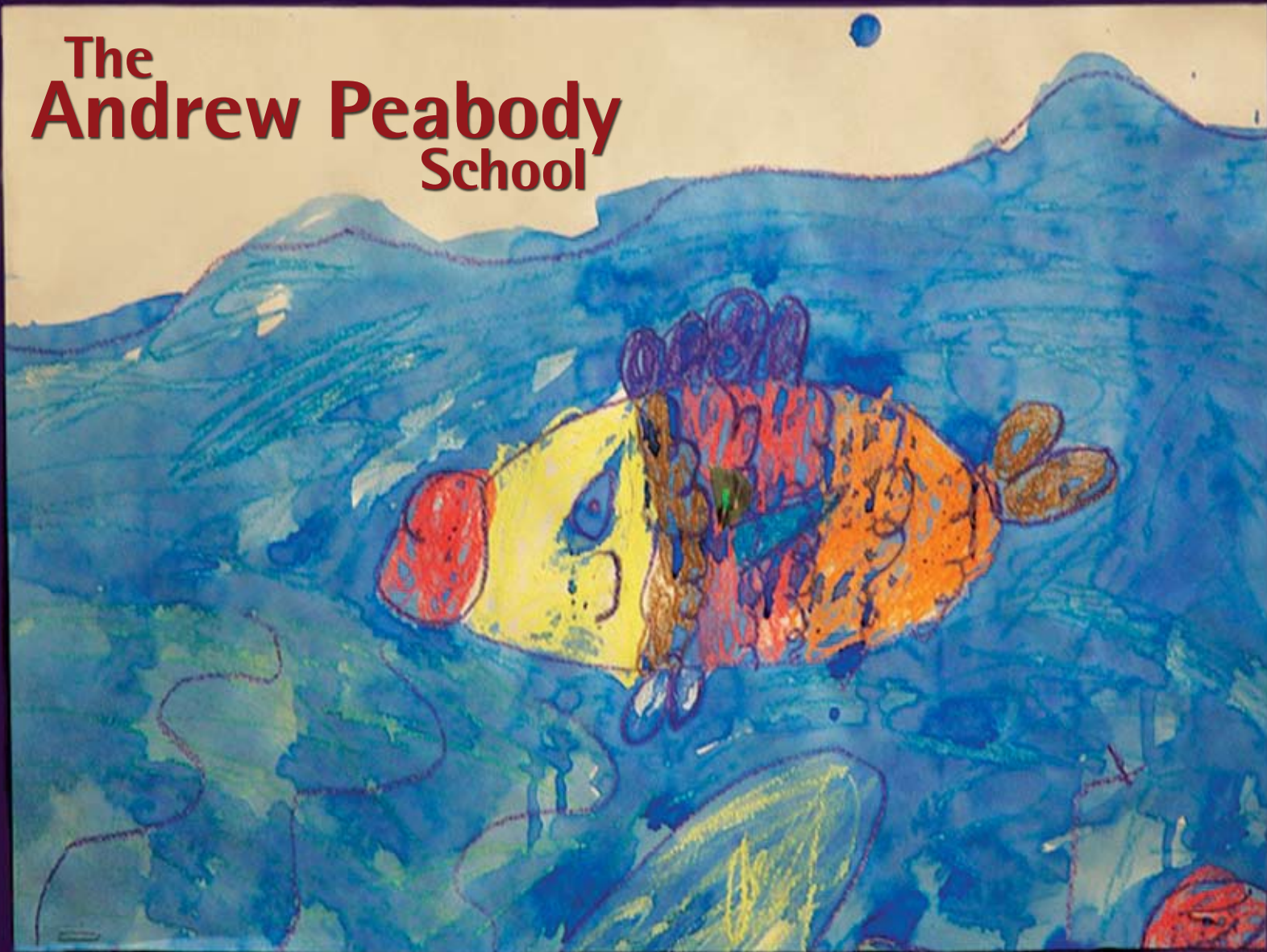


The Andrew Peabody School



Welcome to the ANDREW PEABODY SCHOOL

The Peabody School focuses on academic rigor and high expectations for all through teaching and learning for deep understanding. This is accomplished by focusing on how children learn best with interesting curriculum that develops life long learners. We are proud to offer a variety of academic programs to meet the needs of all of our learners such as: Literacy Collaborative, Intensive Studies Program, Advancement Via Individual Determination, TERC/CMP Mathematics and Responsive Classroom. The Peabody School has a professional partnership with Lesley University.

The arts go hand in hand with academics. Student artwork is displayed throughout the building next to professional pieces from the Art Connection. Our music program uses the Kodaly method offering a more comprehensive approach to instruction that develops talented lovers of music.



A strong sense of community at the Peabody is established with family groups such as Room Parents, the Friends of Peabody, City Spouts, and the Gately and Fitzgerald Community Centers. Academics and the arts together with a diverse student body and a caring environment ensure that a Peabody education is an advantage for life.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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School Facts

Peabody is a K-8 School
School Hours: 8:55-2:55
Enrollment: 475

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Our Mission

The Peabody School community develops the whole child – academically, artistically, socially, and civically – through a partnership of school faculty and staff, community members, families and students.

Our Vision

Our vision at The Peabody School is to teach children to:

- master reading, writing, mathematics and the sciences;
- appreciate and engage in the arts;
- cultivate respect for the diversity of our cultures;
- make informed decisions and be responsible for their choices;
- develop a sense of pride and self respect as they define their role in society.



Core Values

The Peabody School is a community

School faculty and staff, community members, families and students are all a part of our community. When all members of our community participate together in a spirit of cooperation and respect, we will foster the development of each student.

All community members are respected

Recognizing and honoring individual dignity and respect are essential to creating our educational environment. We recognize cultural diversity as a way of life. Respecting our diversity enriches our ability to achieve our mission.

A friendly and compassionate school creates an environment for achievement

It is the responsibility of all community members to create an atmosphere where successful learning will occur. Our students can realize their maximum potential through a friendly, compassionate, and respectful school environment.

We are all responsible for the outcomes we achieve

We believe that all children can learn at high levels. Our community works together to develop the intellectual, artistic, ethical, civic and social skills of students. We are all responsible for providing rigorous academic instruction so that all children will learn at high levels.



Our Programs The Peabody School introduced three new programs in the fall of 2006.

The Intensive Studies Program (ISP) The ISP originated in the 1960's as an 'accelerated' program. What makes the ISP program different from the regular program? The student's admission from all sectors of Cambridge is based on their motivation to learn, their willingness to work on study skills and their capacity for independent project based learning.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, especially middle-performing students:

- succeed in the most rigorous curriculum;
- enter the mainstream activities of the school;
- increase their enrollment in four-year colleges;
- become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.



The Peabody Arts Program third programmatic change is an expansion and enhancement of our long existing commitment to the **arts**. Students in grades kindergarten through grade two have music classes four times a week. This program has been found to not only strengthen musical skills and allow students to excel in areas besides academics, but also to serve as a valuable tool for the enhancement of mathematics and literacy. Students in the upper grades are offered the choice of having small group instrument lessons or participating in chorus.

A renaissance in our art program is evidenced by the artistic displays that are exhibited throughout the halls of the school. In Spring of '06, the entire student community created 8 murals that were installed in the cafeteria with a focus on the 5-2-1 Healthy Choices Grant showcasing healthy living. The Peabody School also has an ongoing relationship with the Art Connection, a nonprofit organization that expands public access to visual art through a unique art donation and placement program.



“The great thing about the Peabody School is the wonderful staff, nurturing classroom environment, sense of community, supportive and involved parents diverse student body and high academic expectations.”

Susan Connelly, Affordable Housing Advocate/Developer, Parent of 2nd grader



Organizations

School Council
Parents' Organization and Room Parents
Friends of Peabody
CitySprouts
Professional Development Partnership with Lesley University Big
Brother Big Sister
Cambridge School Volunteers
Net Pals

Family Participation

Curriculum Workshops
Wrapping Paper Fundraiser
Literacy Breakfasts
Classroom Breakfasts
Multi-graded Potluck Suppers
Asian New Year Luncheon
Math Night
Game Night
Spaghetti Supper
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch
Annual Peabody Bazaar
City Sprouts Harvest Festival
Annual Craft Fair
Halloween Parade

Home-School Connections

Two Annual Open Houses
Spring Visitation Week
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Weekly School News
Bimonthly Classroom Newsletters
Morning Coffees
Science Fair
Peabody School Phone Directory
Peabody School Calendar

“Incredible diversity and the wonderfully supportive environment. Whenever I am in the Peabody School, I have a smile on my face. It is a magical place!”

John Doucet, Video Producer, Parent of 4th grader

HISTORY OF THE PEABODY SCHOOL

The Peabody School was named in honor of the Rev. Andrew P. Peabody who was born in 1811 in Beverly, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard College in 1826, Cambridge Divinity School in 1832 and received a degree of Doctor of divinity from Harvard in 1852. Rev. Peabody assumed the Plummer Professorship in 1860 and the duties of preacher to the university in this position. The University of Rochester conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Dr. Peabody in 1863. Dr. Peabody served on the Cambridge School Committee for 12 years and was a trustee of Exeter Academy for 43 years. He was appointed Professor Emeritus at Harvard at the commencement of 1881.

The original School House was built in 1889. The building was three stories high and cost \$25,000. The second Peabody School building was built in 1962 at a cost of \$1,420,000. The Peabody School relocated to its current site at 70 Rindge Ave in the summer of 2003. The facility, which received extensive renovations and additions in 2001, has bright, spacious classrooms, six outdoor play areas, an expansive library with spectacular courtyard, a skylit cafeteria, an auditorium, gymnasium, Science Lab, Computer Labs, a beautiful, sunny art room, and two music rooms (Grades K-2 and Grades 3-8).





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