Pre-school Visitors at Blackstone

On November 7th, 2012 EH&S had some very special visitors to the Blackstone office. A group of preschool children and their instructor, Kirsten Fried, from the Radcliffe Child Care Center on Dewolfe Street came to say thank you to the team for all their efforts over the last year, and they brought cookies!

Childcare inspections, which began over five years ago, are currently being managed by Michael Kauffman and Eli Clifford, but it is a department wide effort to keep all the kids, teachers and families safe. Annually, EH&S ensures that all six of the Harvard affiliated Childcare centers are inspected for life, occupational and environmental safety; provided on-site training for 60-100 childcare staff; and maintain updated Emergency Management plans. Over the last five months Eli and Michael visited Radcliffe on numerous occasions to ensure that no stone was left unturned. They installed AED equipment, conducted an odor investigation, responded to a flooding emergency, and completed all annual inspections.

With the help of Ms. Fried and the EH&S team, these toddlers are already learning the importance of SAFETY FIRST, especially while baking holiday cookies!

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Kirsten Fried, Eli Clifford, Michael Kauffman, and Radcliffe pre-schoolers sharing the sweets!

EH&S wishes you all a....

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

We hope all of you had a safe and relaxing holiday. 2012 brought a lot of changes for EH&S and we ended the year by proudly introducing a new website, [www.ehs.harvard.edu](http://www.ehs.harvard.edu), as well as the new EH&S Training Management System for our customers on 12/12/2012. We began with our Laboratory clients for the launch of the Training Database, and on February 15, 2013 our Facilities customers will also be able to take full advantage of the system. Our goal was to create two user friendly resources in order to provide high quality and efficient service to the all members of the University. The design of both concentrated on the customer, as opposed to technical aspects of EH&S, in order to have two products that make protocol easier and less time consuming.

Having a website that users can easily navigate and a ‘one-stop-shop’ training management system were both an EH&S wide effort and focus throughout the last year and the end results encompass all that we set out to accomplish. In 2013 our resolution is to maintain the focus on the client in creating new efficient ways of working together!

**To a happy, healthy, and, most importantly, safe 2013!!!**
Emergency Preparedness - Harvard Art Museums

When visiting the Harvard Art Museums, your attention is immediately drawn to the exquisite collections and groundbreaking exhibitions on display. But behind the scenes, you'll find a dedicated team of staff who are focused on the safety of the thousands of students, scholars and visitors who tour the museums each year and the security of the approximately 250,000 works of art housed within the facilities.

Mike Kirchner, Director of Security, plays a leading role in this effort. As Local Emergency Management Team (LEMT) Leader, Mike has overall responsibility for the museums' emergency planning, preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The LEMT is comprised of representatives from key departments within the museums who meet quarterly to develop/ update emergency plans, review previous emergency responses, and conduct training.

Recently, Mike conducted a series of Active Shooter Response trainings for approximately 70 museum staff members highlighting the “Run, Hide, Fight” strategy for surviving an active shooter event. He and the LEMT are also working on finalizing this year’s update of their Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and developing an emergency exercise which they plan to conduct in April.

The Harvard Art Museums are known throughout the world for their premiere collections and research but, within the Harvard community, they are also known for their first-class safety, security and emergency management programs.

Environmental Public Health Services

The Environmental Public Health Group is normally associated with food safety, drinking water quality and response to potential public health related issues around the University.

One new area of focus for the group is to assist Facility Managers with their sustainability efforts, helping them to move from the use of bottled water to drinking tap water supplied by the City. Working closely with Facilities Maintenance Operations, the Office for Sustainability and the Facility Manager, EPH staff will develop a plan to evaluate the potable water supply which includes inspection and testing of backflow preventers, analyzing water quality parameters and working to resolve any issues. This ensures the provision of high quality water in a much more sustainable way than using bottled water.

The pest program at Harvard has undergone some changes as well. After over 30 years of service to the EH&S Department, Gary Alpert has retired and moved into a role within the FAS. As a result of this, the pest program will now be managed through the EPH group.

Pamela Ross-Kung has recently joined the team to help tackle all of these new ventures with the continued professionalism and attention to detail that EPH has always valued.

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New Faces at EH&S

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Laboratory & Biological Safety Officer

EH&S By The Numbers
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