

PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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**MEETING THIS
FRIDAY MORNING!**
Please join us!
**Pierce Auction 2008
To Be or Not To Be?**
That is **STILL** the question.

Please come to an important meeting this Friday 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



**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.



**28th Annual Pierce School
International Potluck Dinner**
Thursday, October 25th - 5:30-7pm

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. A very special Pierce night!

Save the Dates!

- 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)
- 10/17 School Council Meeting—6pm
Conference Room—All are welcome
- 10/18 "Third Thursday" Breakfast - 8-9am
Cafeteria - bring food to share if you can!
- 10/20 7th Grade Fall Car Wash 10am-2pm
- 10/25 International Potluck Supper 5:30-7:00 pm
Cafeteria & Auditorium
- 10/26 SCHOOL CLOSED—Professional Dev Day

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

Try out the math Pierce students are doing!

Week 4: When Max started putting square blocks together to make shapes, he noticed something interesting. There was only one shape he could make with one block:



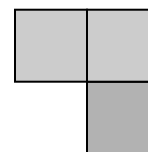
And there was only one shape he could make with two blocks:



But with three blocks, he could make two different shapes:



OR



How many shapes could Max make with four blocks?
How many could he make with five?

Keep this in mind: If you can turn one shape into another by turning it or flipping it over, then it isn't different from the other shape. The two shapes count as one.

Check the bulletin board along the ramp in Unit "A" every Thursday for the answer, a list of Pierce's successful solvers and a new fun math problem! Encourage children to show their work in their answers!

Understanding Disabilities

One of the reasons our children receive such a well-rounded education at Pierce is the diversity of our community. One of the ways in which this tolerance and understanding is enhanced and encouraged is through the Understanding Disabilities Program held each year for all Fourth Graders. This is a parent run program and we need you to make it work.



Please consider participating in this program. We need parents to run learning stations and to act as chaperones for the groups of students. There are four sessions held in the mornings and one training session per topic held in the evening. This is really a very small time commitment on your part and a huge contribution to the students understanding of the world.

Contact the parent coordinators to sign up! Mary Ellen Hartigan at (617)277-4430 or Adele Munger Mathieu at (617)566-5865 or adeledre@yahoo.com

The schedule is as follows:

Visual - November 28 (8:30-11:30am)
with training held on November 27 (7:00-8:30pm)

Hearing - December 14 (8:30-11:30am)
with training held on December 13 (7:00-8:30pm)

Physical - January 17 (8:30-11:30am)
with training held on January 15 (7:00-8:30pm)

Intellectual - February 14 (8:30-11:30am)
with training held on February 12 (7:00-8:30pm)

URBAN IMPROV AT PIERCE:

Pierce is proud to announce that the URBAN IMPROV program for the Fifth Grade students has been made possible by a grant from the **Brookline Community Fund**. In addition to fifth grade students participating in this program, all parents were invited to participate in an Urban Improv session on Wednesday evening, October 10th. Thank you to those that attended, and thank you to the Brookline Community Fund for making this possible.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Fiddler on the Roof

**12/6 at 7pm
12/7 at 7pm**



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These are just a few of the words used to describe the Brookline Public Schools - and the Brookline Education Foundation works hard to keep it that way! We raise money from parents, residents, and local businesses to fund new approaches to professional development and system wide improvements that the schools could not otherwise afford.

Want to know what the Brookline Education Foundation has done for Pierce School lately? Ask **AnaMaria Caballero, Mary Gabriel, Helen Greeley, Susan Harvey, Ken Haynes, Melissa London, Jamie Lyons, Kerrilyn McCarthy, Carol Sepkoski, Sally Shuman, Sandra Sicard, Chris Smith, Pipier Smith-Mumford, Nancy Springer, Norma Steinberg, James Varnum, and David Weinstein** about their grants. Thanks to the Brookline Education Foundation, these educators are establishing a mentoring project, exploring a strategy for teaching expository writing, piloting historical writing guidelines for middle school students, and attending conferences and workshops on science, after-school programming, and meeting the diverse needs of primary and pre-school children.

For more information about the Brookline Education Foundation, visit our web site at www.BrooklineEducation.org or talk to Pierce parents and Foundation Board members Julie Leitman and Cherie Gaehde.

Daily dog-walker needed

Daily dog walker needed for disabled woman with very nice service dog. Do you live near school and Stop&Shop? Must have dog experience and be available afternoons around 4pm for 20-30 minutes. Community service and/ or stipend. Please call Lori after 4pm at 617-232-9229.



