

First Annual  
**Clara Belle Baker Speaker Series**

Topics, Tensions and Explorations in Progressive Pedagogy



**Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7:00-9:00pm**

***August to June: Bringing Life to School***

A film by and discussion with educator Amy Valens

What does it mean to be a progressive educator? **August to June**, is a wonderful movie that documents the entire year of an elementary classroom presided over by a veteran teacher whose husband is the film-maker. The classroom is in a small, long-established progressive, public school of choice out at the rural edges of Marin County in California.



"It's one thing to deplore the assembly-line model of schooling, with its emphasis on mindless compliance and rote memorization. Far more useful is to see the alternative take shape in front of you. In *August to June*, we have a visual record of a community of learners, a series of moments -- discoveries and setbacks -- through the school year that accumulate like sparkling beads on a string. The result is as engrossing as it is illuminating."

-- *Alfie Kohn*



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The speaker series is open to the community and free of charge. All sessions will meet from 7:00–8:30pm with conversation and a reception with the speaker following the presentation.

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