

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## The Pierce School Broadsheet

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](mailto:Piercebroadsheet@gmail.com).

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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

Thursday, April 2, 2009 *Reading for Grade 3 and ELA MCAS Grade 5*  
Thursday, April 2, 2009 *8th Grade Parents/Guardian's, End of the Year Planning Session* (7 pm in the teachers room)  
Friday, April 3, 2009 *ELA, Grades 4 and 7*  
Monday, April 6, 2009 *ELA, Grades 6 and 8*  
Monday, April 6, 2009 *Cleat Exchange*  
Monday, April 6, 2009 *Used Book Collection Starts*  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 *ELA, Grades 6 and 8 and Make-Up Day for ELA Long Composition, Grades 4 and 7*  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 *Cleat Exchange*  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 *ELA, Grades 4 and 7 and Grades 6 and 8*  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 *Cleat Exchange*  
Thursday, April 9, 2009 *Cleat Exchange*  
Friday, April 10, 2009 *Good Friday* (No School)  
Thursday, April 16, 2009 *Community Pot Luck Breakfast, Visit with Members of The Pierce GREEN Team* (8:00 -9:00 am)  
Thursday, April 16, 2009 *Early dismissal, Grades K-6*  
Thursday, April 16, 2009 *Bingo for Books, Grades K-3* (6:30-8:00 pm in the cafeteria)  
Monday, April 20, 2009 *April Vacation* (No School)  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 *April Vacation* (No School)  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009 *April Vacation* (No School)  
Thursday, April 23, 2009 *April Vacation* (No School)  
Friday, April 24, 2009 *April Vacation* (No School)

## Latest News

### "Annie Jr." You're never fully dressed without a smile!

Once again, the Pierce School community was wowed by another special musical showcasing our talented students from grades 3-6. Both East Side and West Side casts and crew did a phenomenal job bringing Annie to the Pierce theater experience. None of the fantastic costumes, sets, music and choreography (not to mention, direction, organization and backstage managing) would be possible without the dedicated parents who worked tirelessly these last few months to make it all happen. Our list thanking all those involved is below. Thank you also to those parents who may not be listed but assisted in some capacity!



Director/Choreographer: Patrick McCrossan  
Asst. Director/Choreographer: Gina Robbins  
Musical Director: Steven Lipsett  
Chorus Director: Anne Sheridan  
Commercial Dir./Chorus Coord.: Laura Stillman  
Producers: Suzanne Elovecky, Deborah Dowd & Laura Stillman

Tech & Lighting Coord.: Mindy Taylor  
Set Design Coordinators: Susan Levin & Karen Sutton  
Carpenters: Peter Sacks  
Costumes: Nicole Lapidus, Tonni Lansbury & Sandra Levine  
Props: Deborah Costelloe  
Chorus Coord.: Blanka Bogdanovic  
Bake Sale Coord.: Cherie Gaehde  
Program Designer: Kristin Hicks  
Posters, Shirts & Graphics: Toni Lansbury  
Photographer & Videographer: Alan Kotik  
Treasurer: Dave Szeto  
BHS Chorus Intern: Phoebe Anderson-Kline

Tech Parent Assistant: David Elzey  
Set Design Crew: Euridice Rivas, Beth Dunn, Jo McKendry, Eka Maraneli  
Costume Sewing Crew: Sandra Levine, May Hagiwara, Noicole Lapidus  
Chorus Parent Volunteers: Eka Maraneli, Bei Yao, Lisa Grace, Jackie Rossey, May Xiaomei Li, June Duchesne, Eileen Regis  
Rehearsal Parent Volunteers: Kim Meyers, Toni Lansbury, Nicole Lapidus, MaryEllen Hartigan, Deb Abrams, Ellen Katz, Jessica Roland, Karen Szeto  
Snack Parent: Elizabeth Stillman  
Show Parent Volunteers: Kim Meyers, Bridget Knightly, Ellen Katz, Pam DiPiro, Josephine McKendry, Adele Matthieu, Sandy Lundy, Tania Baker, Neal Lerner, Linda McClain, Sheiita Bailry, Deb Abrams, Josh Abrams, Susan Larrabee, Laura Bradford, Joanne Silva-Njoku, Maura Moran, Deborah Costelloe, May Hagiwara, Kristin Hicks

Thank you!  
Pipier Smith-Mumford

### It's not too late if you haven't filled out the School Council Survey...the cut off date has been extended.

This is the time to help the School Council determine our School Improvement goals for the coming school year. Each year we also send a survey to gather this same information, particularly, as we try to reach a larger segment of our community. Please take a few minutes and complete the [Survey monkey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=OWf6ndOnJOAqxP9pIGSgwg_3d_3d) (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=OWf6ndOnJOAqxP9pIGSgwg\_3d\_3d) survey by this Friday, April 3rd.

Pipier Smith-Mumford, Principal & Mindy Taylor,  
School Council Co-Chairs

### Pierce Auction & Party

The countdown to the biggest social event of the year has begun. We're a month away from an evening of eating, drinking, and socializing with the Pierce community...and raising money along the way for our children's education.

Here's the latest news:

-- Look for a weekly PiercePost dedicated exclusively to the Simply Pierce Party and Auction. These will keep you informed of everything you need to know.

-- RSVPing to this event will be done through an online registration. You're gonna love how simple this is. (There will also be some opportunities to sign up at Pierce after morning drop off and right "at the door" on May 2nd.)

-- Interested in volunteering for this event? Just contact one of the PTO co-chairs, Charlie, Deb or Eileen.

-- We are still collecting items to be auctioned off. Sports tickets and vacation homes are always great auction items, but given the financial times we are in right now, we're also aiming for creative, "home grown" items. Examples of items that are always a big hit: a ride to school in a police car, a unique tour, art or cooking lessons, dinner with a celebrity, etc. You get the picture.

So if you have an interesting job or know someone famous or have access to things that would interest kids... then please contact Martha Huntley at [martha@rcn.com](mailto:martha@rcn.com). She'd love to brainstorm some ideas with you.



## Community Potluck Breakfast

Come join other parents at the Pierce Community Potluck Breakfast on Thursday, April 16th from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Speak with members of the **Pierce GREEN Team**

Please bring something to share with others. Hope to see you there.

## Calling all 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Can you believe your 8th grader will soon be graduating? If you are interested in helping with end-of-the-year events (i.e. the dinner dance decorations, breakfast for teachers, and general discussion on celebrations), come to an organizing meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 in the Teachers' Room, at Pierce.

If you can't make the meeting, but would still like to be involved. Please email: [julie.leitman@academicintl.com](mailto:julie.leitman@academicintl.com)



## USED BOOK collection for the PIERCE BOOK FAIR BEGINS APRIL 6th.

Please go through those book shelves and weed out the books that you and your children no longer read. We will begin collecting Used Books for the upcoming Book Fair in two weeks; please bring your books to the barrels that will be located under the stairs between the office and the cafeteria.

The Book Fair earns 50% of its funds from your book donations--all of which go to enhance learning at Pierce School. Thank you.

## Bingo for Books, Grades K-3

Thursday, April 16th  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
in the Cafeteria



What is Bingo for Books? It's a family night of games and learning together. Every child goes home with a new book! Please come and join the fun!

If possible, please bring either a drink or cookies to share.

## Pierce Cleat Exchange

Want to do a good deed and get a pair of soccer cleats? Then clean out your closets and join the Cleat Exchange. Bring cleats that no longer fit to the Pierce school cafeteria and get a exchange ticket for a new (used) pair. You may also buy cleats for \$8/pair on Thursday, April 9. Shin guards may also be exchanged or purchased for \$2/pair.

Collection: Monday-Tuesday 4/6-7, 7:45-8 AM & 2:20-2:35 PM

Distribution: Wed 4/8, 7:45-8 AM & 2:20-2:45 PM - ticket holders only

Thurs 4/9, 7:45-8 AM & 2:20-2:45 PM - ticket exchange and sales

Undistributed cleats from all schools will be available for a Last Chance exchange and sale on Tues, 4/14, 2:20-3:00 PM, in the Runkle School lobby. Unsold cleats will be donated to soccer programs for disadvantaged youth. Cash receipts will go to the Brookline Recreation soccer scholarship fund.

Ellen Ball

617-731-3594

[ellenball@alumni.rutgers.edu](mailto:ellenball@alumni.rutgers.edu)

## Pierce Problem of the Week #13: Animal Store

You are given \$100 to spend at the animal store. You must spend exactly \$100. You must also buy at least one of each animal. How many of each animal could you buy?

Sheep cost \$15.00 each.

Chickens cost \$1.00 each.

Mice cost 25 cents each.

**Challenge!** If you had to buy exactly 100 animals for exactly \$100, how many of each animal do you have to buy?

**The spring session of enrichment begins on Monday, April 13.** Please confirm your enrollment by checking the class lists located near the main office and PSED office. These lists will be post a few days prior to the start of classes.

There are still a few opening in the following classes spring enrichment classes:

Mondays-Bodyworks  
Tuesdays-Toy Invention, Painting and Collage, Drawing  
Wednesdays-Jazz Dance, Science  
Thursdays-Checkmate, Smoothies (3:20 p.m.)  
Fridays-Drama

If interested please contact Abbie at 617-730-2589 or email [pierceenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:pierceenrichment@gmail.com)

## **The Final Early Release Performance**

The Pierce School Early Release Series has one final showing. If your child is registered to attend they will enjoy this final presentation from 12:30-2:20 p.m. on:

Thursday, April 16 as Tommy James presents his Magic Show

The Pierce School Early Release Series is sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day.

If you have any questions please contact Abbie Fennell at 617-730-2589 or [pierceenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:pierceenrichment@gmail.com).

## **Snowy Day Paintings on Display**

In addition to the 6th grade Pop Art Portraits and paintings by 2G and KM, there are now some new Snowy Day paintings by 3C now hanging in the Pit. Stop by and check them out when you can. There is now a web site to look at too. <http://pierceschoolartnews.weebly.com/> is finally up and running. My hope is to update the site every few weeks as work is completed, so take a look when you can.

Steven Rae  
Pierce School Art teacher  
[steven\\_rae@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:steven_rae@brookline.k12.ma.us)

## **The date for the 3-6 Spring Sing has been changed.**

It will be:

June 2nd at 6pm in the amphitheater.

Rain date: June 3rd at 6pm in the amphitheater.

2nd rain date: June 4th during the school day. Time to be determined.

Hopefully we won't need this!!

Thanks,

Anne Sheridan

General/Vocal Music Teacher  
Pierce Elementary School  
Brookline, MA



## Speech made at the School Committee Budget Hearing - March 19, 2009

I am Joan Hamilton, librarian at Pierce School, and I would like to speak to the cut of the Library Assistants in the 2009 - 2010 budget.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009 I and several colleagues had the privilege of attending a conference entitled "Picturing American History" at the J.F. Kennedy Library. There we heard the popular and distinguished African American author Walter Dean Myers speak. He spoke eloquently of our jobs as educators to give our children, and especially our boys, permission to be readers. It is often not that our students can't read, but that they lack the permission to be readers-in a culture that offers them permission for a wide range of less desirable roles. He spoke of the caring teacher who years ago gave him, on the verge of dropping out of high school, permission to be a reader and a writer.

In Brookline's schools, our school librarians work tirelessly to give all our students permission to be readers. We call it a "culture of reading" which we build daily in myriad ways-- including read aloud, author study, book discussions, teaching literacy strategies and critical use of information, independent reading projects, book talks, and individual reader's advisory.

People who visit from outside our system often notice and comment on our success - such as Mitali Perkins, last year's Saker author, sponsored by the Brookline Foundation, who when she asked a group of sixth and seventh graders to raise their hands if they had a book they had read at least five times, was shocked to see a large majority of the students' hands raised. She told me afterward that she travels the country asking that question, and seldom gets such a response, "especially from this age group," she added. Those students had permission to be readers.

Recently at my school, a substitute literacy specialist was working with a group of struggling readers (who all happened to be boys). When they spoke of how much they liked books, she was surprised, as it belied her previous experiences with struggling readers; so she asked them how it was so. "Our librarian," they answered. "She makes books so interesting." They, too, had been given permission to be readers.

Our schools' library programs that so successfully build that culture of reading, however, rest on the foundation of the work done by the library assistants - maintenance of the collection, cataloging of new materials, providing access to print and not-print materials as well as equipment such as overheads, in-focuses, etc, circulating and then reshelving thousands of books, helping children log onto databases and independently search for materials, repairing books, producing overdue notices, inventorying the collection and then manipulating the catalog software to accurately reflect the collection, -- to name but a few of the tasks.

For the few times my library assistant has been absent, I have clocked my hours. Two thirds of my time is spent doing the library assistant's job - and that is just surviving, keeping the library from sinking into chaos. That includes none of the complicated, careful, creative organizational work done by my incredibly capable assistant, Shirley Re.

So next year in Brookline's school libraries, with library assistants cut from system's budget, students, parents, teachers, administrators and school committee members can anticipate a 2/3 cut in the library program - the program that so consistently and so successfully gives our students permission to be readers.

Walter Dean Myers said we all need to be doing so much, much, more in this arena. How can we, the educators of Brookline, settle for doing so much, much less?

Thank you.

## Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner:

### **TIP: Reduce paper waste**

(Where does all that paper come from and where does it go?)

Eliminate junk mail by registering on line with directmail.com: [www.directmail.com/directory/mail\\_preference/](http://www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference/) They will remove you from mailing lists. It's quick and easy. Calling the 1-800 number on the back of catalogues also works.

The Pierce GREEN Team will be at the community pot luck breakfast on April 16 at 8 a.m.

**Pierce teacher available for tutoring.** 10 years teaching experience, certified English and history, experienced tutoring students in grades 6-12. Excellent references available. Areas of expertise include English (reading and writing skills through college level), math (remedial through 10th grade), science (through 8th grade), social studies (through college level), Spanish (1st and 2nd year), organization skills, summer reading and math, SAT/ACT prep, college application support and more. Now taking on new students (entering grades 6, 8, or 9-12) for limited spring slots, or a wide range of summer slots. Contact Jamie Lyons at [jamie\\_d26@mac.com](mailto:jamie_d26@mac.com) for more information, rates, or to schedule a free consultation session.

Jamie Lyons  
7th Grade US History/English  
The Pierce School -- Room 24  
<http://www.mrslyonsonline.com>

Please donate to the Walk for Hunger and support the Pierce Team! Visit <http://www.projectbread.org/goto/jamielyons>

**School menu**—The school menu will no longer be distributed on paper. Check the website for this month's information: <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/2717/March2009.pdf>

**Printing Current and Past Issues of the Broadsheet:** Consider reducing paper and printing a more user friendly version of this broadsheet and any past issue by visiting: <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Broadsheet.shtml> Thank you for thinking GREEN.

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### **Broadsheet Publication Dates for 2008-2009**

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04/30/09 05/14/09 05/28/09 06/11/09 \* *Past Issues available online*

### **Thank you for your interest and support!**

Sincerely,

*Felina*

Felina-Marie Mucha-Cyr  
Editor, The Pierce School Broadsheet  
[piercebroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:piercebroadsheet@gmail.com)



## ***Welcome to the Pierce School 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 Felina Mucha-Cyr at [piercebroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Is Your Child at Risk for Dyslexia?** The Gaab lab is currently investigating early language characteristics in pre-reading children (ages 4 to 6). Because reading problems tend to run in families, we aim to look at how young children with or without family members with dyslexia or reading problems use their brains. The main goal is to identify children at risk for developmental dyslexia at a very early age, before reading skills are even present. An advanced understanding of brain processes in children with or without a risk for developmental dyslexia may help us to improve and implement early remediation programs. For more information please visit our homepage <http://www.childrenshospital.org/research/gaablab> or contact Nora Raschle at [nora.raschle@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:nora.raschle@childrens.harvard.edu) or 857-218-4629.

### **Brookline High School String Concert April 2 at 7 P.M**

**BHS' Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium**

**Admission \$5 at the door (8th Graders FREE!)**

The strings are the thing, as Brookline High School's acclaimed String Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Adam Grossman, joins with Brookline's Town-Wide Elementary Schools Orchestra, led by John Ferguson, for a lively concert of music ranging from Handel and Mozart to the world premiere of Ferguson's new "Vincent Van Gogh" for strings, piano and percussion. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's birth, the String Orchestra will perform the first movement of the composer's "String Sinfonia No. 2." They will be joined by wind players for Mozart's "Impressario Overture." The combined string orchestras will perform two movements from Handel's "Concerto Grosso opus 6 No.1 as well as the Ferguson world premiere. Family friendly.

### **JAZZ BAND CONCERT - April 15 & 16 at 7:30, BHS Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium** **\$5 General Admission, \$3 Students (8th graders FREE)**

Brookline High School boasts one of the most innovative and accomplished jazz bands in the nation, recently taking home third place in Berklee College of Music's 41st annual High School Jazz Festival, the largest of its kind in the United States, involving nearly 3,000 students and over 200 ensembles from as far away as Florida. On April 15 and 16, the public is invited to see and hear the BHS Jazz Band in action in an intimate cabaret setting, with free food and drink (non-alcoholic) and the chance to win a brand new ipod shuffle (the new one that talks to you!). Under the direction of Carolyn Castellano, the high energy ensemble plays a variety of jazz stylings, from Count Basie and Duke Ellington to original works composed by some of the bands most talented and creative student composers. These cabaret concerts also include adventurous fare by Radiohead, The Dirty Projectors, and Mouse on Mars, as well as special compilations by Charles Mingus and Tom Waits and a Sesame Street surprise. Great entertainment for the entire family.

### **Feats on the Floor**

Friday, April 3 at 3 pm  
Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm  
Studio 1, Tappan Gym  
\$5 (8th graders FREE!)

Dance-lovers take note - Brookline High School's Feats on the Floor is coming up the first weekend in April. This dynamic annual concert of original dance by the BHS Choreography Class offers a 'behind the scenes' look at the process of making dances at Brookline High School. BHS's top student choreographers showcase their latest dance creations inspired by music, poetry, and the free-flowing spontaneity of improvisation. At the end of each performance the audience has an opportunity for a Q & A with the fledgling artists. Come see America's future dance-makers! For more information, call Lynn Modell, 617-713-5228.

**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](mailto:piano566@comcast.net).

**ActiveMinds Tutoring, LLC:** Your source for in-home tutoring. Effective, Personalized and Convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation (MCAS, SAT, SSAT...). Sign your child up for academic success and receive 1 free lesson by March 13. Call: (617) 663-5700 during business hours, or (617) 227-2225 Eve/Wknds. Please visit our web site at [www.activemindstutoring.com](http://www.activemindstutoring.com).

**La Pinata - Latin American Cultural Family Network, Inc.**

In Celebration of its 20 Anniversary! Proudly Presents:

En Celebracion de su 20 Aniversario! Orgullosamente Presenta:

La Loteria LIVE!  
A Children's Bilingual Musical

Sunday \* *Domingo*  
April \* *Abril*  
19, 2009 - 2pm  
Kresge Auditorium

Suggested donation \$10  
(\$7 Children & Seniors)

For tickets contact: 617/522-6430 [lapinata@hotmail.com](mailto:lapinata@hotmail.com)  
co-sponsored by: MIT Latino Cultural Center & MIT Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

**Brookline Area Parent Group Info**

Join us at a parent run group for adoptive parents, as well as kin, guardian and foster parents. Others personally connected to adoption, including birth parents or adults who were adopted, are also invited to participate. This is an ongoing group that meets once a month. Feel free to drop in!

Brookline Public Library, Main Branch  
361 Washington St.  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Third Wednesday of each month, 7pm-8:30pm

Apr 15th \* May 20th \* June 17th

For info contact:  
Lori Bakshi at [lbakshi@mspcc.org](mailto:lbakshi@mspcc.org) or Matt Paluszek at [mattpalusz@aol.com](mailto:mattpalusz@aol.com)  
Please call AFT at the number listed at the end of this ad for information.  
In the event of inclement weather, we will leave a voice mail cancellation message on the AFT phone line by 3 PM the day of the group.

For more info about Adoptive Families Together and a complete listing of all of our parent group locations, visit our website at [www.mspcc.org](http://www.mspcc.org).

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

Adoptive Families Together/MSPCC 99 Summer Street Boston, MA 02110  
617-587-1563 phone 617-587-1584 fax [www.mspcc.org](http://www.mspcc.org).

## **CELEBRATE PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK! KIDS RECREATION DAY!**

The Town of Brookline is celebrating National Public Health Week by offering a Kids Recreation Day on Friday, April 10, 2009. Free activities will be offered for Brookline children in grades K-8 at the Tappan Gym and Kirrane Aquatics Center located at 60 Tappan Street in Brookline. Activities will be offered from 10AM - 1PM and all interested Participants MUST pre-register for the events. Available activities include:

*Intro. to golf* - learn the basics from one of our golf pros! Programs offered on the half hour

*Nature Walks* - Enjoy the great outdoors! Meet in the lobby of the Tappan gym and enjoy a walk led by one of our Park Rangers! Walks offered on the hour.

*Soccer* - Enjoy clinics and drills led by Viking Sports staff. Programs offered on the half hour.

*Swimming* - Enjoy open swim and water games at the Kirrane Aquatics Center! Programs offered on the half hour.

The Brookline Recreation Department plays host to these healthy fitness activities along with co-sponsors Brookline Health Department and Brookline on the Move.

To register for one of the free activities please call 617.730.2069 or register online at <http://www.brooklinerec.com>

Brookline on the Move Partners offer Public Health week specials and free classes at their facilities.

For more information, please visit <http://www.brooklinema.gov/brooklineonthemove> or <http://www.brooklinema.gov/brooklineonthemove>

**A Night with the Amphibians.** This is the best time of year to see amphibians as they migrate to vernal pools. Find out about a few of our local species and learn how to recognize their calls in the night. After the presentation, we will explore the streams and ponds searching for frogs and salamanders.

Friday, April 3, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course at Putterham Meadows Meet at the Clubhouse

\$8 Adults \$6 Children

For more information or to register: (617) 730-2069

<http://www.brooklinerec.com>

**Celebrate Earth Day** with a week full of science and natural history! Children will participate in climate, water and Arbor Day activities as we travel to the different parks and sanctuaries in Brookline.

April 21st - April 24th

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Env. Ed. Center, 654 Hammond St.

\$200 for ages 8-10

For more information or to register:

(617) 730-2069

[www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com)

**Looking for some adventure this April?** Still River Outfitter's rafting programs use smaller rafts with smaller crews of 5 people per raft so you are a much more active participant in your adventure. All of their lodging is in beautiful condos at Orange Lakes Resort, Ascutney Mountain in Brownsville, VT. They have a variety of Class I through III rivers from which to choose based on current conditions and the make-up of the group. You'll always raft on the best conditions available! This is truly a family-oriented adventure with children as young as 8 welcome to join us.

Prices include two ½ day whitewater rafting trips, two-nights lodging at the Resort, and all Resort amenities. April 18 - 20, 2009.

For more information or to register please call 617-730-2069 or visit us online at [www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com).



# BROOKLINE ON THE MOVE CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK - APRIL 6-12, 2009



## **RUN!** Running Healthy - In Brookline and Elsewhere Monday, April 6, 6:30PM, Brookline Main Library, Hunneman Hall

- \* Mark Lowenstein, local author, *Great Runs In Brookline and vicinity*
- \* Reginald Wilcox, Physical Therapist, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- \* A discussion of all things running- preventing injuries, gait analysis, running shoes

## **SLEEP!** Six Steps to Healthy Sleep



Tuesday, April 7, 6:30PM  
Brookline Health Department, Denny Room, 11 Pierce Street

Dr. Lawrence Epstein, author, *Harvard Medical School Guide to a Good Night's Sleep*,  
Medical Director of the Sleep Health Centers, Brigham and Women's Hospital



## **SWIM, PLAY!** Free Activities for kids grades K-8

Friday, April 10, 10:00 AM– 1:00PM, Kirrane Aquatics Center and Tappan Gym, 60 Tappan Street  
Soccer Drills, Golf Clinics, Tennis Challenge, Nature Walks, Open Swim  
To register: 617-730-2069; [www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com)

**\*\*\* Brookline on the Move Partners offer Public Health week specials, free classes at their facilities. Info at [www.brooklinema.gov/brooklineonthemove](http://www.brooklinema.gov/brooklineonthemove).**

Events free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by *Brookline on the Move*, Town of Brookline, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. For more information: Lynne Karsten, 617-730-2336 [lkarsten@brooklinema.gov](mailto:lkarsten@brooklinema.gov)



# KIDS RECREATION DAY!

Friday, April 10, 2009

Free activities will be offered for Brookline children in grades K-8. Tappan Gym and  
Kirrane Aquatics Center, 60 Tappan Street, Brookline



**Golf!** SNAG (Starting New at Golf)

Tappan Gym 2 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 noon.



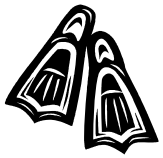
**Nature Walks!** Enjoy the great outdoors!

Meet in lobby, Tappan Gym at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 noon.



**Soccer!** Drills and clinics, sponsored by Viking Sports

Tappan Gym 1 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 noon.



**Swimming!** Open swim and lap swim

Kirrane Aquatics Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



**Tennis!** Challenge tournaments sponsored by NetResults

Tappan Gym, Tennis Pavilion from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon

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