

# PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## 1st Annual FitFest was Fun!

A big thanks to our community who made the inaugural FitFest a huge success!!!! It was a fantastic day with incredible community participation - over 300 participants and 214 medals were given out! A special thanks to all our parent volunteers, student volunteers, the PTO, Dr. Smith-Mumford, and Mr. Frank for helping to make this inaugural event such a hit. A huge thank you to our donors: Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and PitaPit; our event sponsors: InnerSpace, BoaBom, PB&J Dance Company and Wellness, Inc.; and our community participants: The Town of Brookline's Department of Public Works, Building Department, Police Department, Department of Recreation, Department of Public Health and Town Selectman, the Brookline High Football and Cheerleading squads as well as Curves, StrollerFit, and Fitness Unlimited. For those who could not join us, stay tuned for Pierce FitFest '08!

What did you think about Fitfest? Please visit [www.piercefest.com](http://www.piercefest.com) to leave us your comments.

Check out photos from FitFest on the web at [www.pierceschoolbrookline.org](http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org)!

Sincerely,  
Meredith Saillant & Graeme Grant  
Pamela DiPiro & Stewart Silvestri  
Stacey Irwin Downey & Brendan Downey



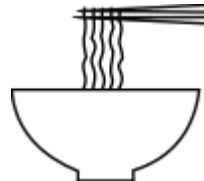
**YOU DESERVE A MEDAL!** Dr. Smith Mumford, Mr. Frank, The PTO, and the Pierce Community wish to thank Pierce parents Stacey & Brendan Downey, Meredith Saillant & Graeme Grant, Pamela DiPiro & Stewart Silvestri for their hard work and great attitude in planning the first annual Pierce FitFest! It was a truly fun, special, and fit day!

## Save the Dates!

- 9/26 Grades 1-6 Open House - 6:45pm  
*Main Building*
- 9/27 Kindergarten Open House - 7:30am  
*Historical Building*
- 9/29 Salute to METCO—Franklin Park Zoo 6-8pm
- 10/1 Last day to place an ad in the Directory  
[pierceschoolbrookline.org/Directory\\_media\\_kit\\_07.pdf](http://pierceschoolbrookline.org/Directory_media_kit_07.pdf)
- 10/3 Photo Day!
- 10/8 SCHOOL CLOSED – Columbus Day
- 10/11 PTO Meeting - 7pm
- 10/17 ECS Parent Coffee - 8:15am  
*Cafeteria (Enrichment Challenge Support)*



Please be reminded that picture day is Wed, October 3rd. Please make sure you send your order form to school on that day or before. Order forms went home this week, please check with your child or teacher if you did not get one. SMILE!!!



## 28th Annual International Pot Luck Supper!

Food, friendship & entertainment!

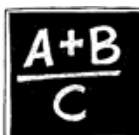
WHEN: Thursday, October 25th at 5:30-7:00 p.m.

WHAT: A celebration to share dishes from many lands for children, parents, friends & teachers!

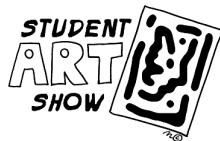
WHERE: Pierce Cafeteria & Auditorium.

Please bring enough food for your family and others to share (for 10 to 12 people). Food will be set up on tables buffet style. Label your dishes & serving utensils. Label the country of origin.

Entertainment begins at 6:15. No food will be allowed in the auditorium. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Punch will be available for 25 cents a cup.



**Have you checked out the Problem of the Week?** Each week Pierce Math Specialists are posting an interesting math challenge in the main lobby. They work hard to find a unique problem that is appealing to most abilities. Encourage your child to check it out! A drawing is held each week to determine a winner among all the correctly submitted solutions.



Did you know there is a student art show at Pierce every single week? Take a look around! Our walls and halls and display cases are filled with all sorts of masterpieces by talented Pierce artists. Classroom teachers and art teachers Steven Rae and Mac Dewart take the time to showcase this beautiful art. It's fascinating to see how so many different and creative interpretations of a particular lesson. Our students are learning to work with many different subjects and mediums. Please stop and take some time to browse our galleries and be sure to compliment the artists!

### INNER SPACE CLASSES starting in October

TEEN YOGA Tuesdays 3:30-4:45  
\$120 for 12 weeks, 10/2-12/18,



KIDS YOGA Wednesdays 4:15-5 pm  
\$75 per 6 week session, 9/26-10/31 and 11/7-12/19

#### KIDS KARATE

Thurs 3:30-4:15 (4-7 yrs) & 4:30-5:15 (8-11 yrs),  
\$100 for 10 weeks 10/4 -12/13

www.yogainthevillage.com, email: villageyoga@mac.com  
617-730-5757 **(Pierce thanks this FitFest sponsor!)**

### Student Volunteers Needed!

Special Olympics and Brookline Therapeutic Recreation Program are looking for students 8 years and older that enjoy sports to play with our local special needs community. No experience necessary! The athletes meet once a week (usually on weekends) for approximately an hour for practice. Sports such as basketball, volleyball, swimming, track and much more run at different times throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering please have a parent contact Kathy Mayotte-Jansky at kathy\_mayottejansky@brookline.k12.ma.us and she will answer any questions you may have.



**Pierce parent Rachna Balakrishna will perform** (along with Pierce alum Rupangi Datta and numerous others) at the Triveni School of Dance 31st Annual Dance Recital. Classical dances of India will be performed dedicated to Nataraja, the lord of Dance. Sunday, 9/30 at 12:30pm. Kresge Auditorium, MIT, Cambridge. FREE Admission. 617-232-5485.

### BABYSITTER / DOGWALKER - Pierce Student!

Experienced 8th grade dog walker and babysitter looking for work around Pierce/Brookline High School area. Available after school, everyday except Thursdays. References available. Call 617-997-7027.



### The Pierce Broadsheet

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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?

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](mailto:pueda@comcast.net) or visit [www.brooklinesepac.org](http://www.brooklinesepac.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. 617.566.9704 [piano566@comcast.net](mailto:piano566@comcast.net)



### Did something special happen in your class?

Maybe a cool field trip, a new student or a new class pet? Be a "room kid" and email the Broad-sheet with a short blurb about it! See it in print!

### READING TUTOR/VIOLIN TEACHER

Certified Reading Specialist with M. Ed in Reading Education, trained in Lindamood, Phono-Graphix, & O.G. I specialize in remediating students who read at or below a 2nd grade level. Age 4 and up. Exc. refs. Free assessment. \$35.00 per hour. Formerly employed by "The Learning Lab @ Lesley." I'm also a certified Suzuki violin teacher, and am accepting students age 7 and up (\$20.00 per 30 minutes). [ChrisMandell@yahoo.com](mailto:ChrisMandell@yahoo.com) (617-323-4709)

### FALL TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

Jessica McDermott, 617-477-9197

Masters level certified teacher for the elementary/middle school levels. Give your child a head start this school year! If your child is in need of some extra help in language arts, writing, math, science or social studies...or just needs support with organization & study skills, I can assist! I am a certified teacher, grades 1-8, with a Masters in Teaching, and have three years teaching experience. I have experience working with children of all learning abilities-- gifted children as well as children with special needs. I tutor from my home in West Roxbury and am taking new clients this fall. I look forward to hearing from you!!!