

# PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## WELCOME BACK!!!

Greetings from the Principal:

Welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone had a great summer and feel rested and ready to begin their year at Pierce. The staff and I have been preparing for your return and we were excited to greet you all on opening day. An extra special welcome to those joining us at Pierce for the first time this year.

Included with this first Broadsheet issue is a summary outline of our school's improvement goals. Please look over these items and think of how you might support your child and/or the staff in achieving some of these goals.

The School Council which helps to identify the goals each year will have its first meeting on Thursday morning, 9/20 at 7 am. The evening before is the first PTO meeting, Wednesday, 9/19 at 7 pm. Please join us for either of these meetings. The School Council will alternate between early mornings and evening meetings each month. Stay tuned for a monthly schedule from the School Council after this first meeting.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful school year!

Pipier Smith-Mumford  
Principal



### Pierce FitFest is coming! Sunday, September 23rd

Please see reverse side for important information!



Please take care driving around Pierce school. Pierce is having a bit of a parking crunch due to the construction of Town Hall. Please allow additional time for parking and always park legally—taking care not to block crosswalks, ramps, bus stops, other cars or our neighboring businesses. Thank you!

### Save the Dates!

- 9/13 School CLOSED - Rosh Hashana
- 9/19 First PTO Meeting – 7pm  
Staff Room
- 9/20 School Council Meeting – 7am  
Conference Room
- 9/20 PTO Welcoming Breakfast - 8am  
Auditorium
- 9/20 Grades 7/8 Open House - 6:30pm  
★ Please note this is a new—and earlier—date! ★
- 9/23 Pierce FitFest - 9:30am – 12pm  
Pierce Park
- 9/26 Grades 1-6 Open House - 6:45pm  
Main Building
- 9/27 Kindergarten Open House –7:30am  
Historical Building
- 9/28 8th Grade Hiking Trip (rain date 10/5)



We realize no one has spare time, but we are asking if you would consider making time to help out at Pierce School. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following fun, exciting, glamorous & worthwhile positions:

- **Auction Chair, Food & Beverage Co-Chair, Merchandise Co-Chair,** and other motivated, creative, organized folks willing to help on this huge part of PTO funds.
- **FitFest Volunteers** (Event is Sunday, Sept 23rd! See back!)
- **Grant Writer:** There are many grants available for the various academic and enrichment programs within schools. If a few people could write one grant each in a given school year, we could bring various enhancements to Pierce without increasing fundraising needs.
- **Graphic Designer:** Poster and flyer designs for a few events.
- **Building Task Force volunteers:** We advocate with the Town for improvements and have occasional work parties. We welcome parents with carpentry, building design, landscaping, or related skills, but no prior experience is necessary.
- **Outreach Co-Chair/Picnic Coordinator** and volunteers.
- **2-6 Musical Volunteers:** set designers, producers, costume coordinator, rehearsal assistants.

If you are interested, please contact the Broadsheet at [piercebroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:piercebroadsheet@gmail.com) to be put in touch with these groups. Your help in any capacity is always appreciated!

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY**

The Brookline School Committee is seeking applicants to temporarily fill the seat on the School Committee which has been vacated by member Ruth Kaplan. The interim appointment will begin in October, 2007 and continue until the May, 2008 Town Election. Candidates must be registered Brookline voters. Interested candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume by 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 20, 2007, to:

Office of the Executive Assistant to School Committee  
School Committee Office, Room 305  
Town Hall at Old Lincoln School  
194 Boylston Street (Route 9)  
Brookline, MA 02445  
Fax: (617) 730-2108



It is anticipated that candidates will be interviewed jointly by the members of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen to be held in October, 2007 in the Francis T. Hall Auditorium of the Old Lincoln School. The two groups of elected officials will then at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Selectmen select a candidate. The selected candidate will begin School Committee activities immediately thereafter.



**Have you noticed the new windows in the Historical Building?**

This project to improve facilities for our kindergarteners and 7/8 students has been in the planning for over 2 years. The windows were delayed from installation last summer because of the Katrina disaster which put a strain on construction supplies nationwide. Dr. Smith-Mumford and the Pierce School Building Task Force worked with the town to get great results and match the historic (1855) building. Lead parent members for this project include David Rockwell, Peter Sacks, Valerie Curtis and Rick Ames. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this happen!

**The Pierce Broadsheet**

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**Please join us at Pierce FitFest!**

(formerly known as the Pierce Fun Run)

**Sunday, September 23, 2007**

**9:30 am - 12:00**

**Pierce FitFest** is a family fitness event at **Pierce Park** featuring: a one mile fun run/walk down Cypress and around Emerson Park, fitness field activities including The Tom Brady Toss, Beckham Blast, a sack race and loads of fun for families and children of all ages!

**9:30am Registration begins:** Purchase a Passport to Fitness for \$3, add a FitFest T-shirt for \$7 more!

**10:00am Family Fun Run/Walk kickoff:** Get your blood pumping with your family and community as you meander from the Pierce footbridge around Emerson Park and back. There will be a water station midway through the event. All ages and abilities are welcome. Strollers are welcome, but, please, no bikes.

**10:30am Fitness Events:** Pierce field will host a fitness carnival for children of all ages. Get your Passport to Fitness stamped after participating at the activity stations to qualify for a medal. Plus: Visit the booths of local fitness and nutrition vendors, such as Whole Foods and Inner Space to learn more about how to incorporate fitness and good nutrition into your family's life.

**11:45am Closing and award of medals.** Cheer on participants as they receive their fitness medal. (You do not need to stay until the end to receive a medal, you only need to participate.)

**REGISTRATION INFO:** This is a Pierce sponsored event for all of Brookline. In order to help us plan this inaugural event we encourage you to RSVP at [www.piercefitefest.com](http://www.piercefitefest.com). Of course, this is not required for attendance!

**Passports to Fitness** can be purchased outside the office during drop off on the mornings of Wed. 9/19 - Friday 9/21 or the morning of the event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you would like to volunteer please enter this in the comments section at [www.piercefitefest.com](http://www.piercefitefest.com) or visit the registration booth Wed 9/19 - Fri 9/21 in front of the office at drop-off.

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