

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## The Pierce School Broadsheet

Dear (Contact First Name),

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. on the week of publication. The last publication date for this school year is: 6/11/09. 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).

\_\*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>.

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Sincerely,  
Felina Mucha-Cyr, Editor, Pierce Broadsheet  
Pierce School PTO

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## Save the Date

Thursday, May 28, 2009 **Last Day of Pierce Early Morning Reading Program for the School Year**  
Thursday, May 28, 2009 **Pierce Book Fair** (7:30 am - 7:30 pm) Pierce Auditorium  
Thursday, May 28, 2009 **Annual 8th Grade Trip**  
Friday, May 29, 2009 **Annual 8th Grade Trip**  
Sunday, May 31, 2009 **Brookline Bikes Beacon Bicycle Parade** (12:30 Start at Amory Park)  
Monday, June 1st at **4th Grade Band Concert** (7:00 pm) Pierce Auditorium  
Tuesday, June 2, 2009 **SpringSing concert, Grades 3-6** (6:00pm) in the Amphitheater (**Reception to follow**)  
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 **SpringSing concert, Grades 3-6** (raindate #1 6:00pm) in the Amphitheater (**Reception to follow**)  
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 **The Annual Pierce Picnic** (5:30-8 pm) Pierce Park  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 **Rain Date for The Annual Pierce Picnic** (5:30-8pm) Pierce Park  
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 **8th Grade Awards/Dinner Dance** (5:30 pm)  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009 **8th Grade Graduation** (4:00-6pm)  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009 **8th Grade Parent Sponsored Graduation Party (8-11pm)**  
Thursday, June 18, 2009 **Final Community Pot Luck Breakfast** (8:00 - 9:00 am) Auditorium  
Friday, June 19, 2009 **1st and 2nd Grade Spring/Summer Sing** (8:30 - 9:15 a.m. in the Amphitheater if weather permits or the Auditorium in case of rain) **All parents and community friends are invited**  
Wednesday, June 24, 2009 **Last Day of School** (12 Noon Dismissal) - **Enjoy your Summer!**

## Community Potluck Breakfast

Come join other parents at the Pierce Community Potluck Breakfast on Thursday, June 18th from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.



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

## Nominees for Pierce School Council Elections... throw your hat in the ring!

Here's an opportunity for any parent looking for a great way to get involved, offer insights, and help "steer the ship" at Pierce: consider running for the School Council.

School Council is an advisory board consisting of parents, teachers, and the Principal. The group identifies our students' educational needs, issues, and concerns. It makes recommendations about the academic curriculum, sets school goals and improvement plans, and assists in reviewing the annual school budget.

Nomination Forms (and more detailed information) are going home in student folders this week. Nominate yourself or someone else who agrees to be nominated.

The Education Reform Act requires each school have a School Council. Pierce needs to fill 2 positions. Please consider this important and worthwhile opportunity to work with & for Pierce!

## Pierce School Early Morning Math and Early Morning Reading

The last day for early morning math will be, Wednesday, May 27, 2009

The last day for early morning reading will be, Thursday, May 28, 2009

As of Monday, June 1, 2009, please make sure that if your child arrives to school early that he/she goes to the cafeteria and not the pit.

Thank you to all of the teachers who volunteered their time to make this program possible.

We look forward to seeing your children again next year.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susan Leipman at [susan\\_leipman@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:susan_leipman@brookline.k12.ma.us).

## *From The Desk Of Pipier Smith-Mumford, Ph. D.*

### **Congratulations to all retiring Pierce School Staff!**

Last Thursday, Pierce School faculty and staff celebrated the coming retirement of three staff, Dianne Greco, K-2 music teacher, Enid Leipman, 7-8 Special education aide and Jean Malley, school secretary. The evening featured speeches, songs and a little dancing by staff members as we recognized the contributions each retiree has made to Pierce. We congratulate Ms. Greco, Ms. Leipman and Ms. Malley on their many years of service in Brookline, over 85 years combined. I know the Pierce community joins me in wishing them many wonderful retirement years of happiness and good health!

Pipier Smith-Mumford

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## **\*\*THE PIERCE BOOK FAIR\*\***

MAY 26-28

Pierce Auditorium

Tuesday, May 26th: 2pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 27th: 7:30am - 7:30pm

Thursday, May 28th: 7:30am - 6:30pm

No need to go to a book store, buy your books at the Pierce Book Fair and support Pierce School at the same time!



The Pierce Book Fair features...

\* New books from the Book Fair Company; Pierce receives 20% of these sales.

\* \$1 Used books; Pierce receives 100% of these sales.

\* Brookline Required Summer Reading List Books. For a complete copy of the reading list please visit: <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/68EE206F-503F-44DA-B7C8-9938179E66B4/2372/PSBSR08K8complete.pdf>

\* Teacher Wish Lists: Purchase a book selected by your Pierce teachers; we will deliver it, wrapped with a book plate.

Of course, whether or not you are interested in purchasing anything, your Used Books are always welcome. Please donate books by dropping them in the barrel below the stairs between the main office and the cafeteria.

Please volunteer to help during this worthwhile event, contact: Jessica - [jessroland@gmail.com](mailto:jessroland@gmail.com) - 617-739-9022. Please sign up by clicking on this link: <http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=r9rflij6orkVlpBbJHLU4AyQ>. Thank you for your support.

### **\*\*PIERCE BOOK FAIR EVENTS \*\***

\* Grades K & 1 PAJAMA NIGHT--Tuesday, May 26th- 6:30 pm  
Guest reader: Mr. David Weinstein

\* Grade 2, 3, 4 PAJAMA NIGHT - Wednesday, May 27th 6:30 pm  
Guest reader: Ms. Ginny Carroll

The Pierce Book Fair accepts checks, cash & credit cards for new books; checks & cash for the Used Books, Pierce-Wear.

## **The Pierce School Picnic** The annual end of the year Pierce Picnic will be held on Tuesday June 9.



We will gather in the evening in Pierce Park, dine on food brought from home or bought at the picnic, enjoy ice cream sundaes, play games and enjoy being together as the year draws to a close. This event is organized by the parents through the PTO. Invaluable help also comes from the janitorial staff. Billy is famous for his organization of the games. We will need volunteers to help with set up, scooping sundaes, clean up, activities during the picnic and most importantly we need a D.J. Our wonderful D.J., Wes Narrone is no longer available. Is there someone out there with expertise and equipment who would be willing to step forward and fill in? If so please contact Adele Munger Mathieu at [madelemm@gmail.com](mailto:madelemm@gmail.com). Thank you and watch this space for more information.

## **Did you order a Guys and Dolls or Annie DVD?**

If so, Deborah Dowd will be distributing the pre-sold DVDs at the Pierce Picnic. For those of you who can't pick them up at that time, please stay tuned for posted pick up dates in the PiercePost.

Please contact Deborah Dowd with any questions at:

[dowdwalsh@rcn.com](mailto:dowdwalsh@rcn.com).





## How can you honor a favorite teacher, administrator, coach, counselor or specialist at the end of the school year?

Chances are that an outstanding teacher has inspired your child-maybe even your whole family-in some way this year. As the school year comes to a close, what better way to say "thank you" than by making a gift to The Brookline Education Foundation in honor of that special teacher.

When you honor a teacher with a donation, you directly support professional development projects of all Brookline teachers, enabling them to grow as educators and bring new experiences back into their classrooms to enrich your child's learning experience. Let that special teacher know how important s/he is to you and your child. You will be making a real difference in your child's classroom and in our community.

To learn more about the Brookline Education Foundation, visit [www.BrooklineEducation.org](http://www.BrooklineEducation.org).

## Pierce educators have received Foundation grants for the 2009-10 school

**year** Every year, thanks to the BROOKLINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, Pierce School teachers are able to step outside the classroom to attend a seminar, collaborate with other educators, become immersed in another culture, or otherwise develop their professional skills. When they return to the classroom, your children reap the benefits of their renewed enthusiasm and refined expertise.

The following Pierce educators have received Foundation grants for the 2009-10 school year:

MARY GABRIEL will collaborate with 25 other Brookline teachers to apply Schools Attuned theory in their classrooms. Schools Attuned is an innovative method for recognizing, understanding, and managing students with learning differences.

AMIE BUCHMAN, GINNY CARROLL, EOWYN DALY, AMY HINTZMAN, CHERYL KLAUSNER, MELISSA LONDON, and SARA MARX will learn to use the Understanding by Design approach to teaching science to help students achieve deep, enduring understanding of key skills and concepts.

LESLIE FAGEN and other members of the Brookline Enrichment and Challenge Support team will attend a "Learning and the Brain" conference as part of their effort to better understand high achieving students who may think and learn in unique ways.

HELEN GREELEY, KERRILYN MCCARTHY, ANNEMARIE MARCUS, and other teacher supervisors in the Brookline-Lesley Internship Program will focus on enhancing their mentoring capabilities through collaboration and sharing of best practices in inclusive classrooms.

GINNY CARROLL, KEN HAYNES, MELISSA LONDON, JAMIE LYONS, REED RATHGEBER, and CHRIS SMITH will continue to utilize Community Service Learning in their classrooms for a second year, analyzing its impact on student achievement, teaching, and the broader community.

In addition, Pierce School educators will be given the opportunity to participate in the following SYSTEMWIDE INITIATIVES also funded by the Foundation:

Summer institutes to learn new content areas in Social Studies

Training in instructional processes and assessments to support inclusion

Annual Principal Retreat

Mentoring for second and third year teachers

Training in Understanding by Design methodology for Science teachers

Thank you all for each and every way you have contributed to Pierce!

Pipier Smith-Mumford  
Principal, Pierce School

**Pierce School Alumni Recognized at BHS Award Ceremony** We are proud to share the names of former Pierce students who received recognition for outstanding work at this year's Brookline High School Awards Program. Congratulations to these students and their families! Take pleasure (and some credit!) Pierce staff! The awards and the recipients are listed below:

William H. Lincoln Award in:  
English-Sabina Ashbaugh  
Japanese-Sze-Lynn Fong  
Chinese Tina Ruan

Senior Awards:  
National Merit Finalist: Will Solomon  
St. David Wax Memorial Award- Ashlee Johnson

Junior Book Awards:  
BU Book Award-Cody Berman  
Harvard Book Prize-Celetse Cass  
Princeton Assoc. of New England Award-Rosa Zedek U of Virginia Book Award-Rohan Datta Yale University Book Award-Nate Mendelsohn

Special Awards:  
Citizenship-Mariko Dodson  
Saloman-Dorfman Family Community Award-Michelle Li

Department Awards:  
BHS Art Dep't Award-Photography-David Small

English-Brown Book Award-Rose Mendelsohn English Dep't Awards for Juniors-Phoebe Anderson-Kline

Most Improved Performance in English-Allison Ching

National Exams:  
Spanish-Clara Dorman, Grace Foxworthy, Darcy Spence

National Exams  
Spanish Gold medal, Level 4-Celeste Cass

Performing Arts:  
Senior Special Recognition Award-Sarah Stillman

Science:  
Dr. Bertram Holland Award-Rose Mendelsohn Dr Walter S. Denning Book Award-Rebecca Fuhlbrigge Rensselaer Award for Math and Science-Rosa Zedek Society of Women Engineers- High Honors-Maranda Wong

Social Studies Senior Book Award-Sabina Ashbaugh Development and access to a K-12 Social Studies interactive website

It is truly a tribute to this community and the generosity of the residents and supporters of this school district, and Pierce in particular, that enables the Brookline Education Foundation (BEF) to support our educators. In these tough economic times, the ways in which families have shown their support to Pierce (contributions to the BEF in honor of teachers, our school's direct appeal and our auction, to name a few) remind me, again and again, of just how amazing it is to be a part of this community.

Thank you all for each and every way you have contributed to Pierce!

Pipier Smith-Mumford  
Principal, Pierce School



**Keep bringing in your Box Tops for Pierce School!** Summer will be here before you know it. So, clear out that Box Tops collection you have waiting at home and drop it in a collection box at school. The Kindergartners will be counting them up at the end of the school year!

And, don't forget to collect all summer, too! Thanks for supporting Pierce School. Please see Ms. Colleen Muldoon for details.

## 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](http://www.BrooklineBikes.org) for more information.

## Support Your Child's Reading and Writing Over the Summer! Please attend the Title 1 Spring Parent Breakfast Meeting

Friday, June 5, 2009  
8:15-9:15  
Runkle School Library  
50 Druce St.

Meet with Brookline's Title 1 teachers and administrators to discuss:

° How to promote reading and writing at home ° How to select books for summer reading ° How to schedule time for literacy during the summer months

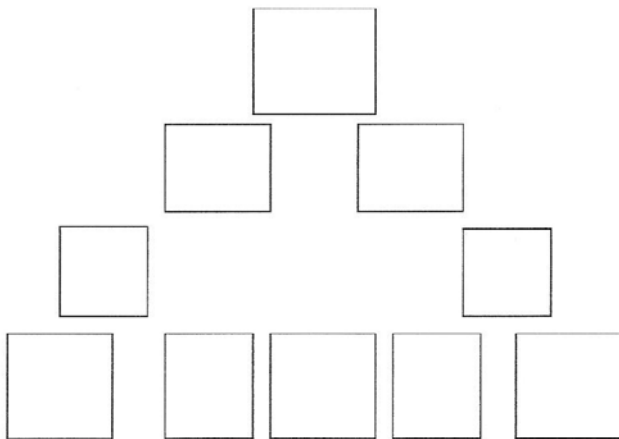
All 1st-5th grade parents are welcome to come!

(Title 1 is a federally-funded program that provides additional instruction to children in need of improving their literacy. Questions? Contact Mary Matthews, Language Arts/Title 1 Coordinator, at (617) 264-6416.)

## Pierce Problem of the Week #17

Place the numbers 0-9 in the boxes so that the numbers on each side of the triangle have the same sum (add up to the same number).

How many different sums can you find as solutions to this problem?



## Answer to the Pierce POW# 16

### Marbles Give-Away

He had 60 marbles when he started.

## Latest News

### **The Brookline's TRACK + FIELD MEET for:**

5th + 6th Graders competed on Wednesday May 27th (with a rain date of Thurs. 5/28)  
7th + 8th Graders will be competing on Friday May 29th (with a rain date of Mon. JUNE 1st)

It will be held at Downes/ Kraft Field from 9am to 2pm. The boys running events and girls field events will begin the day. After lunch, the boys will compete in the field events and the girls will run in the track events. So come cheer on your son or daughter or cheer on just Pierce! It's a great time and a good way to show your Pierce Pride!

There will be track and field practices offered at Pierce after school for those competing. Have your son/ daughter look for the practice schedule in the gym.

**Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner:** *TIP:* Recycling is good but avoiding the use of paper products is even better. Consider bringing your own mug to work, to meetings and events, and to cafes.

**The next GREEN Team meeting will most likely be held on Thursday, June 11 at 8am in the small conference room. The usual members will be contacted in advance to confirm the meeting date and time.**

**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>

**Summer Piano Lessons Available** — Have you been thinking about trying piano lessons for your child (or yourself!) but aren't quite sure you're ready to commit? Summer is the perfect time to explore the piano without the pressures of homework and after school sports. Piano teacher with years of experience and a degree in Music from Berklee is offering "Exploring Piano" lesson packages this summer. All package options at a discounted summer price, including thirty minute lessons at a rate of 4 for \$200, 6 for \$280, or 8 for \$350. Forty five minute lesson packages also available. Now accepting students age 5 to adult.

Contact Gregory Lyons with questions or to schedule via email at [gregory\\_lyons@parkschool.org](mailto:gregory_lyons@parkschool.org)

**Pierce Babysitter/Nanny Available Now and in the Summer** — Hi! I'm currently working as a teachers aide and would like to find a babysitting job from now until the end of the school year, and a nanny or baby-sitting position for the summer. Please contact Colleen Mason at [colleencmason@gmail.com](mailto:colleencmason@gmail.com) or by phone, 508-561-0910. Thank you!

**Pierce parent/beginning drummer** looking for other Pierce parents to play music with - maybe start a band!

Ann Abrams [ohvetshokolad@rcn.com](mailto:ohvetshokolad@rcn.com)

**Pierce parent has a free snow blower** Would anyone like a free snow-blower? I haven't tested it, but I'm told it's working. You would have to come get it from 328 Washington Street, just across from Pierce. Email [jomckendry@yahoo.com](mailto:jomckendry@yahoo.com) or ph. 617-232-4808.

**All Brookline Students are invited to Spring Carnivale!** Held at Devotion School Backfield on Thursday, June 11, 3-8 p.m. (rain date: June 12, 3-8) Exciting new activities: Wii Tournament, Mechanical Bull, Laser Tag Returning favorites: Cake Walk, Mohawk Transformation Station, Rides, Games and 3on3 Basketball Hoopla for 3-8th grade. Dining favorites: Anna's Taqueria, b.good, Upper Crust, Devo Dogs, J.P. Licks. Sign up for the 3on3 Basketball Hoopla in advance with Chris [atcmears@gmail.com](mailto:atcmears@gmail.com) or phone/text 617-501-9268. Team fee is \$15 and will be played on Devotion courts. Sign up with two friends: 3rd & 4th graders, 5th & 6th graders, and 7th & 8th graders. Can also sign up between 3-3:30 on day of event.

**Brookline Food Festival** to benefit the Brookline Food Pantry. The second Brookline Food Festival will be held on Saturday June 6th, in conjunction with the 31st Annual Coolidge Corner Arts Festival, between the hours of 12 pm and 3pm, with all proceeds to benefit the Brookline Food Pantry. It will take place on the grounds of the Devotion School at 345 Harvard Street. Tasting tickets @ \$2 each will be sold by Brookline Food Pantry Volunteers. A ticket is good for one tasting portion from any of the participating restaurants, and with such a wonderful assortment of restaurants, we expect patrons to want more than one taste!

Restaurants participating include: Clear Flour Bakery, Deno's Pizza, Finale Desserts, Fireplace Restaurant, J.P. Licks, Paris Creperie, Party Favors, Pita Pit, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Tatte Cookies and Cakes, Trader Joe's, Upper Crust, Vine Ripe Grill, Wings Over Brookline and Zaftigs. For further information contact Marge Amster at [mamster@brooklineMA.gov](mailto:mamster@brooklineMA.gov) or 617-730-2050.

## **First Parish in Brookline Hosts Art for the Planet Fun(d)Raising Party and Lottery in Celebration of the Earth**

Historic First Parish in Brookline is going green, with a newly conceived commitment toward energy conservation and recycling as well as a celebratory art party that honors one of the church's founding principles - "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence." The congregation launches its new initiative June 6, 7-10 p.m. with Art for the Planet, a gala fun(d)raising party and art lottery featuring live music, wine, finger food, and art works donated by members and friends of the First Parish community. More than 75 pieces by over two dozen artists in media ranging from paintings and photographs to textiles and mosaics will be displayed. Throughout the evening, a light-hearted lottery will give everyone in attendance the opportunity to go home with one of the pieces.

To reserve tickets, RSVP to [events@firstparishinbrookline.org](mailto:events@firstparishinbrookline.org) (Tickets also available at the door)

Party tickets -- \$15

Art lottery tickets -- \$25

For more information, call Fiona Lovell Horning, 617-818-2351.

**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/ronlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/2797/May2009.pdf>

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

Sincerely,

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