

## In Our Community

### Linnaean Community School

Community School parents seem to be confused about the Afterschool Activity Club (AAC) which meets from 2:25 to 3:15, when the enrichment classes begin. The fee is \$35/day, which covers the entire term. The other options are you may take your child home and bring them back, or stay with them in the cafeteria or playground. If you have not registered your child for the AAC and want to, please let us know: 617.349.6267.



### Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mass Bay is now enrolling youth in Cambridge, ages 7-12 for their Community Based program. Youth in this program will be matched with a Big Brother/Sister for a minimum of 1 year and hang out twice a month, for about 2-4 hours. The focus is on free or low cost activities. Some of our matches go to the park, museums, or play sports together! For more information on how to get your child involved, reach out to Jenny Bautista, Community Engagement and Recruitment Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mass Bay, [jbautista@bbbsmb.org](mailto:jbautista@bbbsmb.org), 617.956.0205.

### Meet & Greet with OSS

October 11 | 5:30-8PM  
Cambridge Citywide Senior Center  
806 Mass Ave. (across from City Hall)  
Please join us for dinner and conversation with Office of Student Services staff and C-PAC Officers. Childcare and a vegetarian- and halal-friendly dinner will be provided. RSVP at [cambridgepacse.org](http://cambridgepacse.org) or call Zuleka at 617.593.4402.

### Center for Families - Workshops

#### 3-Part Child Development Series: More Fun, Less Stress with Toddlers, Twos, and Threes!

Mondays, October 17, 24, and November 7; 6-7:30PM; Fletcher Maynard Academy, 225 Windsor St.

Parenting very young children is challenging to say the least! Children develop so rapidly in the first few years of life that as soon as you master one challenge, another pops up. And yet, very young children are filled with wonder, enthusiasm, and love. In this three-part workshop, we will look at the challenges

of parenting toddlers, twos and threes, and discuss developmentally-informed approaches to meeting our young children's needs, teaching what they need to learn, and creating more harmony and happiness during this phase of family life. Facilitated by Kathy Kelts, Child Development Specialist and Social Worker. Childcare available upon request. All families must register. To register, contact Christine at 617.349.3003 or [cdoucet@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cdoucet@cambridgema.gov).

#### Early Literacy Development Series: Dads and Moms Make a Difference!

Thursdays October 13, 20, November 3, and 10; 6:15-8:30PM; Windsor Street Health Center, 119 Windsor St. Do you want to learn about concrete strategies to support your child's language and literacy development (birth to four years) and share your successes and challenges with other Dads and Moms? Topics include talking, reading, managing screen time, and storytelling. Free books and giveaways! Childcare available upon request. Brought to you by the Center for Families and the Agenda for Children. All families must register. To register, contact Christine at 617.349.3003 or [cdoucet@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cdoucet@cambridgema.gov).

#### Playgroups for Children Ages 15 Months - 5 Years Old

Interested in Community Playgroups with the Center for Families and Agenda for Children? Community Playgroups are fun groups for parents from Cambridge and their children ages 15 months-5 years old. Each series has a different theme and parents and children learn new and exciting things each week about the theme and do activities together. This fall we will learn all about Community Helpers! Playgroups meet in the morning from 10:00-11:30.

You may only sign-up for one group per series. Registration forms are available in the Main Office and with the Family Liaisons, Lauren and Mildrid. You may also pick up a registration form at the Center for Families (70 Rindge Ave) or the Agenda for Children (119 Windsor St). Have any questions? Feel free to contact the Center for Families at 617.349.6385 or [cwoodward@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cwoodward@cambridgema.gov). We hope to see you all soon!

### Pathways to Family Success

Pathways to Family Success is a program for parents and their kids. Participants get resources for navigating the U.S. school system, support from other parents, and activities for the entire family. Next session begins on Saturday, October 15th...sign up today! For English learners

with children in grades K-3. Saturdays, October-May, 10AM-12:30PM  
119 Windsor St, Cambridge  
More info and to sign up: 617.665.3827, [emcginn@challiance.org](mailto:emcginn@challiance.org)

### 3-Year-Old Lottery

Trying to find a preschool for your younger child? Will the be 3 years old by August 31, 2017 or 4 years old between April 1 and August 31, 2017? **Then APPLY by October 31, 2016** at the Family Resource Center (459 Broadway) to enter a lottery for limited seats in Fletcher Maynard Scholar College, Tobin Montessori, and Special Start! More info: [bit.ly/1wE5H55](http://bit.ly/1wE5H55) Questions? Email [welcome@cpsd.us](mailto:welcome@cpsd.us) or call 617.349.6551. Important info for families with an older sibling in CPS: The age of entry for Fletcher Maynard Scholar College & Tobin Montessori School is 3 years old. Students will continue at the school through 5th grade and can not re-register for the Kindergarten Lottery. It may be difficult to transfer if a sibling is enrolled in another school. Special Start is not an entry point for the schools in which classrooms are located. Special Start students must re-register and participate in the Kindergarten lottery to receive a school assignment for Kindergarten.

### FREE Science on Saturdays at MIT

Our next free MIT campus Science on Saturday event will be "Mad Science" 10AM-12PM on October 15th. Volunteers from the audience can help with lots of fun demonstrations and cool inventions on stage, and everyone can participate in experiments at hands-on activity tables afterward. There is also half-price, same-day admission to the MIT Museum for Science on Saturday attendees. All of our Science on Saturday events on the MIT campus are free and open to all elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as their parents and teachers. They are sponsored by the MIT Museum and the Akamai Foundation. Parking and seating are limited, so we recommend that you arrive early. Attendees can park in either the West Garage (very close to the event) or Albany Garage (a ~10-15-minute walk from the event) provided they can pay the \$7 flat fee with a credit card at either parking garage. Alternatively, attendees can take MBTA buses to the MIT Massachusetts Avenue stop (very close to the event) or the subway to either the Central or Kendall Square T stops (a ~20-minute walk from the event). More info: [mitmuseum.mit.edu/program/science-saturday](http://mitmuseum.mit.edu/program/science-saturday)