

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Welcome to the current issue of the Pierce School Broadsheet, published every other Thursday by the Pierce PTO. There is a Firm Deadline for submissions 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: Piercebroadsheet@gmail.com.

*PAPERLESS*

We hope that you will continue to enjoy our Paperless issues. If you know families who would like to be on our e-mail list, please mention that they can sign up on the Pierce web site at <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org>.

Paper versions of the Broadsheet will be available outside the main office.

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Save The Date

Friday, February 6, 2009 **Chinese New Year Celebration**

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 **Kindergarten Registration** (8-10 am)

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 **Kindergarten Registration** (12-2:30 pm)

Thursday, February 12, 2009 **Math league meet #2** (1:15pm)

Monday, February 16 **through** Friday, February 20, 2009 **Vacation** (no school)

Friday, February 20, 2009 **Adult Team Registration Deadline for the Brookline Education Foundation Adult**

Spelling Bee

Thursday, February 26, 2009 **Pot Luck Community Breakfast**

Latest News

Marie Lavelle The American flag outside Pierce School flew at half-mast last week in memory and in honor of Marie Lavelle. Marie was my mentor when I began teaching second grade. As one of the veteran second grade teachers, she coached me and calmed me, helping me plan and prioritize. A "good-morning" from Marie always started my day off right. Invigorated from her early morning swims, she passed that energy and joy along to all she met. After 2:00 pm, we sat together to reflect on the school day and to get ready for more to come. She advised that we "eat our broccoli first," getting less desirable tasks out of the way. My meetings with Marie helped me feel confident in the plans that I made for my class and quelled any feelings I had of being overwhelmed.

I, and many others in the Pierce community, could write pages on the influence that Marie had on our lives - joyful, inspiring pages. Parents whose children had Marie felt her warmth. Children who had Marie felt her caring and concern for them. Colleagues were inspired by her tireless work ethic. We will carry those pages of stories with us, sharing them with others when possible. When spoken out-loud, or written down, it will be hard to pick words that will convey that love and warmth that we carry with our memories of Marie - for she embodied a kind heart and a generous, spirit. Marie's warmth will always be a part of Pierce. The time she devoted to Pierce was a gift to us all.

Jenna Goodearl

SKATE NIGHT 2009

On Friday, January 30, more than 200 Pierce students and parents attended the 2nd Annual Skate Night at Larz Anderson skating rink. Among the attendees was non-other than our own Vice-Principal Badger, who was kind enough to skate to the middle of the ice for our raffle drawing. Congratulations to the Kao family who will be sitting in Fenway for a Red Sox/Yankee game this summer.

The success of this "Fit and Green" event is due to the wonderful efforts of our co-chairs Nancy Leventhal and Chuck Silverston who organized the skating, the raffle and a 36degree night in January. Thanks to their hard work, we are pleased to report that the raffle raised more than \$1,200 for the PTO. The PTO also wishes to thank the Lapidus family for donating the Red Sox tickets, all the volunteers who sold raffle tickets and all those who assisted at the rink.



Kindergarten Registration On Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 8-10 am and Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 12-2:30 pm, Pierce School will hold Kindergarten Registration in the Pierce auditorium. This registration will be for parents only. Parents can pick up registration packets in the Pierce main office. Please complete the packets before the registration date.

In order to register your child, this completed packet must be submitted at the time of registration, along with these additional documents that parents must bring:

- copy of the child's birth certificate and/or passport,
- two proofs of residency, i.e., current lease or current tax bill and a utility bill,
- immunization and health records.

Pierce School Extended Day (PSED) the independently run after school program, will be distributing information about their program, including the dates and procedures on how to register.

Students will be invited to visit Kindergarten classrooms at a later date. All incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years old before September 1st, 2009 to be eligible for fall kindergarten classes.

Parent Drop-Off Area

This notice is to remind all those Pierce families who drop their children off by car that students are to be dropped off in the circle at the front of the school (in front of the Historical Building). Do not idle your engine in this area. It's not good for the environment or the children. Please do not drop your child off in the circle by the Pierce Garage. Traffic backups occur and cause a problem as staff try to enter the garage. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Simply Pierce...the auction is coming this May! Mark your calendars for a Pierce parent exclusive event. Saturday, May 2, 2009 Pierce parents are invited to attend an evening of good, old-fashioned Pierce fun. Cocktails, silent/live auction, friends and fun! The mission is simple: raise some money and hang out with friends. Simply Pierce....simply fun! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Eileen Regis serandz@msn.com or Deborah Heffan heffan@verizon.net.

Celebrity Series tickets for March

The Order form for March performances is due on February 12 at 2:20PM. \$10 tickets are available for Celebrity Series performances to a large number of community groups, students, senior citizens and special needs individuals. Contact Sofia Ginzburg (evginz@yahoo.de) with additional questions.

The Chieftains, Symphony Hall, Friday, March 13 at 8pm

Blind Boys Of Alabama / Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Symphony Hall, Friday, March 27 at 3pm

London Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Hall, Wednesday, March 25, 8pm

Murray Perahia, Piano, Symphony Hall, Sunday, March 29 at 3 pm

Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? NEC's Jordan Hall, Saturday, March 28, 8pm

Pierce Problem of the Week No. 10 Gina wants to make a necklace as a holiday gift.

Gina has saved \$3.00.

The 3 types of beads she would like to use cost, 15¢, 10¢ and 5¢ each.

Gina wants to use all her money, with none left over. She wants her necklace to have a repeating pattern, beginning and ending with a pink bead and she wants mostly purple beads.

She wants to use some of all three kinds of beads for her necklace

Is it possible for Gina to do this? Can you design a necklace following all these rules?



The Answers to the Pierce P.O.W. #9

"HAWAII" are:

States with both vertical and horizontal symmetry: OHIO

States with only vertical symmetry: IOWA and UTAH and HAWAII

Welcome to the Pierce School Community Classified

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 Felina Mucha-Cyr. 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.

RENT

Feb. 4 at 3:30, Feb. 5-7 at 7:30
Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium
BrooklineHigh School
Tickets at the door \$10 Adults, \$5 Students/Seniors
For more information, call 617-713-5216.

Brookline High School's annual musical is one of the highlights of the school year. This year, director/choreographer Kyle Green and some of BHS's most gifted songbirds, high-kickers, and instrumentalists present Jonathan Larson's popular rock musical RENT, a contemporary reworking of Puccini's La boheme into a story about a group of poor young artists and musicians struggling on New York's Lower East Side. Mature content.



Please join us for a Winter Gala & Auction.

The Brookline Library's 12th Annual Winter Gala will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 7-10 p.m. at the Main Library, 361 Washington Street. Dine, dance, and bid on fabulous items and meet local authors while supporting the library. To buy tickets, preview auction items or bid online, visit www.brooklinelibrary.org. Tickets are also available at the Main Library for a cost of \$85 in advance and \$100 at the door.

Brookline SEPAC

Coalition of Brookline Autism Parents (CoBAP) Workshop. Brenda Dater, SIFTING THROUGH THE MAZE: MAKING DECISIONS THAT IMPACT YOUR ASD CHILD AND FAMILY, Sunday, February 8, 2009, 6-9 p.m., Brookline Community Mental Health Center, 41 Garrison Rd, Brookline.

SEPAC liaisons needed for Driscoll, Lincoln and BEEP! Please consider volunteering to assure communications among parents of children with special needs in our schools and among SEPAC leadership, membership and school administrators. Contact one of the co-chairs if you are interested: jedavid@hotmail.com, brndakine1@yahoo.com or pueda@comcast.net.

Don't forget, SEPAC meets monthly with Candace McCann, Asst. Supt. for Student Services, second Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m., Town Hall 5th floor. These meetings are open to all, and if you cannot attend you may forward your questions or concerns to the SEPAC co-chairs to address.

Brookline: Looking for part time nanny or sitter starting 2/15/09

We are looking for a mature, reliable, positive and energetic part-time nanny starting in 2/09 (17.5 hours/week, 3-6:30 pm on school days). This person will pick up our 5 year old from Pierce School at 3 pm and our 9 year old from Pierce School at 5:15 pm. We are looking for someone who is fluent in English and a non-smoker, has childcare experience, and excellent references. Training in child development, availability on school vacation days, at the beginning of the summer vacation or for the next school year are a plus. Driving is not necessary. We are near the Brookline Hills T-Station. Email kuhlig1@gmail.com or call 617-734-4684.

Brookline Youth Hockey Annual Parent Event Auction and Cocktail Party February 7 - Donations Needed Now! Brookline Youth Hockey will host its annual auction and cocktail reception on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St., Brookline. This evening of fun and friendship for adults will include both a live and a silent auction.

To make this event a success, we count on you to donate items to be auctioned. To make a donation or a cash pledge, fill out and submit the easy-to-complete form on our auction donation page. We need pledges now! More information about the auction will appear in coming weeks.

If you plan to attend the reception, please let us know by sending email to auction-rsvp@brooklineyouthhockey.org

Donna Stanger Photography

Donna Stanger, who has a photography studio in Newton, has been a portrait and event photographer for several years. She takes Bar and Bat Mitzvah photographs - either at the event or with posed photos of the family in her studio. She uses a traditional or photo journalistic style, with black and white or color to capture the uniqueness of the event or portraiture work. Please let friends and family members know about her services!

She invites families to call and set up an appointment to discuss their photographic needs such as: Packages, Framing, Albums, Enlargements, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Parties, and other events. You can contact Donna at 617-304-1819 or donna@donnastangerphotography.com. Visit her website at www.donnastangerphotography.com

April Vacation Soccer Clinic at Boston College - The Women's Soccer staff invite girls aged 6-14 to join them for a soccer clinic at BC. The program runs April 21st - 24th from 9am-3pm, however, late pick up is available. The focus is on fun and development. Come and join the BC players and coaches for a great soccer experience. For information on all our programs and registration please visit: www.bceagles.com/camps or call 617-552-3214 or email soccer.clinic@bc.edu

Piano Instruction - 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. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617.566.9704, email: piano566@comcast.net.

DanceFIT Studio

Voted #1 Dance Studio in Brookline & Gold in the Region Reader's Choice Awards 2008

REGISTER TODAY for our extended 5 week winter session which begins March 2 - April 4. All classes unless otherwise indicated are for adults.

Mondays: March 2 - March 30 (5 weeks)

6:15 - 7:15 PM Hip Hop with Abs with Twyla

7:15 - 8:15 PM Pilates Stretch with Resistance Tubing with Gina

8:15 - 9:15 PM Stretch & Tone with Gina

Tuesdays: March 3 - March 31 (5 weeks)

10:15 - 11:00 AM Tiny Ballerinas with Gina Ages 2.5 - 3.5 *

7:00 - 8:00 PM. Ballet & Pilates Fusion with Gina

8:00 - 9:00 PM Power Yoga with Nicole

*4 participants are needed to run this class.

Wednesdays: March 4 - April 1 (5 weeks)

7:00 - 8:00 PM Pilates Stretch with Resistance Tubing with Gina

Thursdays: March 5 - April 2 (5 weeks)

7:00 - 8:00 PM NEW CLASS: Low Impact Aerobics with Gina

8:00 - 8:45 PM NEW CLASS: Stretch & Flex with Gina

Saturdays: March 7 - April 4 (5 weeks)

9:00 - 10:00 AM Pre-Ballet with Gina Ages 3-4

10:00 - 11:00 AM Ballet 1A with Gina Ages 5-7

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pre-Ballet with Gina Ages 3-4

12:15 - 1:15 PM Ballet & Pilates Fusion with Gina

For more information please contact: Gina at: gina@dancefitstudio.com

DanceFIT Studio | PO Box 35182 | Brighton | MA | 02135

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

* Feb. 18th

* March 18th

The Brookline Group is supported by a grant from the Brookline Community Foundation

In the event of inclement weather, we will leave a voice mail cancellation message on the AFT line by 3 PM the day of the group. Call 617-587-1563.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

Felina

Felina-Marie Mucha-Cyr
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