



# THE CAMBRIDGEPORT SCHOOL

*"Nurturing individuals, creating a community, in a dynamic learning environment"*

## Welcome to Cambridgeport, a unique learning environment!

The strength of "CPort", as we've come to be known, is dependent on the energy that our staff brings to our learning environment and our community's commitment to our school's history and fundamental beliefs. The staff and families that created the Cambridgeport years ago embraced and shared a mission and core beliefs.

*"The Cambridgeport School is built upon a commitment to support the personal growth of each child. The curriculum of our school is developmental/integrated & academically challenging. The school functions on the basis of trust & open communication between the administration, teachers & parents who have developed a partnership in this educational enterprise. Strong ties are established between home, school & the community at large, creating a structure that supports each child's educational success."*

That mission has been a part of our community since the school's inception. Our curriculum will always be developmental. We are always looking to integrate new themes and projects. Our communication to staff, to families and to students is based upon trust and openness. Our portfolio process, a hallmark of our school, guides student reflection, assessment and achievement, and our classrooms address all types of learners.

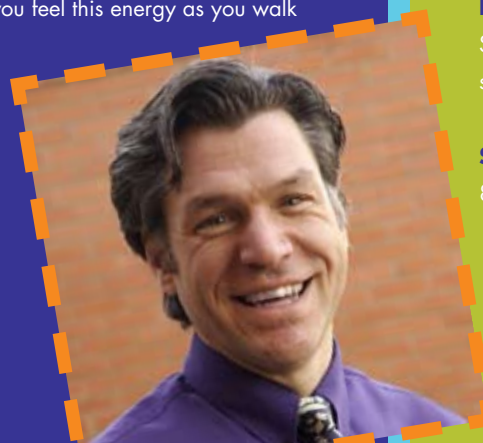
Our environment has been, is, and always will be dynamic and innovative for our teachers and our students.

The CPort energy embodies everything that we do on a daily bases and you feel this energy as you walk though our doors and interact with our community.

It's what makes being a part of this school so rewarding and enjoyable.



Casimer Badynee, *Principal*



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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## ABOUT THE CAMBRIDGEPORT:



The Cambridgeport is renowned for its **K-8 Portfolio Process**. At the end of their 8th grade year, students are required to make a formal presentation to community members, reflecting on their work and articulating their learning style. At its heart, this dissertation-like process is a celebration of each student's work and it is shared with family, teachers, administrators, and community leaders.

Most of our classrooms are comprised of **two grade levels**, allowing students to spend two years with the same teacher. This "multi-grade" approach to learning allows for students to spend two years with a cohort of students and a teaching team and fosters strong and lasting relationships among teachers, students and their families.

The Cambridgeport is a **K-8 Literacy Collaborative school**. Our K-8 English Language Arts curriculum is part of the Lesley University Literacy Collaborative, teaming university liaisons and district wide teacher coaches with our teaching staff.

*"This school creates opportunities for kids to explore topics about which they are curious."*

*"There is a great staff here who really care about children and families and make sure interesting curriculum happens."*



*"The Cambridgeport is warm and caring and all teachers do their best to meet all students' individual needs."*

## A SAMPLING OF SPECIAL CAMBRIDGEPORT EVENTS:

### **CURRICULUM BREAKFASTS**

grade-level teams celebrate student work through scheduled curriculum celebrations for the entire school community

### **PORTFOLIO DAY**

celebrate our K-8 Portfolio process

### **FUN RUN**

celebrate Patriot's Day and the Boston Marathon

### **FIT TOGETHER NIGHT AND FIT FRIDAYS**

celebrate healthy living with good food and exercise

### **JANUARY AND JUNE NARRATIVES**

in January and in June, teachers provide parents with two narrative assessments written by teacher regarding both academic and socio-emotional growth

### **MARCH MADNESS**

student-teacher basketball night

### **MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT**

celebrate community

### **SPRING FLING**

partners with BostonImprov to raise money for school programs

### **ALL SCHOOL SHARE**

the entire school gathers regularly for singing and presentations from different classes about what students are learning. Parents are always welcome

### **SCIENCE CLUB FOR GIRLS**

provides a chance for girls in grades K-8 to meet in a girl-friendly environment to learn about science. Girls work with female volunteers who present fun, hands on activities that inspire an interest in an array of science-based careers

## THE CAMBRIDGEPORT LEGACY

8th Grade students leave behind a lasting legacy at the end of their schooling at CPort. Students create three-dimensional self-portrait tiles that are mounted on the walls. The final year of the Cambridgeport Portfolio Process culminates in the 8th Grade Portfolio Panel. Every 8th grade student celebrates his or her work with family, teachers, administrators, and community leaders. This is the final opportunity for CPort students to articulate and reflect upon their learning at Cambridgeport.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY:

The central concept of the Cambridgeport is one of developmental learning, which carries with it a belief that children develop in similar ways but that each child has his or her own pace and style of development. Each child brings the culture and beliefs of his or her home to the learning process of our school. Thus, we can look at each child's particular interests, experiences, and strengths as an important key to this approach.

Our staff believes children learn from the examples of adults and older children. They also learn from and teach each other. All of our teachers share the philosophy of developmental learning. Teachers provide learning experiences which guide and capture our students interests, helping them develop the critical thinking and problem solving skills they need to succeed in life.

## CPORT CORE VALUES

Be Kind, Be Responsible, Be Reflective, Aim High





## SCHOOL-WIDE CURRICULUM THEMES

- Human Interactions with the Environment
- Conflict and Cooperation
- Communities - Families, Global Community, Communities in Nature
- Continuity and Change
- Historical Perspectives and Relationships
- Structures and Systems, Connections, Relationship of Parts to Whole
- Cycles and Patterns
- Belief Systems and Values
- Movement and Transformation
- Power - Natural and Physical
- Political Action & Social Responsibility

*"The Cambridgeport provides meaningful learning experiences in an academically rigorous environment. Students and teachers are engaged in interesting dialogues where concepts and ideas are explored in-depth. The diversity of the student body gives kids a broader sense of the world and celebrates differences."*





## OUR BUILDING:

The Cambridgeport School began in 1990-91 with a single kindergarten class. Today, the school has grown to include 300 students in grades K-8.

From the beginning, the school was built upon the idea that teachers and families can work together as a community toward insuring success for every child. The school values the culture and beliefs that each child brings to the classroom.

The historic Cambridgeport building was renovated in 2001 and features a bright and expansive library, a state-of-the-art computer lab, and an art room that boasts an operational kiln, enabling students to make their own ceramic tiles.

*"Cambridgeport nurtures each child's individual needs and embraces students, families and staff as a community."*

*"The school can be an extension of home. A beautiful place where your child will be challenged, will grow, and will understand what it means to be a life-long learner and community member."*



*"I love this school's strong sense of community and the dedication of its teachers, parents and administrators."*

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