

PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO THE PIERCE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

THEY ARE IMPORTANT FOR EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY!

Save the Dates!

- 10/5 Sign up for PiercePost! 7:45-8:15am
Outside Historical Bld if nice weather
- 10/8 SCHOOL CLOSED – Columbus Day
- 10/10 PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
Staff Room—stay for Principal’s Forum at 7
- 10/10 Principal’s Forum—Urban Improv—7pm
Auditorium - for parents—see reverse side
- 10/12 Auction 2008—To be or not to be?
Conference Room - Come share your ideas!
- 10/12 Student Council Speech Assembly
- 10/17 ECS Parent Coffee - 8:15am
Cafeteria (Enrichment Challenge Support)
- 10/18 “Third Thursday” Breakfast - 8-9am
Cafeteria - bring food to share if you can!
- 10/20 7/8 Fall Car Wash 10am-2pm
- 10/25 International Potluck Supper 5:30-7:00 pm
Cafeteria & Auditorium
- 10/26 SCHOOL CLOSED—Professional Dev Day



A wrench in the school day!

On Tuesday, September 25th, a pipe burst in the Historical Building (K, 1AB, 7 & 8). This resulted in a controlled evacuation of both buildings and a decision to cancel school on Wednesday, September 26th. Please see the attached letter from Dr. Smith-Mumford about the incident & emergency procedures.



Have you signed up to receive Pierce news by e-mail? This Friday morning, October 5th, there will be a table outside of the Historical Building. Please stop by and give us your e-mail address to receive the PiercePost. NOTE: you do not receive this timely Pierce news unless you specifically sign up to receive it! Stop by the table from 7:45-8:15am or send an email to piercepost-subscribe@topica.com. Try it—you’ll like it!

★ NOTE NEW TIMES FOR FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!

Thursday	12/6	7pm
Friday	12/7	7pm
Saturday	12/8	4pm



Pierce Auction 2008 To Be or Not To Be? That is STILL the question.

Funds raised by the Pierce Auction have represented a large part of our PTO budget in the past.

Please come to an important meeting on Friday, October 12th to discuss the following questions:

- Do we want an auction as Pierce School’s major fundraiser of the year?
- What will this event “look” like, i.e: day/eve?
- Are you able to take on a role in this event?

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th at 8am
Conference Room in Main Building
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Can you solve the POW? (Problem of the Week)

Try out the math Pierce students are doing!



Week 1: Anna was looking at a 6-sided die that was sitting on a table. She could see 17 dots. How many dots were on the side that was against the tabletop? ANSWER ON BACK

Week 2: One neeb and one noob together cost 3 cents. One neeb and one nub together cost 4 cents. One nub and one noob together cost 5 cents. How much does a neeb cost by itself? ANSWER ON BACK

Week 3: Karen is helping her dad lay new tiles on their kitchen floor. The kitchen floor is 9 feet wide and 12 feet long. The tiles are 6 inch squares. How many tiles will Karen and her dad need to tile the kitchen floor? SEE BACK

Check the bulletin board along the ramp in the “A” wing every Thursday for: the last week’s answer, a list of Pierce’s successful solvers and a new fun math problem!



First Principal's Forum: Urban Improv!

Urban Improv, an exciting educational program, will begin in October for Pierce 5th graders. Each 5th grade class will deal with such issues as prejudice, peer pressure, violence and conflict resolution, scapegoating and physical challenges. With Urban Improv, students will learn original music, perform with professional actors, and create scenes in small groups. Using their imaginations and creativity, students will explore challenging, important issues and learn to come up with creative solutions.

Since 1992, Urban Improv has been helping students develop life skills of problem solving, decision making, cooperation and leadership, while at the same time further develop academic skills of listening, verbal expression, and analytical and critical thinking. They have received recognition throughout Massachusetts for their work with young people. The Brookline Community Fund has generously funded the Urban Improv program for Pierce.

Parents: Urban Improv will join us on Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm for our first Principal's Forum. Child care and refreshments will be available. They will share with parents the improvisational nature of their work and describe the ways they tackle the important issues that students face. Please come out and participate in this interactive evening with Urban Improv. It's sure to be informative and fun!



Enrichment Challenge Support Parent Coffee

Wednesday, October 17 at 8:15am
In the Pierce School Cafeteria

All parents are invited to attend to hear how ECS reaches ALL students through new curriculums.

In addition, we will discuss:

- How the Brookline ECS program works at Pierce
- How ECS serves students who show a capacity for high levels of academic, intellectual & creative achievement
- The Mentoring Program

Also: view games and sample lessons used by students.

If you can't make it but want some more information, contact Deborah Heffan at Heffan@verizon.net or Bruce Haimowitz at bhaim@alum.mit.edu .

The Pierce Broadsheet

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Donate a New Book to the Pierce School Library!

Is someone celebrating a birthday? Are you looking for a special gift for a holiday?

Honor your child or someone special by donating a book to the Pierce Library. It is a great way to celebrate a birthday, achievement or occasion. You can also give a book in a special person's name to honor a teacher, thank a friend, or celebrate a grandparent's birthday!

Your new book will become a permanent part of the Pierce Library, and a source of learning and enjoyment for other students for years to come!

Joan Hamilton, Pierce School Librarian, will purchase an appropriate book for the school, and we will place a book-plate with your information, as you request it, inside. We will send a letter to you thanking you for your donation, with a letter also to the recipient so she/he can know of your generous and important gift. Thank you!

For info & order form, please go to: <http://pierceschoolbrookline.org/Library/index.shtml>



Thank you to our Room Parents for volunteering to be a room parent! This is an incredibly important job that makes things so much easier for our teachers. Please check with your teacher to make sure he or she has enough help. If you are not a room parent, please take a moment to thank the parents in your child's classroom who have volunteered to take on this essential role.

Math POW

Answers:



Week 1: The hidden side has 4 dots on it.
Week 2: A neeb costs 1 cent.
Week 3: 432 tiles. The area of the floor is $9 \times 12 = 108$ square feet. Since the tiles are 6-inch squares, it will take four tiles for each square foot. $108 \times 4 = 432$.

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

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?

Bring your questions! Light refreshments will be served. **THIS TUESDAY, Oct. 9, 2007 7:00-8:30pm MLK Room/BHS** Contact Peggy Ueda at 617-277-4575 or email pueda@comcast.net or visit www.brooklinesepac.org.