

PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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New Faces at Pierce



Pierce is thrilled to welcome the following talented teachers to our school this year:

Kindergarten:	Laura West
Physical Education:	Amanda Grindstaff
7-8 Math:	Dawn Galolo
Literacy Specialist:	Hannah Rutkowski
Math Specialist:	Karen Wolfson
Art, Grades 1 and 4:	Mac Dewart

We are so happy to have you here as part of the Pierce community!!!

Are you a new family to Pierce? Did you get your welcoming package with last year's directory and a PierceSpeak glossary? If not, please see the main office. The new 2007-8 directory will be out soon!

Save the Dates!

- 9/19 First PTO Meeting – 7pm
Staff Room— Have you been to one yet? Come!
- 9/20 School Council Meeting – 7am
Conference Room
- 9/20 PTO Welcoming Breakfast - 8am
Auditorium (every "Third Thursday")
- 9/20 Grades 7/8 Play Auditions—2:30-5:30
Fiddler on the Roof! Register on web first.
- 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— bring non-Pierce friends too!
- 9/24 Pierce Enrichments Begin *if registered.*
- 9/26 Grades 1-6 Open House - 6:45pm
Main Building
- 9/27 Kindergarten Open House –7:30am
Historical Building



Please consider advertising your business in the 2007-2008 Pierce Directory (to be published very soon!). It's a great opportunity to support the school and have your ad in front of 600 Pierce Families (plus staff!) over the entire year. For information, please go to http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Directory_media_kit_07.pdf

FITFEST



THIS SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 23rd - 9:30am - 12:00pm at PIERCE PARK!

One mile fun run/walk around Emerson Park (run/walk starts at Pierce Park at 10am, registration at 9:30am).

Brookline High School athletes will be there to cheer us on!

Fitness Carnival featuring: The Beckham Blast, Tom Brady Toss and our own **ZIP LINE**, as well as events hosted by Inner Space, PB&J Dance Co, & Wellness, Inc. Earn a **MEDAL** by participating!

Healthy snacks generously donated by Whole Foods & Trader Joe's.

Volunteers are still greatly needed. Please consider donating time to help make this inaugural event a success. This is a great way to meet other parents and get involved, which only makes the Pierce community stronger!
To volunteer, email Meredith Saillant at gg.ms@verizon.net

****Attention 7th & 8th graders**** Volunteering for this event will go toward your community service requirement. Don't procrastinate! To sign up, contact Mr. Frank.

Although this is a Pierce-sponsored event, it is open to the entire community. **Support Pierce—tell your friends!**

\$3 to participate, \$7 for a **COOL** Pierce FitFest t-shirt.

For complete event details, go to: www.piercefitfest.com (Rain date September 30th)



Unsung Heroes of Pierce.

Some of the unsung heroes of Pierce are the crossing guards who help our children get to and from school every day. They love to be greeted by our Pierce families. Please give them a big hello and thank you when you see them!

Guards in the immediate Pierce vicinity are:

Cypress & Washington:	Mrs. Susan Buckley
Linden & Harvard:	Mrs. Claire MacPherson
Harvard/School/Aspinwall:	Mrs. Linda Wertz
Washington & Thayer:	Ms. Susan Kelly

Pierce School Enrichment classes begin on Monday, September 24th. Class lists and room assignments are posted near the enrichment boxes by the PSED office and on the bulletin board near the main office. This will be the only notification you will receive so we encourage families to check the list to confirm enrollment. Questions? Please call Abbie at 617-739-1919 or email pierceenrichment@aol.com. The Pierce School Enrichment Program is sponsored by Pierce School Extended Day.

Ever wonder what kinds of things get PTO funding?



Coming to PTO meetings is a great way to gain insight on the process. We are also going to highlight a few items occasionally here in the Broadsheet to give you a better understanding of PTO funding. We hope that it will be clear how many important Pierce activities rely on your support of the PTO – both through monetary and volunteer support.

Some recent PTO grants:

- Stipend for all Pierce teachers to help set up and enhance their classrooms.
- Teacher training on using the Smart Board
- \$1,500 for library fund to update and supplement library materials.
- 5th grade field trip to study tide pools.

The Pierce Broadsheet

Published every Wednesday by the Pierce PTO. **Firm Deadline Monday at 2:00 p.m.** Drop notices in the Broadsheet box in the PTO/Outreach Office; mail to PTO Newsletter, Pierce School, 50 School St., Brookline 02446; or email (*preferred!*) to: Piercebroadsheet@gmail.com. Notices and ads are printed as space permits, without PTO endorsement. We reserve the right to edit all copy.



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The Brookline SEPAC Dyslexia Subcommittee invites you to Understanding Capacity for Learning: Academic Achievement Commensurate with Potential presented by Anne Larsen, Consultant, Landmark Outreach.

- How is an individual's capacity for learning determined?
- What factors influence students' learning styles?
- What are effective strategies for teaching students with language-based learning disabilities so they may reach their full potential?

Come hear an overview of testing and diagnosis, dynamics of learning, and effective strategies for language-based instruction from Anne Larsen, an expert in LBLD education. Bring your questions!

Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 7:00-8:30

MLK Room/BHS 115 Greenough St.

Questions? Contact Peggy Ueda at 617-277-4575 or pueda@comcast.net or visit www.brooklinesepac.org.



Are you clipping Box Tops? It's easy! General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Ziploc & Hefty are some of the brands offering Box Tops for Education on their products. Clip them & drop them in the main office bin.



TRADITION! "Tradition" is a famous song from Fiddler on the Roof. It is also a tradition that there is a 7/8 grade drama production each year. This wonderful musical has been chosen as this year's production. Auditions for 7th & 8th graders are on Thursday 9/20 from 2:30 to 5:30pm. **Save the dates to see the production on December 6th, 7th or 8th!** The producers welcome parent volunteers.

All METCO friends, families, & alumni are invited to a Salute to Metco on Saturday, Sept 29th from 6 to 8 pm. at Franklin Park Zoo in the Beech Grove Pavilion.

Governor Patrick is expected to speak on the future of METCO following the recent Seattle ruling by the Supreme Court which sharply limits the use of race in school assignments.

Your children are welcome too! A special jungle safari program is planned just for them. Zoo admission for the Salute is free after 6PM, however, only the rear Giraffe entrance will be open for our guests.

RSVP at 617-427-1545 or Salute@METCOinc.org by 9/24.

5-6 pm Tue. & Thurs. After-School Care Needed

We are looking for a responsible and caring female adult to pick up and care for our 6 year old daughter from 5-6pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Although our daughter attends first grade at Lawrence School, she is in the Chinese after-school program at Pierce School every Tuesday and Thursday and will need to be picked up from there. Please email Min at mimilicn@yahoo.com or call 617-308-2516. Fees negotiable.

PIERCE SCHOOL

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2007


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Welcome to the Pierce Community Classifieds!

Lots of folks in Brookline want to reach the Pierce School Community. We'd like to keep the Broadsheet focused on school news as much as possible, so occasionally we will send out the Pierce Community Classifieds as well. If you'd like to place your ad here, please email piercebroadsheet@gmail.com. A small fee may apply depending on the nature of your news or organization. Notices and ads are printed as space permits, without PTO endorsement. We reserve the right to edit all copy. Thank you!

PALS Children's Chorus is looking for New Members!

 PALS is an after-school performing arts program based at the Lincoln School in Brookline. Children from 2nd grade through 8th are welcome to join one of our three choruses. In addition to training in choral singing, children in our training and performing groups have instruction in both drama and dance. PALS performs in many different places from Symphony Hall to the Senior Center in Brookline as well as at Lincoln School in the Spring when we present our musical theater performances. To get more info visit our website www.palschildrenschorus.org or to schedule an audition call 617-264-7257 or email lflorman@palschildrenschorus.org.

PIANO LESSONS - about 1 mile from Pierce. Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sightreading from a Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 25+ years teaching experience. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, caring instructor. Beginners welcome. Will travel.

Gloria Jasinski
phone: 617.566.9704
email: piano566@comcast.net



Brookline Literacy Specialist Available for Private Spring/Summer Tutoring (And Beyond!)

I am a DOE certified Literacy Specialist working in the Brookline Public Schools and I especially enjoy tailoring instruction to individual students and their unique needs.

I have experience in a variety of methods (regular and special education - including Wilson) and will assess your child to design the best plan for progress.

I work on ALL areas of literacy - decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, writing and spelling - depending upon the needs of your child. Please contact Lradack@gmail.com. References available upon request.



Girl Scouts.

Joining Girl Scouts is simple!

Who can join?

Girl Scouts is open to all girls ages 5-17

Daisy Girl Scouts; girls in Kindergarten or ages 5-6

Brownie Girl Scouts; girls in grades 1,2,3 or ages 6-8

Junior Girl Scouts; girls in grades 4,5,6 or ages 8-11

Girl Scouts ages 11-17 or girls in grades 6-12

Adults (18 and up) volunteers are needed to make Girl Scouting happen in your community.

How much does it cost?

The Girl Scout annual membership dues are \$10.00. Financial assistance is available. Girl Scout membership year begins October 1st and ends September 30th. Girls and adults may join at anytime.

How do I join Girl Scouts?

A girl can be a Girl Scout in many different ways. She can:

Join a troop/group of girls and adults in her community.

Register individually and get regular updates by mail and/or email on council-wide events and opportunities.

Sign up for Girl Scout Camp. We offer day and resident camping opportunities for girls.

Want to join? Joining Girl Scouts is simple!

Come to our area registration event on Thursday, September 27th from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm at Main Library in Brookline (Washington Street)

For more information or email

Joanne Najarian at abb-serviceunit@hotmail.com or call 866-268-8652

Come discover the fun, friendships and power of girls together. Our Girl Scout council offers financial assistance for membership dues and special activities. Ask us for details.



Kehillath Israel, located in the heart of Coolidge Corner, has openings available in all aspects of its new Hebrew school program. Private tutoring, after school classes, Brookline public school half-day programs as well as options for special needs students available. Call educational director Jennifer Rudin for details at 617-566-0079.

The VineRipe Grill is located at the Brookline Golf Club at Putterham, 1281 W. Roxbury Parkway, Chestnut Hill, MA. This lovely restaurant is open to the public 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy a cup of coffee in the morning or a glass of wine at night on the terrace overlooking the 18th hole. For more information or to inquire about private catering functions up to 150 people, please call Kelly or Lisa at 617-278-4000.



INFORMAL BASKETBALL – MAIN GYM FACILITY

The Brookline Recreation Department offers an informal basketball program at the Main Gym Facility, located at 66 Tappan St., Brookline. This program is available for participants High School age through Adults. There is a daily fee of \$3.00 for Brookline Residents and \$6.00 for Non-residents. For information please call 617-730-2069.

Times and Days are:

Monday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (10/15/07 - 3/24/08)

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (10/16/07 - 3/25/08)

Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (10/13/07 - 3/29/08)

Sunday 8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (10/14/07 - 3/30/08)



BABY-SITTERS TRAINING – SOULE CENTER AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Brookline Recreation Department offers a Baby-Sitters Training course at the Soule Recreation Center, located at 652 Hammond St., Brookline for children ages 11-15. This course will train individuals in baby-sitting responsibilities, characteristics of children, supervising and playing with children, basic care such as feeding and changing, accident prevention, proper emergency response and basic first aid. The course will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 and Thursday, October 11, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The fee for the course is \$50.00 for Brookline Residents and \$60.00 for Non-residents. To register, call 617-730-2069 or log-on to www.townofbrooklinemass.com/recreation.



STANDARD FIRST AID – AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Brookline Recreation Department offers a Standard First Aid course at the Eliot Recreation Center, located at 133 Eliot St., Brookline.

Certification is valid for three years. The course will be held on Monday, October 15, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The fee for the course is \$35.00 for Brookline Residents and \$45.00 for Non-residents. To register, call 617-730-2069 or log-on to www.townofbrooklinemass.com/recreation.



Musical Theater Auditions For Young Actors

The Freelance Players, Inc., a musical theater organization for young people founded in 1973, is holding open auditions for its fall season the week of Sept 17th, by appointment. The four Freelance Troupes are for children ages 8-12 with little or no experience. (Mon group in JP, Tues group in Cambridge, Thurs group at Heath School, Fri group at Driscoll School). The Freelance Players is for young people ages 12-16 (meets Weds at Driscoll). Everyone is encouraged to try out! Each company produces an original musical during the season. Physical and vocal techniques, drama improvisation, dance, and singing are part of the rehearsal process. Professional directors, musicians, and choreographers staff the companies. The programs are tuition based. Some financial assistance is available. To schedule an audition or for more info call 617-232-1175 or visit www.freelanceplayers.org.

ADULT CHILD AND INFANT CPR

The Brookline Recreation Department offers Community Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED courses at the Eliot Recreation Center, located at 133 Eliot St., Brookline.

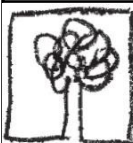
Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED

The course will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 and Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 6:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. Certification is valid for one year. The fee for the course is \$50.00 for Brookline Residents and \$60.00 for non-residents

REVIEW COURSE

This course is for people who need to be re-certified in Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED. Certification is valid for one year. The course will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The fee for the course is \$40.00 for Brookline Residents and \$50.00 for Non-residents.

To register, call 617-730-2069 or log-on to



Clinton Path seeking substitute teachers.

Clinton Path Preschool, a small cooperative preschool located near Brookline Village, is seeking substitute teachers for occasional work. Experience as a teacher, nanny or babysitter is preferred and a love of children is a must. Hours would usually be from 8:15 a.m. to either 12:30 or 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call 617.731.8415 or send an email to Laura Bradford, Director, at lb22@rcn.com.

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Eve Agush has been teaching tap and flamenco in the Boston community for the past fifteen years. She teaches at many studios in Massachusetts including Boston Ballet, the Dance Complex, the Acton School of Ballet, Ballet Arts Worcester and the Northeast Youth School of Ballet. Eve is available for private instruction, workshops and residencies. For more information, call Eve at 617.216.1643 or email AdamAnt_Eve@hotmail.com

MONDAYS (Starts 9/24/07)

LOCATION: Runkle School , 50 Druce St. , Brookline

CALL: 617-879-4650

TIME: 2:15-3:15PM Youth Flamenco Level 1 (all ages)

DETAILS: logon to www.runkle.org (Runkle After School Pgm)

CLASS DURATION: 10 week session



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