

In Our District & Community

Winter 2017 Tips & Reminders

- Reminder - For snow cancellations, check the Cambridge Public Schools website (www.cpsd.us) or your local news station. Look for "Cambridge Public Schools" listed, not Boston or any other town.
- Register for Cambridge City Alerts: cambridgema.gov/alertnetwork
- Go online to the City of Cambridge Snow Center - (www.cambridgeMA.gov/snow) to find quick information in one place: parking ban status, report icy/snowy streets or sidewalks, city and school closures, trash/recycling and more.

Upcoming Events for Families with Children with Special Needs

Free Parent Support Groups

Talk to a group of parents who share your concerns in a safe, confidential environment.

-1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, 10AM-12PM. Location:

Cambridge Innovation Center, 1 Broadway St, Camb

-2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6-7:30pm. Location:

Baldwin School, 85 Oxford St Cambridge

-An intake must be completed to before you can attend a group, contact Zuleka at 617.593.4402.

Sensory-Friendly Family Dinners

Join us on the First Tuesday of every month from 5:30 -7PM to meet other families and share a meal in a welcoming atmosphere. Location: IHOP, 16 Eliot St, Harvard Sq. Camb. Upcoming Dates: March 7th

Sensory-Friendly Movies

Apple Cinemas: 168 Alewife Brook Pkwy, Cambridge

Doors open @ 8:30AM; Movie starts @ 9AM

-Feb. 18th Lego Batman Movie. Please join us at our welcoming and accepting sensory-friendly movie matinees, sponsored by CPS Office of Student Services. For information or to register for events go to cambridgepacse.org or contact Zuleka Queen-Postell at zqueen-postell@cpsd.us or 617.593.4402.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mass Bay

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 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 info on how to get your child involved, contact Jenny Bautista, Community Engagement and Recruitment Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mass Bay, jbautista@bbbsmb.org, 617.956.0205.

Camp Erin® Boston

Camp Erin® Boston is a FREE weekend overnight camp for children and teens ages 6 through 17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them. This three day, two night experience is filled with traditional and fun camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support facilitated by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. The Moyer Foundation has partnered with CareGroup Parmenter as the Boston area Camp Erin provider. More info: www.camperinboston.org.

Transition House

Want to talk about relationships in your life? Would you like some tools to manage difficult relationship/s? Do you want to know about resources available to you? Come join a new Women's Support Group in Cambridge. We meet weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Transition House office, 7 Temple Street (2nd floor), Cambridge. A light dinner and child-care provided. To sign up and receive more information, call Shameka at 617-868-1650 ext. 1006.

Housing Search Workshop

Wednesdays from 10-11:30AM, Cambridge Multi-Service Center, 362 Green Street, Cambridge, MA

- Learn about tools and strategies to assist your housing search and to advocate for yourself

-All are welcome, no matter where you are in your search and whether or not you have a voucher, and no appointment is necessary

Topics include: Tenants' rights and responsibilities, Discussing Section 8 with a potential landlord, Conflict resolution tips when a dispute arises, Conducting online housing search, Financial literacy and management, Getting and improving your credit report and CORI

English Classes

The Community Learning Center offers free English classes for adults who have immigrated to the United States living in Cambridge. Classes are held at Jefferson Park! CLC offers: 4 levels of ESOL (basic literacy-intermediate); Morning and evening classes; 9-Month program (September-June); Summer classes; Students use computers as part of their class. For more information, contact Felipe Vaquerano at 617.497.4411 or fvaquerano@cambridgema.gov.

CPS Reviews Wellness Policy

Cambridge Public Schools is reviewing our district wellness policy. Read more about it and submit comments: <http://bit.ly/2keeJq2>