



## About East End House

East End House has been serving the community for over 132 years. We are a not-for-profit, multi-service community center and social service agency committed to providing programs and services to strengthen family and community in East Cambridge, Cambridge, and the Greater Boston area.

East End House offers child care, school age care, programs for seniors, a volunteer service program, community outreach and education, teen programs, a computer technology center, and an emergency food pantry, in addition to various workshops and classes.

## Community Meetings

The School Age Program strives to foster a community oriented atmosphere. An important part of every week is Friday's community meeting. Every Friday afternoon following snack, the whole program gathers to share updates on what has been happening throughout the week, and to give recognition to specific children through our "big ups" box and "star of the week" awards. Children have the chance to present to the entire program what they have learned in their classes that week and to show off artwork and projects.

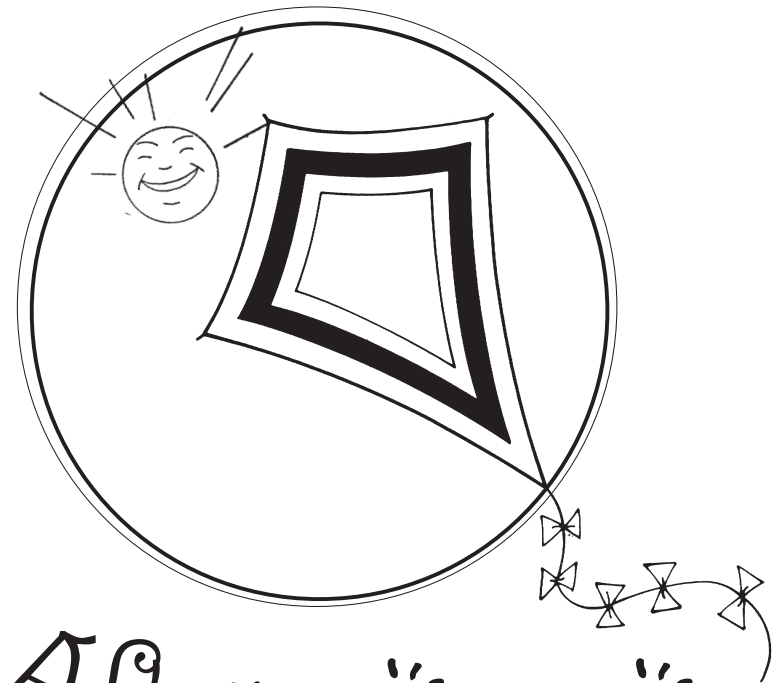
## Connecting School and Afterschool

The School Age program believes that it is important for children to have smooth transitions between their school day and their afterschool experience. There are many ways in which the afterschool staff at East End House are able to strengthen the connection between school and afterschool.

Staff pick children up from Kennedy-Longfellow and King Open at their classrooms. This gives staff an opportunity to talk with the child's teacher, and go into classrooms to see what the children are working on.

EEH staff have the opportunity to learn from the school day teachers by sitting in on classes at the Kennedy-Longfellow and taking note of how behavior, homework and transitions are handled during the day so that similar techniques can be used afterschool.

Homework tickets attached to the homework are used to communicate with the teachers (and parents) about how long a child took to complete their homework, and whether they were able to do it themselves or with assistance.



# Afternoon Adventure

at

## East End House

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# Welcome to Afternoon Adventure

Afternoon Adventure is a nationally-accredited afterschool enrichment program which provides a safe, fun, and stimulating environment for children ages 4.9-14 between the hours of 2:00-6:00 p.m. East End House also offers a full-day program during the summer and school vacation weeks.

We believe that afterschool is an exciting and critical time in the lives of children – a time for trying new things, practicing skills, building friendships, and developing as independent, critical thinkers.

## Why choose Afternoon Adventure?

- Caring, dedicated staff
- Nurturing, family-like atmosphere
- Accredited by the National AfterSchool Association
- Licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Small groups with excellent child to adult ratios
- Innovative curriculum with creative, hands-on approach to learning
- Daily homework assistance and one-on-one tutoring available
- A United Way *Teaching Kids to Dream in Science* and *Connecting Schools and After Schools Initiative* Program
- Multi-media computer curriculum
- Gymnasium on-site, with daily opportunities for sports and recreation
- Field trips to local museums and points of interest
- Hours of operation designed for working parents
- Up to 100% financial assistance, based on need; vouchers accepted



## Transportation

Afternoon Adventure staff meet children at two neighborhood elementary schools, Kennedy/Longfellow and King Open. Children who attend other Cambridge Public Schools will be met at the bus stop on the corner of 5th Street and Spring Street.



## Choice Activities

Afternoon Adventure's choice based schedule gives children the opportunity to select the activities in which they participate. Children select from different activities each day for twelve-week blocks. Choice activities reflect the interests of children and utilize the special skills and interests of our diverse staff. Afternoon Adventure seeks to engage the curiosity and develop the interests of children through experiential and hands-on activities, such as science experiments, art projects, music and computer activities, that will reinforce the skills learned in school in different and complementary ways. Physical activity is also an important part of each day; children may elect to participate in organized sports and games, and additional time is available daily for children to play freely.



## Science and Math Curriculum

Afternoon Adventure introduced an exciting new science and math curriculum in the fall of 2003 to create and nurture a sense of excitement about science and math through enrichment classes, field trips and guest speakers. Beginning Fall 2008, the school age program will be introducing GENASAS (Generating and Evaluating New Adventures in Science After School) a new science division within the agency which will expand and enhance the curriculum that is currently being offered to all age groups.



## Age Groups

To enroll in afternoon adventure children must be enrolled in a Pre-K or Kindergarten class and be at least 4.9 years old. Children are divided into groups by age. Each group is assigned a group leader who serves as the point person for the child throughout the day. The age groups are Cubs, Bears, Tigers, Falcons and Dragons, with Cubs as the youngest and Dragons as the oldest. The oldest children enrolled in Afternoon Adventure are in 5th grade. Children in 6th–8th grade are eligible for the Middle School Program that East End House runs at the Kennedy-Longfellow school.