

MATHER SCHOOL PARTNERS NEWSLETTER

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The first public elementary school in North America



JOIN THE FUN WITH PLAYWORKS

Junior Coach Leadership Conference

Over February break the Junior Coaches from the Mather joined their peers from around the city at the Junior Coach Leadership Conference held at Northeastern University. Mather Junior Coaches built upon their leadership skills, toured the Northeastern campus, and connected with other Junior Coaches from across Boston.

Co-ed Volleyball

Starting March 3rd, twelve 4th and 5th grade Mather students will be competing in the Playworks Co-ed Volleyball League. Games will be held on Wednesday evenings at the UP Academy Dorchester gym. The league is open to all ability levels and focused on skill building and fun. Come see Coach Dawn and the Mather team compete and have fun!

Playworks 5k and 1 mile Fun Run

On May 3rd Playworks will once again be hosting a 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run to support recess at Franklin Park. Register to run or walk on behalf of the Mather and raise money for the Playworks program at our school. The event is a fun way to get active with your family, student, Playworks Coach, and community. Contact Coach Dawn to register!



GIRL SCOUT TROOP, COOKIES, AND CAMP

Cookies!

Our Mather Girl Scout Troop did a great job selling cookies this season. Thank you to everyone who bought! The Girls are very excited to celebrate their success with a bridging ceremony and new uniforms!

APRIL VACATION JOURNEY Camp Cedar Hill, Waltham –

Spend your April Vacation having fun with other girls in Grades K-8. Come for a day or two or the whole week!

- Bus transportation from central bus stops included in cost
- Financial aid available
- Girls will be grouped by their grade level (K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8)
- Questions: contact camp@girlscoutseasternmass.org or 617-350-8335

**To Register, visit
www.hercamp.org**



SUMMER CAMP

Outdoor Adventures, Creative Exploration, & New Friends!

Fill your summer with fun, excitement, and adventure! Camp offers girls opportunities to explore personal interests, creativity, and

the environment. Imagine a summer full of art and drama, sailing and science, hiking and biking, photography, computers, and so much more! Sign up for **Day Camp or Resident Camp** No prior Girl Scout Experience necessary!

<http://hercamp.org>

MATHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MATHER SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Week of March 24:** Report cards distributed
- **April 17:** Parent Council Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **April 18:** Good Friday - school closed
- **April 21 - 25:** Spring break
- **Week of May 5:** Progress reports distributed
- **May 6– 14:** Math and Science MCAS (grades 3-5)
- **May 15:** Parent Council Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **May 26:** Memorial Day - school closed
- **May 29:** Student Success Night 6:00 – 8:00
- **June 6:** Multicultural Celebration
- **June 7:** Spring Fling - 11:00 – 3:00 pm
- **Week of June 16:** Report cards distributed
- **June 17:** Bunker Hill Day - school closed
- **June 20:** Half Day - Half Day for Students
- **June 23:** Last Day of School - Half Day for Students

CitySprouts at the Mather

This winter, CitySprouts FoodCorps Service Member Sarah O'Connor has been working with 2nd graders. Last week, 2nd graders came out with their class and divided up into groups of 3 to:

- 1) Turned over winter rye in the edible beds and learned about why we plant it, counted crocuses and pulled back straw in the beds to get a sneak peek at new green growth
- 2) Went to the outdoor classroom to observe and practice descriptive writing
- 3) Made chalk drawings on pavement of 2nd graders' dreams of what their spring garden will look like



The Mather is a firm believer that it takes a village to raise a child. For that reason, we have reached out to several community organizations in order to enrich our students' opportunities and experiences. Among our many school partners include:

America SCORES (www.americascores.org)
Arbour Counseling Services (www.arbourhealth.com/)
BalletRox (www.balletrox.org)
The BELL Foundation (bellnational.org/education/)
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) (www.hcs.harvard.edu/~brye/)
Boston Schoolyard Initiative (www.schoolyards.org/overview.htm)
Boston Visual Thinking Strategies Consortium (www.vtshome.org)
Boy Scouts of America (www.scouting.org)
Brookline Literacy Partnership (www.brooklineliteracypartnership.org)
CitySprouts (www.citysprouts.org)
College Bound Dorchester (www.collegebounddorchester.org)
The Farm for City Kids (www.farmsforcitykids.org)

Fidelity (<http://jobs.fidelity.com/about-fidelity/locations/boston-ma.html>)
First Parish Church (www.firstparish.com/)
Girl Scouts (www.girlscouts.org)
Herb Chambers (www.herbchambers.com)
Heart of America Foundation (www.heartofamerica.org/index.htm)
The Home for Little Wanderers (www.thehome.org/site/PageServer)
Hope Worldwide (www.hopeww.org)
Playworks (www.playworks.org)
Staples (www.Staples.com)
St. John's Prep (<http://www.stjohnsprep.org/page.cfm?p=9287>)
Target (www.target.com/)
UMass Boston (www.umb.edu/)
Wheelock TeachBoston (www.wheelock.edu)