

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. This is the last publication for this school year. Please consider placing an ad in the 2009-2010 issue of the Pierce School Directory. Please read this issue to find out more information. We hope to see you during the next school year.

*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

Please note corrected dates for the 8th Grade Awards/Dinner Dance, Graduation and Parent Sponsored Post Graduation Party. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 ***8th Grade Awards/Dinner Dance*** (5:30 pm)

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 ***8th Grade Graduation*** (4-6:00 pm)

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 ***8th Grade Parent Sponsored Graduation Party*** (8-11:00pm)

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 - Enjoy your Summer!***

8th Grade Thompson Island Trip

Since 1988, Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center has been serving students from metropolitan Boston, and the adults and institutions that support them. This year the Pierce 8th graders braved the rain and ventured to the Thompson Island Our Outward Bound program to experience the adventure and challenge of Boston's largest outdoor classroom. The trip was an indisputable success; "Thompson Island is a wonderful place. We thought the weather and other factors would be the worst part but actually it was getting on the boat to come back. The experiences we went through were unlike anything we have gone through before. From the dangle Quad (a 30 ft. ladder), to having 10 people work together to balance a plank, all those helped forge new bonds and strengthen established ones. Also, the food was great. Through things like trust falls, spotting, and belaying, the trust between classmates was made apparent, as our lives were in each other's hands. All we can say is thank you Pierce for letting us go to Thompson Island."

-Vikram and Tom

"Thompson Island was fun and a great experience for the whole 8th grade. We did many different activities including low ropes courses and team building games. The 8th graders all enjoyed the food and all of the Thompson Island instructors were fantastic people to work with and would help encourage each student to push themselves to the limit and try as hard as they could to accomplish the task at hand. Every student tried their hardest and would help their classmates to do the same."

-Briah and Jessica

"At Thompson Island, the grade was split into groups that each faced challenging situations requiring teamwork and understanding your peers. Throughout the two days we spent more time with one another, leading to a total success. Thompson Island was a helpful experience for us and definitely should be attended again next year by the seventh grade."

-Tony

June Activities for 8th Grade

- 15 Last Day of Classes. (1)
- 16 8th Grade Awards/Dinner Dance, 5:30 pm-9:30 pm (2)
- 17 8th Grade Graduation, 4 pm (3)
- 19 Report cards mailed

(1) Submit sign-out sheets to advisors after gathering all appropriate signatures, including locker clean out and resolving any outstanding balances to the cafeteria and library

(2) Special schedule for awards and graduation rehearsal

(3) Report to school at 9 am for final rehearsal
Dismissal at 11:30 am
Return for line up at 3:30 pm

A Kind Thank You to the Graduating Pierce Parents.... There are many All-star parents who have graduating eighth graders. The children will get their diploma, awards and celebration. They deserve all the acclaim for all their hard-work at Pierce School. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge a few of the All-Star parents who contributed greatly to making Pierce a wonderful community for parents, family, students, teachers and staff. Here are a few who will never leave our Pierce community, but their youngest child is graduating next week.

- Susan Whitman-Helfgot was PTO co-chair for 2 years and mother of 4 graduates of Pierce School. Susan has been a great spokeswoman for the school. In addition to the co-chair job, she is tireless volunteer.
- Julie Leitman was Outreach chair for too many years to count. Not only did she deal with monsoon-like weather on picnic days, but she welcomed many new families with a smile, phone call and tour. Thank you Julie for all of your various tireless volunteer efforts.
- Chan MacVeigh worked behind the scenes with Math League -- organizing the coaches, morning classes and meets. He helped by tutoring many students afterschool in Math.

Michael Miles was a PTO co-chair. Our appreciation to Michael for his great contributions.

They are not alone. There are many worth silver medals: Cameron Ashbaugh, Deborah Yokoe, Dondrea Frederick, Jody Curran, Barry David, Ellen Hagney, Abby Swaine, Stephen Burrington, Anne Braudy, Christine Desan-Husson, Julienne Martone, Jocelyn Hutt, Therese Miles, and Sarah Fay, Sue Oettgen (sewing & bakesales for plays when Philip was at Pierce) and Anne Braudy (Juliana's mom; who helped organize our 7/8 picnics!)

All "graduates" of Pierce are always an important part of our community.

Ellen Ball

Grateful spokeswoman from the community

My apologies for missing anyone or any typos.

Community Potluck Breakfast

Come join other parents at the final Pierce Community Potluck Breakfast of the school year 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.



Answer to the Pierce POW# 17

Triangle

There are actually 8 possible answers. Any number between 16 and 23 is acceptable. Therefore, any combination of those numbers is acceptable. **Congratulations** to all of those who had the correct answer!

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.



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.

Flu information - Information sheets from the School Nurse are available on the Pierce website (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Health.shtml>) about the the H1N1 Flu: Flu advisory from 26 May 2009 Flu symptom checklist from 5 May 2006 Letter to parents about Swine flu from May 2009 (English and Spanish) Talking to your kids about Swine Flu They are the latest in Department of Public Health guidelines.

Thanks,

Mary A. D'Amore, RN
Pierce School Nurse
617.730.2584

Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner:

TIP: NSTAR GREEN - SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY

Are you an NSTAR customer? You can get 50% or 100% of your electricity from wind power by signing up on line at www.nstar.com. It's super easy!

The GREEN Team will be meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 8am in the small conference room.

Support the Pierce School PTO - Place an Ad in the 2009-2010 Pierce School

Directory. The Pierce School Directory reaches families of 600+ students in Pre-K-8th grade. If you are interested in making your business known to the Pierce/Brookline community consider placing an ad in our 2009-2010 edition of the Pierce School Directory. Pierce families use their directories often and will have plenty of opportunities to view your ad! Please check out our web site for more info: <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or make the right call to 617/935-4367 or 617/879-6024 and ask for Felina. You can also request more information via email at: poetsareangels@rcn.com.

FitFest 09 is approaching! **September 13, 2009** FitFest09 will rock Pierce Park and we need **YOU!**

FitFest@ Pierce Park is a family centered event for the Brookline community to promote fitness and healthy living for families. It includes a 1-mile fun run, various field events and local vendors who support healthy living. All ages are welcome and it is a great way to spend your Sunday afternoon.

FitFest is the first weekend back after school which means:

- ✓ it does not conflict with any major religious holidays
- ✓ fall sports will not yet have started
- ✓ we do not have much time to get organized once school starts

SO, before you head out for summer, please let us know if you could help volunteer the day of the event! Email us at: register@piercefest.com OR stop one of the FitFest team members and let them know: Meredith Saillant, Graeme Grant, Stacey Irwin Downey, Brendan Downey, Pam DiPiro, Stewart Silvestri

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/2860/June2009.pdf>

Join Our Mailing List <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1102166646585>

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

Felina

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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.

Broadsheet Publication Dates for 2008-2009

09/11/08 * 09/25/08 * 10/09/08 * 10/23/08 * 11/06/08 * 11/20/08 * 12/04/08 * 12/18/08 *
01/08/09 * 01/22/09 * 02/05/09 * 02/19/09 * 03/05/09 * 03/19/09* 04/02/09 * 04/16/09 *
04/30/09 * 05/14/09 * 05/28/09 * 06/11/09 * **Past Issues available online**

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. 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.

Spacious 2 Bedroom Apartment for Rent in quiet neighborhood near Brookline Village T-Stop. Washer/Dryer available. Utilities not included. Rent 1,800 per month. Parking is available for one car only. Interested? Call Phyllis at: 617/566-5037.

Apartment for rent 3 bedroom/1.5 bath apartment on first floor of two family house in Pierce school district. Unit has high ceilings and hardwood floors throughout. New range and dishwasher in updated kitchen. Fireplace in living room and built-in china cabinet in formal dining room. Exclusive use of washer /dryer in basement. 1 parking space included in rent, second parking space available monthly or occasionally for an additional fee. Please email Connie for pictures or more details: ccaron55@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Exchange Student Looking for a Summer Home Hi, my name is Álvaro, I live in Spain and I'm 14.

I'm interested in an exchange with somebody of my age during the summer.

I live with my parents and my sister, who's 13, near La Coruña, a city in the coast at the northwest of Spain.

Hobbies:

- Be with my friends
- Sports: MTB, speed skating
- Music: a bit of everything, especially rock
- Read
- Videogames

Contact: alvaro_morandeira@hotmail.com

YARD Sale

Rrrrrrrrr Maties!

We dare ya to come and fine some treasures!

Please join us at the annual

Emerson Park Neighborhood Yard Sale

Streets Davis, Waverly, Emerson & surrounding area Saturday, June 13

9:30am - 2:00pm Sorry, no rain date.

Parent Group: Adoptive Families Together - 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:

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

June 17th

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

EUREKAFEST

JUNE 24 - 27, 2009

at MIT

EUREKAFEST is a multi-day celebration designed to empower a legacy of inventors through activities that inspire youth, honor role models, and encourage creativity and problem solving.

Great Family event !

Saturday June 27, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EUREKAFEST at the Museum of Science

Main Exhibit Halls

Cheer on over 200 high school students in an all-day design challenge that explores the inventions process through wind-powdered devices. The Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, in collaboration with the Museum of Science, will offer hands-on learning activities for young children. Families are encouraged to attend.

Need more information?

Please call the Lemelson-MIT Program at 617.253.3352 or email us at EurekaFest@mit.edu

The Sunday School for Jewish Studies is now accepting registrations for grades K-7 for the 2009-2010 school year. The Sunday School provides a liberal, egalitarian approach to Jewish education in classes held Sunday mornings. Beginning September, 2009, the school will move to its new location at the Oak Hill School in Newton. The curriculum includes Hebrew, Jewish holidays, traditions, ethics, Bible stories, contemporary history and music. Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation is available but not required, and students may enter in any grade. Interfaith and nontraditional families are welcome. For additional information about the Sunday School for Jewish Studies, please call 617-264-8855 or visit www.sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org

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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 or ph. 617-232-4808.

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.

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>

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

Ann Abrams
ohvetshokolad@rcn.com

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

Piano Instruction - 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.

Reading Tutor

Certified Reading Specialist with M.S.Ed and MA teaching license for grades K-8

I specialize in remediating below grade-level students and in providing a summer bridge to all types of students. I focus on reading, writing, and organizational skills for students in grades 2-8; trained in Lindamood, Project Read, and Read Naturally. Currently employed as a Reading Specialist in a Boston charter school, and previously employed at a North Shore private school. Resume and references available on request; available M-F, \$40-60/hour. Please call 978.500.4665 for more information.

Fun, Affordable Guitar Lessons — Want to learn how to play the guitar from an experienced, easygoing and responsible college music major? I am trained in classical, blues, rock and folk guitar and will cater to any material that you would like to learn. I have a strong background in music theory and notation. All ages and levels welcome! Contact Leah Wellbaum, 617-694-2425, I eahwellbaum@gmail.com

Summer is a Great Time to Start Piano or Voice Lessons! Private lessons in your home taught by professional singer/songwriter Steffani Bennett New England Conservatory grad, 1990. I teach Children and Adults, beginner and intermediate piano, focus on reading and theory - classical and pop styles. Voice lessons and coaching as well! I cater to the music and styles the student loves: Broadway, Jazz, Pop, etc. I also use karaoke cd's. Good fun! 9 years teaching and coaching experience in NYC and Boston. References available. Reasonable rates - \$32 per 30 minute lesson. Longer lessons available. Please call for more information. 617-522-4182 email: steffigirl1@yahoo.com or visit us on the web at: www.steffanibennett.com.

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 babysitting position for the summer. Please contact Colleen Mason at colleencmason@gmail.com or by phone, 508-561-0910. Thank you!

Summer Opera Program for children ages 6 and up! This year featuring "The Nightingale" a children's opera based on a famous Chinese story! Great Brookline location, small group, instruction in voice, drama, dance and instruments. Also scenery and costume making for the final performance! August 3-14. Space is limited. Contact Barbara Gawlick 617-965-0169 or gawsro@msn.com

Brookline/JP Pop Warner Cheer & Football Program Register now for the Brookline/JP Patriots 2009 Season! Join the New England Regional and Massachusetts State Pop Warner Champions. Boys and Girls age 7-15 are encourage to participate and become Patriot players and cheerleaders. Visit www.brooklinejppatriots.org to download the registration forms, email bjppatriots@comcast.net or contact Carmen Santos at 617-216-0530 with any questions.

Used books needed MATCH charter middle school opened its doors in September 2008, in Jamaica Plain. It will serve Boston students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Currently this school has a very limited school library. They need books written for 4th through 9th grade level in reading. If you have good used books for this reading level and are willing to donate them, please contact their principal Lisa Hwang to organize collection or delivery. Thank you.

Boston College is Offering a Summer Soccer Clinic at Our Newton Campus

When: July 27-July 30 - Boston College Newton Campus Athletic Complex

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Ages: Boys 6-12

Sergio Saccoccio - E-mail: msoccer@bc.edu Website: www.eaglessoccerprogram.com