

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Welcome to this weeks Pierce School Broadsheet Published every Wednesday by the Pierce PTO. There is a **Firm Deadline of Monday at 2:00 p.m.** Please 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: Poetsareangels@rcn.com or 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 Pierce School Broadsheet is going GREEN

In an effort to reduce paper, The Pierce School Broadsheet would like to go green by January 1, 2009. Copies would still be available for families that don't have internet access. The Broadsheet will be available on the Pierce School Website. In lieu of paper copies those with internet access would receive an email via ConstantContact containing the broadsheet each Thursday. We encourage all families to sign up to receive the PiercePost on the Pierce School website not only to receive the Pierce School Broadsheet, but to receive important updated event information throughout the year. Ellen Ball will be collecting email addresses at the PTO Meeting, as well as the upcoming Open House events.

The Pierce School Community Directory

is a tool that can help you connect with, friends, neighbors or teachers. You can also find a good business around town. Have you made sure your contact information was up-to-date? If not, please make sure to update your information with your child's teacher or email your changes directly to Felina Mucha-Cyr at poetsareangels@rcn.com no later than September 22nd. *Thank you.*

FitFest @ Pierce Park is a family centered event for the Brookline community to promote fitness and healthy living for families. Come join in us on Sunday, September 28 starting at 1:00 PM. Activity Outline:

Young Kids: Dancing, Yogo, Potato sack
Sporting Events: Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Football
Adventure Events: One-mile fun run

For more information e-mail your request to: register@piercefest.com, or to register please visit: <http://www.piercefest.com/>

Save The Dates

Monday, September 15, 2008 *Registration Deadline for Pierce School Enrichment Program*

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 *Public Charrette* (7:00pm)

Saturday, September 20, 2008 7th *Grade Car Wash* (10:00am)

Monday, September 22, 2008 *Guys and Dolls audition Directory Update Forms Due*

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 *Grades 1-6 Open House* (6:45pm)

Thursday, September 25, 2008 *Kinderqarten Breakfast, Open House* (7:30am)
7/8 Open House (6:30pm)

Friday, September 26, 2008 *Eighth Grade Hiking Trip*

Sunday, September 28, 2008 *Pierce FitFest* (1:00pm)

Monday, September 29, 2008 *Guys and Dolls rehearsal starts*

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 *Rosh Hashanah (No school)*

Thursday, October 2, 2008 *The Pierce School Broadsheet is now sent via Constant Contact for those with e-mail*

Pierce School Enrichment Program Registration Deadline is Monday, September 15, 2008

Registration is on a first come first serve basis and many classes fill before the registration deadline. Brochures were distributed through the classrooms on Monday, September 8. Additional brochures are located near the main office and PSED office.

Enrichment Volunteer Program

Grades: 4-8, 2:30-3:15 pm. The enrichment program is looking for students in grades 4 through 8 to help assist instructors with classes. Please fill out registration form and write that you are interested in volunteering for a specific class (it needs to be a class for children in grade K-3). You will need to pick up a full brochure by the main office to view choices for younger children's classes. Movie passes are given to students who complete the 8 week class. The enrichment coordinator will call you to set up a time to discuss this program. For more information please contact Abbie at piercenrichment@aol.com or 617-739-1919.

In the Fall 2008 Enrichment Brochure there was a misprint. The Thursday enrichment science class begins at 2:30 p.m. not the time stated in the brochure of 2:15 p.m.

MGT Charrette Process

Origin of the Charrette

In the 19th century at Ecole des Beaux in Paris, architectural students wishing for their plans to be considered would scurry to submit their drawings by the designated hour. A “little



cart” or charrette would be brought around to collect their drawings and take them to a large room to be displayed for the public to view. Architects had the opportunity to submit their ideas; every citizen was given an opportunity to view these drawings and offer his/her thoughts. Most often the building project was a monumental one, with far reaching consequences. This necessitated the best thinking of the entire community. This charrette process was created out of the belief that the people could make significant contributions to the final plan – and they often did.

Developing a ten-year master facility plan is a comprehensive and involved process that requires a broad base of public input to be successful. As citizens of Paris often proved, the charrette process produces a better plan than one developed by a select few. Public involvement opens up the scope of discussion to include issues important to the community.

MGT has designed a charrette process that allows free and unrestricted public comment during the planning phases to garner input from the community on issues that are important for the success of a master plan. The MGT charrette process allows every person an equal opportunity to express his/her views in a comfortable environment by allowing people to express their opinions and work through ideas in a responsive group. Here’s how it works:

- ❖ A trained presenter gives a brief PowerPoint presentation that establishes the goals for the project and explains the charrette process.
- ❖ The audience becomes actively engaged in the charrette through the use of a highly interactive software. Each person is given a wireless keypad called a ResponseCard®. The ResponseCard® enables the participant to vote on issues concerning the facility master plan.
- ❖ After each question, the audience receives immediate feedback in the form of a bar graph that displays the response trends of the entire group. This enables the large group to immediately recognize insights, trends, and consensus. This process allows MGT to gather “unbiased” responses and then share what the group is thinking for immediate feedback and small group discussion.
- ❖ In the next step of the process, trained facilitators engage small groups in a “drill down” of the predominant topics discovered during the large-group session. These smaller sessions are more conducive to free-flowing discussion as a result of the information gained from the initial presentations.

Following the charrette session, MGT facilitators debrief to discuss the key points and trends that emerged from the small group sessions. MGT analysts then use the data gathered during the sessions as barometers of community consensus for building a ten-year facility master plan.

The carts may no longer be used but the spirit of the old charrette process lives. What participants take away from the sessions is a conviction that their input is valuable and will contribute to the building of a successful plan. Once the facility plan is unveiled, people will know that their input helped create the right plan for their community. The MGT charrette process adds a new dimension to planning by getting the community engaged from the very beginning.

The Public Schools of Brookline Charrettes

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION

WHO: Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Taxpayers of the Public Schools of Brookline

WHAT: Public Charrettes on the future facility needs of the Public Schools of Brookline

WHERE and WHEN:

❖ September 17, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Old Lincoln School Auditorium

194 Boylston Street

WHY: Our school district continues to provide an excellent education for the students in our care. Much progress has been made; more needs to be done. Most important among those challenges are our school facilities. We want to develop a ten-year facility master plan that addresses those building needs, while being accountable to the taxpayers of the Town of Brookline. Your input on these matters is very important to us.

Join us for this public charrette and share your views on the existing needs of our facilities. Help us as we develop a plan to address present and future facility challenges in a responsive and responsible manner.



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 poetsareangels@rcn.com or 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.

PIANO INSTRUCTION (about 1 mile from Pierce) - Flexible summer scheduling makes now an ideal time to try piano lessons. Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 25+ years teaching experience. Beginners welcome. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617/566-9704, email: piano566@comcast.net



PreSchool Space available at preschool in Chestnut Hill. Flexible hours and days; 2,3,4 or 5 days available. Please call 617-566-9162 for more information or to see the school and meet the teachers.

MUSIC CLASSES - Children's OPERA program for ages 6 and up, also Music through movement for ages 3-5, Private Piano all levels. High quality music instruction in BROOKLINE! Contact Barbara Gawlick ASAP @ 617-965-0169 or email: gawsro@msn.com

Red Cross Certification Courses

CPR/AED Certification Course
Eliot Recreation Center
Thursday, October 23, 2008 - 6-10 PM
Register by October 10, 2008
Resident: \$50 Non-Resident:\$60

CPR/AED/FIRST AID COMBO CLASS
Eliot Recreation Center
Saturday, November 1, 2008 - 8AM - 4PM
Register by Friday, October 24, 2008
Resident: \$85 Non-Resident:\$105

ARC First Aid Course
Eliot Recreation Center
Monday, October 20, 2008 - 6:30-9PM
Register by Friday, October 10, 2008
Resident:\$35 Non-Resident:\$45

ARC Babysitter Training Course
Soule Recreation Center
Tuesday, October 7, 2008 & Thursday, October 9, 2008 - 3-6PM
Register by Tuesday, September 30, 2008
Resident:\$50 Non-Resident:\$60

Please visit www.brooklinema.gov or call 617-730-2069 to Register for all classes.

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Acting Out Can Be Fun for Everyone!

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 September 15th**, by appointment. The four Freelance Troupes are for children ages 8-12 with little or no experience. The Freelance Players is for young people ages 12-16. Everyone is encouraged to try out!

Each company rehearses in the afternoon and meets on several Saturdays during the season:

Tuesdays (Footlight Club Troupe, Jamaica Plain)

Wednesdays (Morse School Troupe, Cambridge)

Wednesdays (Freelance Players, Driscoll School, Brookline)

Thursdays (Heath School Troupe, Chestnut Hill)

Fridays (Driscoll School, Brookline)

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 information call 617-232-1175 or visit www.freelanceplayers.org.

Reading Tutor 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. Excellent references. 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 5 and up (\$20.00 per 30

Adventure Kids This program runs for 9 hours over 3 days and combines recreational kayaking skills development with Adventure Education initiatives for a truly unique experience. Participants will learn to overcome challenges individually through paddling and as a team through our fun challenge games. Staff includes ACA Certified Instructor and Trained Adventure Facilitator. Appropriate for kids 8 - 14 years old.

Tuesdays, September 23, 30 and October 7
Afterschool transportation available; 7:30pm pick up at Soule Recreation Center, 652 Hammond Street, \$125/participant

Call 617-730-2076 for more information.

Adoptive Families Together (AFT) Parent Groups: Parent-run confidential groups to share personal concerns and needs around adoptive parenting. AFT provides education, advocacy, support, and more. We also welcome adopted individuals, birth parents, foster parents and all those with a connection to adoption. These are ongoing groups that meet once a month. Feel free to drop in!

Brookline Group: NEW TIME!

Group Leaders: Matt Paluszek & Lori Bakshi
Brookline Public Library, Main Branch
361 Washington St, 2nd Fl Conf Room
3rd Wed. of each month 7-8:30PM
· Sept. 17th
· Oct. 15th
· Nov. 19th
· Dec. 17th

The Brookline Group is supported by a grant from the Brookline Community Foundation. We will also be presenting a W.I.S.E. Up workshop in Brookline on Saturday, Nov. 8th 2-4pm in Brookline (At the Main Brookline Library)

This Workshop is based on the W.I.S.E. Up curriculum developed by the Center for Adoption and Support. This workshop helps to teach children and their parents how to respond to questions about their adoption experience. You will need to register for this workshop so please contact Nora O'Farrell nofarrell@mspcc.org (617) 587-1563 for more information.

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TRAVEL BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS In this highly competitive program, kids will compete against other towns in the surrounding area. This league is more demanding than the Joel M. Noe Recreation League and requires participants to make more of a commitment.

League games are played on Sundays from November to March with a required weekday practice for all participants. Only 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are Brookline residents or who attend a Brookline school will be allowed to play. Tryouts will be held at the Tappan Gym on Sunday, September 28, 2008 and Sunday, October 5, 2008. All students interested in trying out for the travel program MUST attend at least one of the evaluations to be considered.

6th Grade Evaluations: 10 AM
7th Grade Evaluations: 12 PM
8th Grade Evaluations: 2 PM

Fee: Pre-register \$160 Day of Evaluation (September 28th ONLY) \$170 Participants MUST pay on or before September 28th. No day of registration will be allowed on October 5th. Online registration will be available through Thursday, September 25, 2008 for adequate time to process forms and payments.

Any player requesting a scholarship MUST submit all necessary documentation by September 19, 2008. Please call 617-730-2069 for scholarship information.

If you are interested in coaching please contact the Brookline Recreation Department at 617-730-2069.

Chess Class — Chess is more than a game. Throughout its existence, chess has been compared to art, science, and life itself. The study of chess requires a large degree of discipline, patience and dedication. It is a mental exercise at the highest level, with the added benefit that improvements in chess lead to improvements in other aspects of life, such as academic performance. Come learn the game of Chess from experts at the Perl Chess Academy. No Experience Necessary. This class runs for 8 weeks and is for children in grades K-4.

Classes will be held on the 3rd floor of the Soule Recreation Center, 652 Hammond St., Chestnut Hill.

Wednesdays, September 17th, 2008 - November 5th, 2008

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Register by Friday, September 12th, 2008

Fee: Residents: \$88.00 Non-residents: \$98.00

For more information or to register please call Dmitry Frenklakh at 617-823-6865 or through email at umasschess@yahoo.com

Captain Jack's Lobsterbake & Foxwoods Resort Casino - Saturday, October 25, 2008

Join us for a delicious Lobster Clambake at Captain Jack's Lobster bake before venturing on to Foxwoods Resort Casino one of America's largest casinos. The day begins with you boarding a luxury VCR/DVD equipped bus and heading south. While in Rhode Island we will head toward Narragansett Bay and Captain Jack's Restaurant. After our feast we will continue on to Foxwoods Resort Casino. Once at the casino you are free to try your luck at any of the 6,400 slot machines and 350 table games. You will also receive a \$14.68 Buffet Coupon and a \$15 Lucky Seven Keno Coupon upon arrival. The bus will return to Brookline with your wallet or purse hopefully larger than when you left. Must be 21 years of age or older.

To register or for more information please call 617-739-7590. Please register by September 25, 2008.
Fee: \$58.00 per person

Bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. from the Arcade Building (314-320 Harvard St.) and 9:00 a.m. from the Soule Recreation Center (652 Hammond St.) The bus will return to the Soule Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. and the Arcade Building at 8:00 p.m.

Nature Explorations for Children Does your child love exploring nature? Join Brookline's Environmental Educator in discovering our beautiful parks, sanctuaries and open spaces. Expose your 2-5 year old to different seasonal themes investigated through hands-on exploration, music, arts & crafts, and stories. Nature Explorations will encourage and cultivate a child's interest in the environment through first-hand experiences.

Choose from Thursday or Friday morning sessions from 10am - 11am or Thursday afternoons from 3pm - 4:30pm (for ages 4 & 5). The eight-week session begins the week of September 14th and costs \$140 for the morning class, \$150 for the afternoon class. Space is limited to ten children, accompanied by an adult. Backpack babies are welcome to attend at no additional cost. For more information call Brookline Environmental Education at (617) 730-2076.