound is made and travels. Fifth graders enjoyed excellent presentations by *Jim Parkes* on North American birds of prey, *Tom Wahle* on simple machines (perfect timing for MCAS!), and *Eric Olsen* (back again) on the relationship between climate and energy. Finally, wonderful Meg Tabazsco from the *Massachusetts Water Resources Authority* returned with her portable flushing toilet to teach kindergartners and first graders about the role of water in our daily lives. Under her watchful eye, third graders also built a model water distribution system, learning about water pressure, public health and safety, and infrastructure planning in the process.

Art and Music. First graders (including K/1) enjoyed a wonderful presentation by *Jill Sanford* (she’s all over the place). Using visual images of people from different cultures, countries, and periods of history, Ms. Sanford invited students to interpret what they saw and describe the stories they thought the artists were trying to tell. Yet the highlight of the spring was undoubtedly the performance by the Latin band *Manguito!*, whose rousing rumba, bombas, plenas, and meringues had students congo-lining around the cafetorium!

It would have been absolutely impossible to pull off these many wonderful performances without the help of our even more wonderful committee. Many thanks to Margie Boone, Susan Boyer, Karen Eldridge, Carmen Pancerella, Michelle Roover, Valerie Razis, and Mary Reynders for scheduling and welcoming these performers—and to new members Linda Hsu and Julie Youdovin, who are already contacting programs for next year. Also, thanks to Sharon Foster, Beth Nohmy, Tom Shephard, Ted Decola, Heather Weiner, and Caitlin Quinn for your flexibility and patience; and to the unflappable John Carvelli. Finally, thank you, PTO, for making it possible for us to bring these programs to our school.

Have a great summer!
Melanie Adler and Jane Malmberg, Co-chairs

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HISTORY PROGRAM GRANT

A One-Million Dollar Grant has been awarded to the Newton Public Schools from the U.S. Department of Education and the Teaching American History Program (CFDA #84.215X). Newton is one of 121 districts in the U.S. to receive a grant award. The grant is to provide professional development to American History teachers. Margaret Spellings, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education said, “The Teaching American History grant program offers educators opportunities to work with colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, libraries or museums to learn more about our country’s history, culture and democratic tradition. By providing professional development for teachers, we can help them support young people in becoming informed citizens.” Newton led a collaborative of area school districts in developing the winning grant proposal. “Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Narrative as a Lens on History” is a 3-year professional development program for 138 teachers in Newton and 164 teachers in partnering districts and schools. These teachers serve a total of 25,692 students. The collaborative includes Brookline High School, Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, Sudbury Public Schools, Waltham Public Schools, and Watertown Public Schools. This is Newton’s second federal Teaching American History award. Those providing professional development include: Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Boston University, the Education Development Center, the National Archives and Records Administration (Waltham), Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University, Plimoth Plantation, the Tsongas Industrial History Center, Discovering Justice, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, history is a core subject. The Class of 2012 will be required to pass the History/Social Sciences MCAS test to graduate. Two Additional Years of Funding Likely: The Newton Collaborative is one of 75 grantees to be conditionally awarded a 4th and 5th year of funding. If the partnership makes substantial progress in reaching its goals and Congress appropriates funding for the program in FY12 and FY13, the partnership will be able to continue for the 4th and 5th years.

Ms. Adrienne Stang, a History Teacher in Newton for 13 years, has been appointed Project Director. She holds a Masters in Teaching from Brown University and received her Bachelor’s from Princeton University. For more info: Susan Linn, Newton Public Schools Grants Coordinator: 617-559-9038 or susan_linn@newton.k12.ma.us.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts in Action Children's Summer Program at the New Art Center Spend your summer creating art! The New Art Center offers 8 weeks of our popular Arts in Action Summer Program. Program runs from July 7-August 29, Monday-Friday, 9AM-3:30PM. Students entering grades 1-5 in the fall attend 5 classes daily, including drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and activities taught by our talented art instructors. Register for one week or all eight! A new and creative theme each week! For more information call 617-964-3424 or visit us online www.newartcenter.org Birthday Art Parties at the New Art Center Bored of just cake and balloons? Celebrate your child's birthday with a unique art experience! We provide a talented art instructor, a space for art and a space for refreshments, and 7 possible themes to inspire your party. Call for pricing and more details 617-964-3424 or visit us online www.newartcenter.org

Time for Families: Here's a Toddler program for age 18 months to early 3s, designed to bridge the time between Spring and Summer 'Arts in the Parks' classes. Adult must accompany up to 2 children. Families enjoy music with David Polansky and art with Kim Jacques. Children choose from activities that accommodate their varied learning styles and developmental levels while learning to cooperate through group projects. June 10th & 12th and 17th & 19th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newtonville. www.cinewton.ma.us, then click on 'departments' then click 'cultural affairs'. Or call 617-796-1540 to register by phone or to have a brochure mailed.

Newton Community Ed Summer Programs for Kids

Newton Community Ed has openings left in many of our summer programs. We have Clay Workshop the weeks of June 30, July 7 and July 14; Club Invention the weeks of July 28 and August 4, Wicked Cool Science the weeks of July 7 and 14, Domino Physics the weeks of July 14 and 21, Marble Machine Madness the week of July 28, NewKids Cabaret July 7-18, Origami Intensive the week of July 21, Game Creators the week of July 28, and Archery the week of August 18. If you're entering grade 6 we have Architecture Studio the week of June 23, a great new program that is new this summer. We have Soccer and Multi Sports all summer long. Last but not least we are still taking registrations for Camp Innovations, the weeks of August 11 and 14. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org, or call us at 617-559-6999.

Upcoming Events at the Newton History Museum, Wed.

June 18th 7 pm: "Baseball and the Boston Red Sox: a 150 Year History Lesson": Tufts University Professor Sol Gittleman, author of the baseball book "Reynolds, Raschi and Lopat: New York's Big Three and the great Yankee Dynasty of 1949-1953" is the featured speaker. RSVP to 617-796-1450. Free. //Thursday, June 19, 5-7 pm:

"Peeking into Newton's Toy Chest, opening reception. What do toys teach us? What are the values and lessons that toy-makers and gift-givers seek to instill in youngsters? This exhibit highlights items from the museum's collection that evoke these questions, as it asks visitors to consider possible answers. Light refreshments served. // Sunday June 22, 2pm: A Family Program: History Scavenger Hunt. Bring your family to Newton Centre to test and expand your knowledge of Newton. Use old maps and photos to find important sites, learn about their historic significance and claim your prize at the end. Call 617-796-1450 for the meeting place and to register. Free. //Thursday June 24, 7pm: Inaugural Meeting of the History Book Club, focusing on social history titles. Come to this informational meeting, when the title of the first book will be announced and a date set for the first discussion meeting in September. Free. Unless otherwise noted, all events at 527 Washington Street 617-796-1450.

Cinderella: Rhythmic Dreams is presenting a full production of Cinderella on Tuesday, June 17, 7pm, at the Regis College Theatre. The show will feature a blend of gymnastics, dance and theatrical performances, telling the story through movement, beautiful costumes and stage decor. Former members of national teams from Romania, Canada and USA will participate, along with over 90 students from the Rhythmic Dreams studios in Newton. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Rhythmic Dreams is a non-profit organization, helping children grow healthy and strong through the practice of the Olympic sport, Rhythmic Gymnastics. Registration for Summer and Fall is open now. For more information, please call 617-233-4493.

Bristol Future Idols. This program is presented by the artist development specialists here at Bristol who created and manage Universal/Motown Pop/R&B vocal group Jada and who have contributed to the success of the Dropkick Murphy's on Warner, Niiia on Yclef Records and many other music career successes. In a two week program participants will learn all about an incredible singing technique and discovering their own voice, handle "stage fright" and markedly improve their performing and dance skills, learn great songwriting technique, record a song in our professional studios, participate in a public final performance and more! This is a very hands-on workshop style program that gets visible results! Classes are small and filled on a first come basis, so early registration is encouraged. Here is the flyer about the program and there is more information on the website at <http://bristolstudios.com/bfi>. Any singer, aspiring singer, performer or performing musician or any artist trying to advance their musical career is welcome. Feel free to call me with any questions at 617-247-8689. I would be happy to discuss the program further or answer any question you may have about our company. We have been developing

talent in Boston for over 25 years and have a stellar reputation in the industry. References available upon request. www.BristolStudios.com

A little bit of Hollywood right here in Boston: The star of the movie “Get Smart”, Steve Carell, will be on hand Thursday June 19th at 8pm for a premier of “Get Smart” at the Wang Center. The evening will also feature a special appearance by Duff and Mary Alice from “Ace of Cakes”. The bakers of ‘Charm City Cake’ are creating a “Get Smart”-inspired cake for the event which will be featured on an upcoming ‘Ace of Cakes’ show on the Food Network. That cake, which showcases “A Premiere Cause”, will be the highlight of a reception that kicks off the evening’s festivities that also include an auction. Season tickets to the Patriots, a day on the set of “The Office” and front-row tickets to a Red Sox game will be among items auctioned. It’s all for the Newton-based “A Premiere Cause”, with proceeds to the Zachary Carson Brain Tumor Fund at the Dana Farber. 19 year old Zachary Carson was a Newton native who succumbed to a rare form of brain tumor. To purchase tickets or for more information call 617-332-0728 or email apremierecause@verizon.net.

SPORTS

NWLL Summer Baseball Program 7-9 yr olds Newton West runs a summer, intramural baseball league for children 7 to 9 years olds (and for 10 year olds who are new to baseball). This is a relaxed league for improving and having fun. All games are played weeknights (Mondays – Thursdays) and the season runs from July 7 through August 14th. In order to form balanced teams evaluations will be held at Lyons field on Sat, Jun 21st (rain date: Sun, Jun 22nd). Times are: AGE 7, 9:00 am; 8, 10:00 am; 9, 11:00 am Additional information and online registration is available at <http://www.newtonwestll.org>

City-Wide 2008 Summer Baseball season: Registration now underway. This program for 10-12 year olds is being run by Newton East Little League, but all are invited to take part. This league serves eligible boys and girls who were born on or between May 1, 1995 & April 30, 1998. All new applicants must reside in Newton OR attend the Newton Public Schools. The season begins in early July and runs through the middle of August. Player evaluations take place Saturday June 14th from 10-12 at Jay Gordon Field. (rain date Sunday June 15th, 3-5). Applications and program information at:

<http://www.eteamz.com/newtoneastll/news/index.cfm?cat=267730>. All registrations must be done on-line at the web site. Registration deadline is Monday June 16th. Coaching info is also available on-line. If you do not have on-line access, please call: Jodi Detjen at 617 312-2733.

Time for tennis! Newton Parks & Rec. offers Summer 2008 Tennis for everyone – kids and adults of all levels.

Kids may enroll for one or several weeks, attend morning and/or afternoon! Week 1 starts June 23rd. Adults, choose one or more clinics, join a round robin or enroll in our 3-day Intensive program in August. Please visit www.newtontennis.com for more info or to download a registration form. Questions – send to newtontennis@earthlink.net (or call 617 661-PLAY). Classes are filling up fast. Register today!

GWA and Excel Basketball are offering several weeks of fantastic instructional-based basketball clinics for girls ages 9–17 Participants will learn proper shooting form, various ball-handling moves, passing techniques, and much more. Players have the option to work with participants based on similar skill level or by age. Coach Roberts, a Sports Hall of Fame inductee of The Ohio State Buckeyes Women’s Basketball program and NCAA Division I Final Four MVP will lead the clinics. She is also the Head Basketball Coach at Boston Latin School. Contact Coach Roberts at Robertsgwa@aol.com for questions. Registration is now open. Visit our website for applications at www.girlswinacademy.org. Register early and save money. Groups of 6 or more receive a discount. Summer Clinics: Clinics will be held at: Oak Hill Middle School (Newton, MA): August 4–7 Boston Latin School (Longwood Medical area): session 1: July 21–25; session 2: July 28–August 1 Jewish Community Center (Stoughton, MA): August 11–14

Masters of Karate Summertime Specials – Attend July and August group classes and receive September classes for free (\$90.00 savings). 2 for 1 Summer Special: 2 students pay 1 registration and uniform fee when registering for July and August classes (\$100.00 savings). Attend 1 week of Summer Camp (July 7-11 or 14-18) and receive 1 month (September) group classes with uniform for free ((\$140.00 savings). Contact: Sensei Matt Goodwin, 4th degree black belt, with 15 years experience teaching Kempo Karate to children and adults. 103M Union St. Newton Centre, (617) 527-4482.

Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Fall Soccer—Franklin’s KG soccer program—see main text

Zervas Kindergarten Soccer, Fall 2008 - Time to Register! Boys and girls entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2008 are welcome to join the program that has introduced Newton children to soccer since 1993. The focus is on fun, introducing soccer, and developing confidence. Teams are usually organized by elementary school -- so it's a great opportunity to meet other families from your school and give your child a chance to make friends before starting kindergarten. We play Saturday mornings at 9:30am, September 13 through November 8 (except 10/11), at Zervas School Field and nearby

Richardson Field. The \$60 fee includes a team t-shirt as well as an end-of-program medal. Info and registration at www.kindergartensoccer.org. Questions? email: ksoccer@kindergartensoccer.org or call 617-527-9238. Registrations after August 13 are accepted on a space-available basis.

Newton Girls Soccer Registration for the upcoming Fall Season Intramural (IM) season is currently underway for girls living in or attending school in Newton. Games are played on Saturdays – Sundays for High School girls. Sept 6th through Nov. 8. For grades 2-8, in addition to Saturday games, there is generally one additional practice per week. The NGS IM program teaches skills, team work and is lots of fun. To register or for more info, go to www.newtongirlssoccer.org. Need-based Scholarships available.

This summer the Hyde Center will screen classic movies under the stars, beginning with the timeless Casablanca on Friday, June 20 at 8:15 pm at the Hyde playground, 90 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands. Before the screening at 7:30pm, Boston Globe film critic Ty Burr will speak about Casablanca and other movies. Bring your film questions, beach chairs and appetite because our new Newton Highlands merchant, Citrio, will be providing free ice cream to all movie attendees. Our next classic outdoor movie is Dr. Strangelove, July 25 at 8:00 pm. Questions? Contact John at 617-201-7088.

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GUITAR, DRUMS, AND RECORDING ARTS

LESSONS -- Syracuse University music industry major and songwriter available now through August to teach drums and guitar (without having to read music) and computer recording arts in my home recording studio. All types of learners welcome! Newton South 2007 graduate lives in Newton Highlands. Call Nate Stein 617-803-0993.

SPORTS AND BALL SKILLS COACH -- Syracuse University freshman (Newton South Varsity Basketball player, NAA Coach, and former head of referees) available now through August to coach your child on motor-planning, ball skills, and basketball. All types of learners welcome! Call Nate Stein at 617-803-0993.

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Educational consultant with many years of counseling and teaching experience is scheduling appointments now for summer sessions. If school this past year was a negative experience for your child and if you would like your child to have a smoother, more enjoyable school experience next year, please call now for further information and/or to schedule consulting sessions. Moreover, workshops in English writing, study skills, research skills, English as a Second Language for all grades/all skill levels are beginning soon. Register now for the particular sessions, day(s), time(s) that best suits you and your family. DR. JUDIE MAGIDSON 125 Prospect Street West Newton Hill, MA 02465 617-527-6654

KEYS FOR KIDS piano lessons. Small groups organized by age (4-11). Outstanding methodology. Experienced, certified instructor. Proven success. Keys for Kids goes beyond ordinary piano lessons: it teaches well-rounded musicianship. Winter registration. Free sample lesson. Contact Marina Gorny: MDGorny@comcast.net or (617)527-4942 www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com

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