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Everyone Belongs.

# Welcome to the NEW Haggerty Newsletter!



First, a little background on our new newsletter—what and why. The newsletter will be distributed to our entire community on a bi-weekly schedule.

We will be soliciting ideas and information from anyone and everyone in our school community. Please send your ideas to [haggertynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:haggertynewsletter@gmail.com) or via backpack. Our goal is to communicate school events and news to the entire community on a regular basis.

We want to focus on highlighting classroom-based projects, field-trips, parent initiatives, school-wide events, as well as general “bragging” about the wonderful things happening at our school.

While we know the list will never be exhaustive, we hope to convey a feel for the school as a whole. Deadline for submissions will be the Wednesday before the Friday publication. Our next publication will be Friday, Feb. 27th, with a deadline for submission of Wed.,

Feb. 25th. Want to help us? Just say the word!

Rachael Cobb (parent), Lissa Galluccio (parent), and Kathy Sampson (family liaison).

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[haggertynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:haggertynewsletter@gmail.com)

or put them in the suggestion box in the school lobby by Friday, February 13th.

## All School Assemblies

One thing you may not know ...

This year the Haggerty School has instituted a series of All-School Assemblies, which generally occur every six weeks.

Based on the "All-School Share" from the Responsive Classroom model, the assemblies give the kids and teachers a chance to bond as a whole group in a very fun and informal fashion.

The assemblies often include skits and songs performed by individual classrooms or entire grade levels, celebrations of student and staff accomplishments, and presentations on all-school rules and norms.

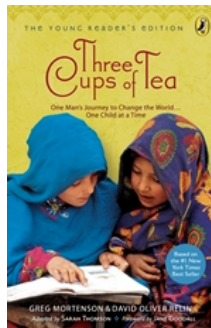
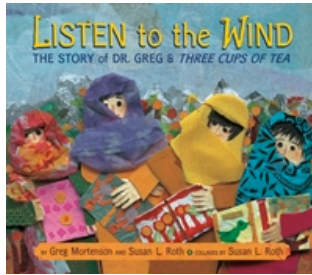
Occasionally, the assemblies will be open to the greater Haggerty community, including parents and families.

The next assembly will focus on classroom-based Peace initiatives, and will be held on

Thursday February 26th at 9 AM. All families are welcome to join us!

Keep an eye on the "Multimedia Gallery" on our web site (<http://www.cpsd.us/Haggerty/>) for video snippets.

## Book Corner with Sue Fisher



Sue Fisher is parent of Colin Lee, grade 5 and Aidan Lee, grade 4. She serves on the board of directors for CitySprouts, and is a board member for Friends of Haggerty. She is a Librarian at The Fenn School in Concord, MA.

## Greg Mortenson's New Titles for Kids

Many Haggerty families will remember Greg Mortenson's visit to Haggerty School during the 2007-2008 school year. This month he's published two new books about his story, for kids. They are both retellings of his story, true to the adult book, but using language and images appropriate for a younger audience.

**Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & 'Three Cups of Tea'** by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth, illus. by Roth. Dial, \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3058-8

**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, adapted by Sarah Thomson. Dial, \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3392-3; Puffin paperback, \$8.99 ISBN 978-0-1424-1412-5



## Haggerty Soup Cafe Returns

Hot Soup! Friday February 13th, 11-1

Due to its enormous popularity, the Haggerty Soup Café will return Friday February 13th as a fundraiser for the 6th grade NYC trip.

The Cafe features homemade soups by parents and will be open for business for teachers, staff, and Haggerty families.

## Peace Games Parent Workshop

Last Thursday, January 29th, 11 parents, along with Kathy Sampson, Janelle Bradshaw, and school committee member Marc McGovern, participated in a discussion and interactive workshop by Steven Brion-Meisels on the initiative to spread Peace through games.

After a ball toss game to learn names, cooperative block building, and a group "rain shower," the power of these games were clear. Two days earlier the staff had a similar workshop by Steven.

Thanks to Friends of Haggerty, there is now a Peace Games curriculum book in our school library, for anyone who would like to learn more about bringing Peace Games into their home or classroom or you can check out [www.peacegames.org](http://www.peacegames.org).

## Ways to help



### Needed: Books!

There are still a couple of ways to help Ms.

Callender's classroom.

One is by

checking the book "wish list", compiled and created by Patty West and room parent Laura McGaffigan mother of Thomas and Andrew (1st) and Matthew (4th). Families may have these books at home but have grown out of them. Learn more by checking the Haggerty website. Also look check Amazon.com directly, click on "Gifts and Wish Lists," and enter "Laura McGaffigan" under "Search Wish Lists and Registries."

If you have any books or questions, please email [lauramcg16@verizon.net](mailto:lauramcg16@verizon.net).

### Needed: Costumes!

Do you have any costumes you could lend or donate? Ms. Callender's class also needs some costumes for

upcoming performances of the Three Prince's, Goldilocks, 3 Little Pigs, and Billy Goats Gruff. Please drop costumes off in Ms. Callender's room(104).

If you would like them returned please include your name and your child's room number either on the costume or in the bag. Donations are also welcome, as all their costumes were lost in the fire.

### Needed: Knitting Supplies!

Have you started a knitting project and never finished?

Melissa Burns, a teaching assistant working in Ms. Kramer's 6th grade classroom, has spear-headed a knitting project that is spreading like wild fire.

The 6th-grade students began by knitting scarves for a homeless shelter, and have been knitting ever since! Now it is both a 5th and 6th grade project. Let's help keep this wonderful extra-curricular activity going by donating our unused yarn and knitting needles! Donations can be left in a box outside Kathy Sampson's office, marked "Knitting."

## Thank you from Ms. Callendar

### Dear Haggerty Families,

Thank you very much for the outpouring of support for our classroom. The help I received immediately after the fire was tremendous.

Parents helped sort damaged items, clean materials and record the countless books lost. We would not have been ready to move forward as quickly as we did without this help.

The ongoing offers of help, the newly beginning Wed./Thursday work times, the donations of gently used books, and the \$315.00 collected through the Friends of Haggerty to replace books have made us all feel responded to in meaningful ways.

I feel lucky to be a part of this community.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Callendar

## Class Notes



### 3-6 Goes to the Museum

On Tuesday, January 13, all

grades 3-6 attended the Museum of Science for a field trip. Thanks to Mara Levine (mom of Adrian in room 213 and Oliver in room 305), every child and adult wore a bright green Haggerty School t-shirt! (All children in grades K-2 will wear t-shirts on their upcoming field trips.)

We should all be proud to learn that the Museum called to report how impressed they were by our children's behavior even before they had returned!



### Traveling Peacemakers

Ms. Hassett's first-grade class

performed for, and visited with, seniors at 1221 Cambridge Street on January 23rd.

The students in room 106, known as the "Traveling Peacemakers," began these visits during their kindergarten year as part of an intergenerational project.

This project combines learning with community service, and helps bridge the gap between generations.

They will continue with their visits once a month through June.



## We Want to Hear from You!

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 Parent of 1st Grader  
 Louie Pardo (Hasset, 106)

## Volunteer

### Cleaning Staff Room

Diane Rauh (mom of Ian and room parent in Ms. Marfione's classroom) has volunteered to coordinate parent volunteers who would be interested in supporting the teachers by cleaning the staff room twice a week. Please call Diane at 617-714-4981.

### Friends of Haggerty School Inc.

FOH is our non-profit fundraising umbrella group. Composed of teachers and parents FOH provides funding for curriculum enrichment, field trips, community building, performances, library, arts, and more. Charitable donations to FOH are tax-deductible.

Contact: Maureen Manning,  
 President  
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### Arts Council

Organizes arts enrichment projects, supports the arts, volunteers in the art room, and assists with performances at the school. The Arts Council is now a part of the Haggerty PTO and meets (together with the PTO) every second Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Contact: Kathleen Moore  
[kathleensmoore@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmoore@gmail.com)

### Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO sponsors parent workshops, community building events, kindergarten recruitment, open houses, the school directory, teacher appreciation, and a

parental  
 support  
 network.



Contact: Co- Chairs – Lissa Galluccio  
 and Jen Costa  
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 Meets every second Tues @ 8 AM

### Haggerty Special Needs Advisory Committee

Haggerty SNAC The Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) is a group of Haggerty parents who are interested in special education issues for all Haggerty students, regardless of ability. All Haggerty parents, caregivers and staff are welcome. Come to regularly scheduled meetings or programs, or sign up for the Haggerty SNAC listserv. We use the listserv to disseminate information about meetings and issues, whether specific to Haggerty or citywide. To join the listserv, send an email to:  
[haggertysnac@googlegroups.com](mailto:haggertysnac@googlegroups.com)

Specific questions?

Co-chairs:

Blake Newman ([newmanstroud@comcast.net](mailto:newmanstroud@comcast.net) or 617-491-2276) or Elizabeth Harmer Dionne ([eharmerdionne@comcast.net](mailto:eharmerdionne@comcast.net) or 617-876-6097).

Meets 4th Weds @ 8:00 AM

### CitySprouts

CitySprouts offers weekly family drop-ins on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for families to work in the school-yard garden. See: [www.citysprouts.org](http://www.citysprouts.org).

Contact person: Daniel McPhee,  
 Garden Coordinator,  
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### quick notes...



### Lost and Found!

We have a HUGE lost and found pile near the Lawn Street entrance. Please claim any clothes that belong to you or your children prior to February vacation, by Friday, February 13.

After that, we will donate all items to a local shelter.



### Green Initiative

Can we print less of these newsletters to save paper and money? Yes! If you aren't already getting the Google Group emails from school now is the time to sign up or re-sign up. In addition to the newsletter, general school and community information, and official communication from Mrs. Bradshaw is sent to the Google Group. Email Kathy Sampson ([ksampson@cpsd.us](mailto:ksampson@cpsd.us)).

Don't have email? Don't worry! The newsletter will continue to be printed for those not on the Google Group.



# coming up at Haggerty ...

## February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
9	10 8-9 AM PTO Meeting	11 6:30-8:30 PM School Council Meeting	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
School Vacation Week				
23  6th Grade Trip to Farm School	24	25 8-9 AM Special Needs Advisory Council Meeting  6:30-8:30 PM School Council Meeting	26 1-1:35 PM All School Assembly	27

## March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
2	3	4	5	6 5:30-7:30 PM Grade 6 Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
9	10 Early Release Day	11	12 6:30-8:30 PM Science Night	13
16	17 <i>No School</i>	18 8-9 AM Parent Coffee (Math)	19	20
23	24 8-9AM PTO Meeting	25 8-9 AM Special Needs Advisory Council Meeting	26 6-8 PM Staff v. 6th Grade Students Basketball Game	27
30	31 Grade 4 MCAS (Writing)	6:30-8:30 PM School Council Meeting		