



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 1996

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: An academic achievement award has been established by the Morse School named the "**Bill Sage Award for Extraordinary Effort**"; and

WHEREAS: This Award originated due to the fact that Bill Sage received an award for "Most Improved" student as a child; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Sage has donated a dinner table at the Howard Johnson's restaurant, Bisuteki Japanese Steak House, to the students selected each marking period, from the fourth through the eighth grade, their parents, The Morse School Principal, Jim Coady, and Ms. Janice Milley, Teacher/Parent Liaison at the Morse School; and

WHEREAS: Students for the awards are nominated and selected by a team of upper grade teachers based on students demonstrating tremendous strides and improvements in their personal best performance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its appreciation to Bill Sage for his donation of a school-business community partnership; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating Janel Aubry, Julia Auger, Lee Chapman, Alex Lowe, Cheryl Rivera, Jesse Vindinha and Joseph Williams the recipients of the "**Bill Sage Award**"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable copy of this resolution for presentation on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 12, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Our Common Core

Morse News

Welcome New *Our Common Core* Subscribers!

Our distribution and mailing list keeps growing! Many thanks to the following new subscribers:

Susan and Daryl Groat
Maria Holmboe
Stephen and Liz Kirwan
Gillian McMullen
Margaret Sullivan

By contributing \$5.00, the monthly publications of *Our Common Core* and the School Improvement Council Minutes will be mailed directly to your home (rather than lost in your child's bookbag!)

Please contact me anytime with ideas or interesting topics you would like included in our *school-wide conversations*.

My home telephone number is 497-0983 and my e-mail address is atikkanen@aol.com.

Thanks to Bill Sage — *Owner/Operator of the Sage Hotels and Howard Johnson's*

The Morse School has established an academic achievement award namely, the "Bill Sage Award for Extraordinary Effort." Based on his own personal experience (recalling a time in his life when he received a "Most Improved" award), Bill has donated a dinner table experience to the students selected, their parents, Jim Coady (Principal) and Janice Milley (Teacher/Parent Liaison) at the Howard Johnson restaurant, Bisuteki Japanese Steak House.

Each marking period (recall that there are four each school year), students from grades 4,5,6,7,8 and the ungraded class will be the recipients of the award. Students will be nominated and selected by a team of upper grade teachers based on the performance of a student who has demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm for learning. Selected students, from all abilities, will have demonstrated tremendous strides and improvements in their *personal best* performance. And lastly, selected students must have completed all homework! What a great example of a school-business community partnership!

Congratulations to the first Recipients!

Janel Aubry, Julia Auger, Lee Chapman,
Alex Lowe, Cheryl Rivera, Jesse Vindinha
and Joseph Williams

Parent Volunteers Needed

The Curriculum Committee is investigating the implementation of a values-based program during the lunch period in the cafeteria. The students' behavior has been troublesome again (no need to spell it out here and reinforce it.)

The group has a number of ideas that more or less center around the notion of changed behavior (and student expectations, because we know they can do it) as they "cross the threshold" into the lunch room. How about some parent help? This "counts" as a 1 in 180 experience! Please contact Jim Coady or Janice Milley if you would like to help. The only experience required: a desire to help children discover proper table manners and respect for their peers during mealtime.

Meet Patty Hanscome – Grade Two Teacher



Geoboards, Tangrams and Pattern Blocks.... does this sound like Grade Two math to you? Get used to it parents, for the Morse children are learning basic math concepts with much more than just paper, pencils and fingers. Meet Patty Hanscome!

Flashback to two years ago when Patty attempted to get the Morse selected as a pilot school in Cambridge for the implementation of *Everyday Math* (a program developed by the University of Chicago and has been successfully rolled-out in many public and private schools.) Based in large part on Patty's persistence, the Morse was finally selected and the Kindergarten and Grade One classrooms have the necessary materials and professional training for the teachers underway. Grade Two students will receive the formal materials (and teachers the training) starting the next school year.

— Math in Grade Two —

Based on Patty's in-depth knowledge and obvious interest in helping assure that all kids learn math, I asked Patty how her Grade Two math instruction will change from this year to next. "Next year, the Morse will receive all of the actual materials and individual student toolkits. Today, I already teach math in non-traditional ways, very much in line with *Everyday Math*. I use the word 'non-traditional' for lack of a better word. At present, I have had to actually fabricate many of the counters and tangrams for both classroom and homework use," said Patty. No more "pluses" and "take-aways"; our children are learning the proper math vocabulary. Addition, subtraction, decimals, place values, regrouping, algorithms, 'x' and 'y' axes, ordinate points.....

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Donna Lopez
City Clerk



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Consent Order #5 ~~Russell, Sullivan~~

Councillor Toomey re: The Bill
Sage Award for Extraordinary Effort.

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Order Adopted