

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

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)

Saturday, May 2, 2009 **Pierce Auction/Parents Party**

Thursday, May 7, 2009 **Pierce Reads, Grades 4-8** (7:00pm)

Monday, May 11, 2009 **MCAS testing**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 **MCAS testing**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 **MCAS testing**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 **PTO/Principal's Forum** (7:00pm)

Thursday, May 14, 2009 **MCAS testing**

Sunday, May 31, 2009 **Brookline Bikes Beacon Bicycle Parade** (12:30 Start at Amory Park)

Latest News

A Thank You From the Family of Joseph Helfgot To the Pierce School Community:

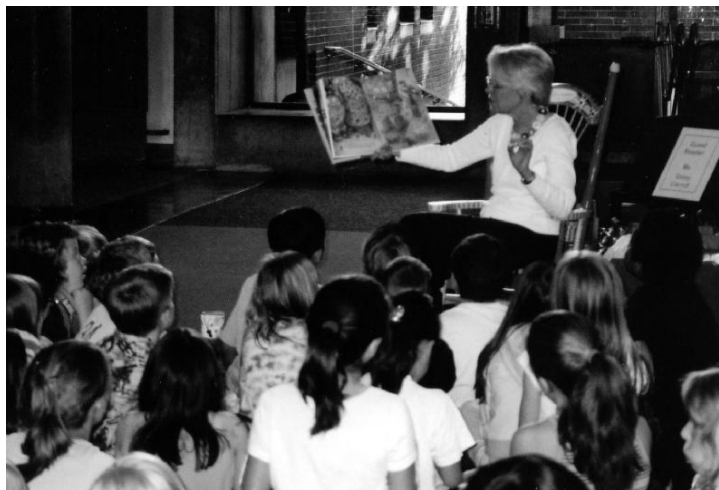


There are times when everything stops, captured motionless as in a small round droplet of water affixed to a flower after a gentle spring rain. Our tears will fall, and finish, and it will be time to laugh again at will without tears when recalling this remarkable man. Thank you all so much for being there for us. It is a testament to a life well lived, and lightens our burden of grief.

With our deepest affection, we love you all so much.

Emily, Jon, Ben, Jacob, and Sue Helfgot

View Ginny Carroll's speech as delivered by her last night as a recipient of the Goldin Foundation Award for Educational Excellence. Go to: <http://pierceschoolbrookline.org/#Ginny>



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.



Going on Now... Collecting Used Books for the Pierce School Book Fair. Please go through those book shelves, weed out the books that you and your children no longer read and donate them to the Pierce Book Fair. Please bring your books to the barrel 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. (Book Fair begins Tuesday, May 26th)

Save the Date!

Brookline Bikes Beacon Bicycle Parade
Sunday, May 31
Amory Park
12:30 PM start

Free and safe community celebration for bicycle riders and spectators Two parades starting and finishing at the same place: A shorter one for younger children (grades 1-4) and their parents/guardians and a longer parade for bike riders 10 years old and older. Go to www.BrooklineBikes.org for more information.

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



About 60 cleats were collected by the 2009 cleat exchange. Most were exchanged among Pierce students. Undistributed cleats will be donated to soccer programs for disadvantaged youth. \$50 was collected for the Brookline Recreation soccer scholarship fund. Thanks to the many volunteers for the cleat exchange: Anna Asphar, Lisa Hickey, Chan MacVeigh, Tiffany Rinne, Peter Sacks, Suzanne Steele, Tara Washburn, Alice Wong, Abbie Fennell (for the continued use of the PSED-kid-created signs), and anyone else who helped.

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Pierce Problem of the Week #14

Money Plant

A magical plant seed arrives in your mailbox with a note:

This is a money plant that will sprout \$1.00 bills for every 1/3 inch that it grows until it is full grown at 3 feet.



You plant it in a pot of soil and water it regularly. After a week, it has grown 1 ½ inches.

- If it continues to grow at the same rate, how many weeks will it take to reach 3 feet high?
- How many \$1.00 bills will it sprout?
- Use pictures, charts, numbers and words to explain your answer.

Answer to the Pierce POW# 13

Animal Store

Congratulations to the many students who solved the Problem of the Week about the Animal Store. Here are just some of the possible solutions submitted:

- 1 sheep (\$15), 70 chickens (\$70) and 60 mice (\$15)
- 1 sheep (\$15), 84 chickens (\$84) and 4 mice (\$1)
- 6 sheep (\$90), 5 chickens (\$5) and 20 mice (\$5)
- 6 sheep (\$90), 9 chickens (\$9) and 4 mice (\$1)

A special congratulations goes to the 5 students who solved the Challenge.

The solution for the challenge (\$100 to buy exactly 100 animals, with at least one of each) is:
3 sheep + 41 chickens + 56 mice = 100 animals for \$100.00

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

There are still a few openings 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

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.

Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner:

TIP: Have you considered eating lower down on the food chain? It takes a great deal of energy to raise and transport red meat. Eating meat often consumes more energy than eating vegetarian. One way to save energy and help the environment is to eat lower on the food chain, consuming foods that take less energy to produce and transport. Consider cutting out one red meat meal a week.

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

Destination ImagiNation

Barbara Mann, Co-Director of Massachusetts Destination ImagiNation, will share information of how we can bring this unique afterschool program to Brookline!

- * 5 - 7 kids
- * mind boggling
- * challenges
- * on the spot surprises
- * costumes
- * props
- * out of the box thinking
- * teamwork

Learn about the world's largest non-profit, volunteer-driven organization devoted to helping kids in grades 3-8 gain practical life skills through interesting, entertaining and mind-boggling challenges.

For more information on Destination Imagination, visit www.madikids.org

**ECS Enrichment
challenge
support**

**May 4th 6:30-7:30
Brookline Town Hall, Room 103**

Come see a 7th grader from Brookline play Alexander in: "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Performed by the Boston Children's Theater. Fun play for the whole family, running weekends April 18th through May 3, and over April vacation (April 22-24). All performances at 2:00 at the Grand Lodge of Masons, 186 Tremont St., across from the Boylston T stop. Go to <http://bostonchildrenstheatre.org/tickets.php> for tickets.

Come fence with us at the Boston Fencing Club. Boston Fencing Club, the nation's oldest fencing club, is located at 110 Clematis Ave. (#2) in Waltham. For information on classes and schedules, visit the Club's website at <http://bostonfencingclub.org/> or call (781) 891-0119. The Club's next Open House will be held on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 PM

The Brookline Chorus, which includes several members of the Pierce community, will perform Mendelssohn's masterpiece oratorio 'Elijah' on May 9th at Sanders Theater in Cambridge at 8 PM. The 100 voice chorus will be joined by a full orchestra and fabulous soloists, including baritone David Kravitz as Elijah. In honor of Mother's Day, there will be some special offers in the program.

Half price tickets of \$15 are available to members of the Pierce community interested in attending the concert (students, parents, faculty, administrators, etc.), as long as the group includes at least 10 people. Please contact Carla Rothaus for more information (crothaus@comcast.net).

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 for more information, rates, or to schedule a free consultation session.

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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>

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Thank you for your interest and support!

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