

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Welcome to this weeks 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: Poetsareangels@rcn.com or Piercebroadsheet@gmail.com. Notices and ads are printed as space permits, without PTO endorsement. We reserve the right to edit all copy.

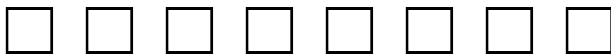
PAPERLESS

In an effort to be Fit and Green we hope to go paperless by December.

Please log on the the Pierce web site at <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org> and join our e-mail list.

www.pierceschoolbrookline.org - Main # 617-730-2580 Please Recycle!

Pierce Problem of the Week #2 8-Digit Number



Make an 8-digit number using the digits 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4 and 4,

and following these rules:

The 1's must be separated by one digit.

The 2's must be separated by two digits.

The 3's must be separated by three digits.

The 4's must be separated by four digits.

Problem of the Week, Answer to POW #1 - How many rectangles? Answer 30 rectangles

Problem of the Week #1 (2x4 rectangles)

$$1 \times 1 = 8$$

$$1 \times 2 = 10 \text{ (6 horizontal and 4 vertical)}$$

$$1 \times 3 = 4 \text{ (all horizontal)}$$

$$1 \times 4 = 2 \text{ (all horizontal)}$$

$$2 \times 2 = 3$$

$$2 \times 3 = 2$$

$$2 \times 4 = 1$$

Save the Date

Thursday, October 9, 2008 Yom Kippur (No school)

Monday, October 13, 2008 Columbus Day (No school)

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 MEPA Testing, LEP Students, Grades 3-8

Thursday, October 16, 2008 Community Breakfast (8:00am)

Saturday, October 18, 2008 7th Grade Car Wash (10:00am)

Monday, October 27, 2008 Farm School Trip for 7th Graders

Thursday, October 30, 2008 Professional Development Day (No school)

Friday, October 31, 2008 Summer Reading and Math Assembly, Grades 1-6 (8:30am)

The 2nd Annual Pierce FitFest was a huge success!

Over 300 children, parents, grandparents, and friends attended this fun, spirited event. This was a great community builder that kicked off our new Fit & Green campaign here at Pierce!

There were many different events designed to encourage fitness, explore ways of staying healthy, and promote the many benefits of cooperative play. Events included a 1-mile Fun Run, yoga, baseball toss, basketball shooting, obstacle course, and many others. Once again, a crowd favorite was the Zip Line, in which kids grab hold of a pulley that zips along a 90+ foot wire suspended above the ground and propelled by gravity. What fun!

A great big THANK YOU to The Town of Brookline and the parents and their families that organized FitFest: Meredith Sillant & Graeme Grant, The Lapidus Family, Pam Dipiro & Stewart Silvestri, and Stacey & Brendan Downey. They put in a lot of time and energy making sure this was a fun and easy event.

Thank you, too, to the local vendors who donated time/goods and supported the Pierce community: KooKoo and InnerSpace, Whole Foods, Extra Innings, BoaBoam, CrossFit, Benefitness Health Club for Women, PB&J Dance Company, Beth Dunn Therapy, KidFresh, PitaPit, Trader Joe's, Brookline Golf, Hockey and Lacrosse and the Town of Brookline.

And thanks to all the parents & students who volunteered their time helping out at the different events and booths, setting up, tearing down afterwards, etc. There are too many people to thank individually, but your efforts are very much appreciated.

Pierce Sports

BEFORE + AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS HAVE BEGUN!!!

Both are open to students in grades 4-8. There is no fee to participate in either.

BEFORE school sports are Tues. + Thurs. from 7:15-7:55am. **AFTER school sports** are Thurs. + Fri. from 2:30-3:30pm.

The 7/8 VOLLEYBALL team has been selected. Congratulations to all who made it! Practices will be on Mondays from 2:30 -3:30pm. Games will be on Wednesdays, check schedule for location.

The CROSS COUNTRY meet is also coming up on Thursday October 16th (Rain date Friday Oct. 17th)! This is open to anyone in grades 5-8 that wants to participate. It is a very fun, whole day event that parents and families are welcome and encouraged to come watch. Sign ups began the week of the 22nd. There will also be 6 practice sessions after school to train for the meet. Dates will be posted and announced to students.

Do You Have Your Pierce Sweatshirt?....

If so, please check the name inside; chances are it has someone else's name in it. There are some sweatshirts in the lost and found (upstairs in the hall near the gymnasium.) Please check the lost and found for your sweatshirt; if you have someone else's please return it to the main office so it can be claimed by its rightful owner.

Thank you.

Vote Kidfresh and you could help Pierce win \$5,000. The "Vote Kidfresh" campaign is a sweepstakes sponsored by Kidfresh, a healthy and fun line of prepared lunches and dinners for kids, available at Whole Foods. All you have to do is go to www.votekidfresh.com and vote for the Pierce School! It only takes a minute. The winning school will receive \$5,000.

Women Who Launch series presents "Effective Networking" - Wednesday, October 15th, Inner Space, 7:15-9:15 PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE, FREE EVENT AT BEAUTIFUL INNER SPACE - BRING YOUR BUSINESS CARDS and get to work!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Colette Phillips, CEO of her own diversity marketing firm, Colette Phillips Communications, Inc. Networking, education, opportunity and breakout sessions for current and prospective women entrepreneurs.

Refreshments (Kookoo cafe) and Raffles! (We'll get you home in time for the presidential debates)

Thanks go to the Brookline Commission for Women, Brookline Economic Development & the Brookline Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this important event.

Mark Your Calendars for the International Pot Luck Supper!

When: Thursday, November 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Pierce School Cafeteria & Auditorium

Mark your calenders for another PTO "Fit and Green" event

Skate Night - Friday, January 30 5:15pm-7:30pm Larz Anderson Skating Rink

Kindergarten is collecting Box Tops! When you clip Box Tops for Education, you are supporting Pierce School and our hard working Kindergarten kids! It's easy. Just clip the Box Top coupon and put it in one of our collection boxes around Pierce, which will be placed around the school the week of October 13th. Our goal is to earn \$1000 for our school this year. We can do it!

To see a complete list of products that have Box Tops visit: www.boxtops4education.com

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Colleen Muldoon at: colleen_muldoon@brookline.k12.ma.us

Thank you for supporting Pierce School!

Pierce School Mock Presidential Election

November 4, 2008 - Pierce School will hold a Mock Presidential Election again this year. In doing this we hope to instill a sense of the democratic process, the importance of voting and some of the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen in this country.

Classes will come to the Polling Place at the Pit throughout the morning. Results of the election will be announced at the end of the day and later in the Broadsheet.

In preparation for the national event, many teachers are discussing the election in the classroom. Students are engaged and excited about following current events. In the coming weeks, the eighth graders will be displaying age-appropriate posters about the candidates throughout the school. Students in 5K will staff the Polling Place and count the ballots. We look forward to an exciting educational experience.

Brookline SEPAC is sponsoring "In Our Own Backyard: Cutting Edge Research In The Diagnosis And Treatment Of Dyslexia" presented by Dr. Nadine Gaab of Children's Hospital Boston, Runkle School Library, Tuesday, October 21, 7 - 9 pm.— Dr. Gaab will discuss current knowledge of the brain correlates of dyslexia and describe state-of-the-art research to improve the diagnosis and remediation of this common learning disability. She will have information about research projects at Children's Hospital Boston that are currently seeking participants.

Questions? Contact Peggy Ueda, pueda@comcast.net, or visit brooklinesepac.org. The Brookline Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is an all-volunteer organization of parents of children with disabilities in the preschool, elementary school, high school, and in private schools who meet to learn more about special education in Brookline.

Bakarat's First Annual Walk for Literacy.

September 30, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Pierce School in Brookline Village will be screening the documentary film, "View from a Grain of Sand," on Thursday, October 16th. This acclaimed effort from filmmaker Meena Nanji combines actual news footage, interviews and archival material to tell the story of three women, three wars and their stories of survival from Afghanistan. This documentary film provides a thought-provoking, yet intimate portrait of Afghan women's history over the last 30 years -- from the rule of King Zahir Shah in the 1960's to the current government under Hamif Karzai. The film illustrates how war, international interference and the rise of religious fundamentalism has stripped Afghan women of their rights and freedom and illuminates the context for Afghanistan's current situation and the ongoing battle women face to gain even basic human rights. Damon Luloff, Executive Director of Barakat, Inc. will be on hand to lead a discussion afterwards. Barakat, Inc. is based in Cambridge, MA and is dedicated to promoting literacy for girls and women in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. This event is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm and end at 8:30pm. Please note: the event is free and open to the public, but due to the mature nature of the film, as well as certain graphic content, the film is intended for adults; children may attend only if accompanied by an adult.

It might be interesting to note that sixth grade students and teachers at the Pierce School are collaborating with Barakat as part of an effort linked to a Brookline Education Foundation grant to increase quality community service-learning programming in the schools. Students have read Deborah Ellis's award-winning book "The Breadwinner" about a young Afghan girl who must disguise herself as a boy in order to help her family survive under the rule of the Taliban. Students have also had a visit from Arti Pandey, Barakat's Program Director, who taught them about literacy rates among girls and women in Afghanistan. Students will also be visited by a student at Simmons College who is part of an Afghan Women's speakers' bureau who will share with them her personal story as an Afghan refugee. Pierce sixth graders have formed committees to address the issue of literacy among Afghan girls and women and are working to not only increase awareness about the lack of literacy programming for girls and women in Afghanistan, but also to fundraise for Barakat's First Annual Walk for Literacy October 25th.

For more information about the screening of "View from a Grain of Sand" and/or Pierce School's collaboration with Barakat and participation in the Walk for Literacy, please contact: Melissa London, melissa_london@brookline.k12.ma.us.

Madame White Snake. Monday, October 27th, 2008 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm, at Hunneman Hall, Brookline Public Library

Come for an insider's look at the inspiration, creation and production of a groundbreaking new opera, Madame White Snake, based on a 1000 year old Chinese myth. It will be held on Monday, Oct. 27 at the Main Library in Hunneman Hall. Listen to Brookline's Cerise Lim Jacobs, Creator and Librettist, narrate the myth and to Gabriela Romanow, Sandy Gadsby, Paul Epstein and Alicia Hsu as they perform a select group of excerpts from the libretto. Hsiu-Lan Chang, Chair of the Friends of Madame White Snake, will give the opening introductions. Following the readings there will be a reception of Chinese delicacies graciously donated by Golden Temple. Presented by the Friends of the Brookline Public Library, the Trustees of the Brookline Public Library, and the Friends of Madame White Snake.

For further information please contact, Hsiu-Lan Chang at, 617-792-5000.

If you haven't signed up to receive the broadsheet or other Pierce PTO info via email, please visit the pierce website and subscribe today.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

Felina-Marie Mucha-Cyr

Editor, The Pierce School Broadsheet

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 poetsareangels@rcn.com or 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.

The John Payne Music Center celebrates Brookline!

The John Payne Music Center is offering a FREE private lesson to any Brookline resident, kid or adult, in the month of October. Come try out our teachers! We offer patient instruction at all levels in piano, sax, flute, clarinet, drums, guitar, bass, voice, trumpet, trombone, and recorder. The JPMC is a non-profit music school that has been serving the greater Brookline area for 29 years, located in Brookline Village. Mention this ad for your free lesson. Call 617-277-3438.

The Brookline Education Foundation is proud to support these Pierce educators and their exciting projects: Amie Buchman, AnaMaria Caballero, Ginny Carroll, Helen Greeley, Ken Haynes, Melissa London, Jamie Lyons, Annemarie Marcus, Kerrilyn McCarthy, Jed Miller, Reed Rathgeber, Carol Sepkoski, Chris Smith, Nancy Springer, Laura West, Gayle Van Hatten. Ask them about their 2008-09 Foundation grants!

For more information about the Brookline Education Foundation, visit our web site at www.BrooklineEducation.org or talk to Pierce parents Cherie Gaehde and Julie Leitman.

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.



The Brookline Youth Hockey (BYH)

instructional program, designed for children in grades K-4, will begin in November for advanced beginners and December for real beginners. For more information, visit the BYH web site (www.brooklineyouthhockey.org). BYH does not offer a Learn to Skate (LTS) program. For LTS information, contact the Brookline Recreation Department at 617 730-2069.

Brookline Area Parent Group Info:

Please join our Parent-run confidential group 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

- Oct. 15th
- Nov. 19th
- Dec. 17th

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

We will also be presenting W.I.S.E. Up workshop in Brookline:

Sat. Nov. 8th 2-4pm at the Brookline Library 361 Washington St. Brookline, MA 02445

Tutor Available: Experienced elementary school classroom teacher and current stay-at-home mom available to tutor your child in math, reading, or writing. For more information, contact Jessica at mrsrteach@aol.com or 917-670-1613.

The Brookline Music School has two job openings:

Dance Teacher - part time

Location: Brookline Music School
25 Kennard Road, Brookline, MA 02445

Posting Date: September 24, 2008

Description: The Brookline Music School is looking for a part time dance instructor. Applicants must be able to teach all styles (ballet, creative movement, tap, etc.) to young children (ages 4-8) of all ability levels. A desire to participate in school activities as part of a vibrant musical community is essential.

Qualifications: Applicants should hold degree in dance education or similar field with minimum 3 years teaching experience.

Salary: Competitive hourly salary based on experience

Suzuki Violin Teacher - part time

Location: Brookline Music School
25 Kennard Road, Brookline, MA 02445

Posting Date: September 24, 2008

Description: The Brookline Music School is looking for a part time Suzuki violin teacher to teach private lessons at the Brookline Music School and within the Brookline public schools.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required, Graduate degree preferred. Minimum qualifications - Book Three certification with at least 3 years of private teaching and group class experience.

Salary: Competitive hourly salary based on experience

About BMS: Brookline Music School, a private, nonprofit community school for the arts, is the oldest and largest cultural institution in Brookline. Founded in 1924, Brookline Music School seeks to awaken and nurture musical interest, appreciation, and artistic excellence in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere; to offer a high standard of comprehensive music instruction to people of all ages and backgrounds from the local community; and to serve the community by teaching in multiple locations, offering generous tuition assistance, and sponsoring a full schedule of concerts and public performances throughout the year.

How to Apply: If you are interested in employment opportunities at Brookline Music School, please send a cover letter, résumé and names/phone numbers of 3 current references to:

Valerie Nelson
Executive Director
Brookline Music School
25 Kennard Road
Brookline, MA 02445
E-mail: info@bmsmusic.org
Fax: 617-277-4437

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It's that time of year again:

THE BROOKLINE DOLPHINS RECREATION SWIM TEAM is starting on Monday, 10/6/08!

TRY-OUTS for ALL NEW SWIMMERS:

Monday, 9/29 from 5:30-6:30 pm or Tuesday, 9/30 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm or Monday, 10/6 from 5-6:30 pm or by appointment
Call 617-713-5435 or check our website: www.brooklinema.gov

Indoor Tennis Courts

The Brookline Recreation Department offers two doubles tennis courts at The Main Gym Facility, located at 66 Tappan St., Brookline, which are available for rent. Play is limited to one (1) hour a week for you and your partner(s). All fees are payable in advance of play. 50% of all players on each court must be residents of Brookline. All court time is filled on a first come, first served basis. All rental times are for recreational tennis play only. Tennis lessons are not permitted during the designated rental court hours for public indoor tennis. Please note if a session needs to be cancelled due to the weather it will not be made up.

For more information please call 617-730-2069. Times and Days available are:

Mondays: October 20, 2008 - December 22, 2008
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - (one hour increments)
Fee: \$200 - per one hour for 10 weeks

Tuesdays: October 14, 2008 - December 23, 2008
*No tennis on November 11, 2008
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - (one hour increments)
Fee: \$200 - per one hour for 10 weeks

Saturdays: October 11, 2008 - December 20, 2008
*No tennis on November 29, 2008
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - (one hour increments)
Fee: \$200 - per one hour for 10 weeks

Saturdays: October 11, 2008 - November 22, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - (one hour increments)
Fee: \$140 - per one hour for 7 weeks

Sundays: October 12, 2008 - December 21, 2008
*No tennis on November 30, 2008
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - (one hour increments)
Fee: \$200 - per one hour for 10 weeks

Digital Photography - Join Mass Audubon Sanctuary

Director and Wildlife Photographer, Bob Speare, for a morning stroll through Hall's Pond Sanctuary where we will witness the vivid colors of fall. We'll approach each scene with a photographer's eye, discuss and identify the flora and fauna we find, and learn how to best capture the colors and textures of the season. Explore a variety of techniques designed to improve animal portraits, landscapes, close-ups, light balance, depth of field, and composition.

Beginners are welcome, but please have a working knowledge of your camera. Bring your camera and its manual, extra charged batteries and enough memory to take about 100 pictures. You may bring a tripod if you have one.

Sunday, October 26th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25
Call (617)730-2076 for more information.

Family Nature Nights - Looking for an exciting and educational way to spend time with your family? Join Brookline Environmental Education for one of our monthly presentations.

Mass Audubon Presents: Owls
Friday, October 24th, 654 Hammond St.
5:00-5:45 (ages 4-6) or 6:00-7:00 pm (ages 7 up)
\$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children

Mass Audubon Presents: Mammals
Friday, November 21st, 654 Hammond St.
5:00-5:45 (ages 4-6) or 6:00-7:00 pm (ages 7 up)
\$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children

Winter Solstice Celebration
Saturday, December 20th at the RTL Municipal Golf Course
4:00-6:00 pm
\$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children

Mass Audubon Presents: Reptiles
Friday, January 23rd, 654 Hammond St.
5:00-5:45 (ages 4-6) or 6:00-7:00 pm (ages 7 up)
\$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children

For more information or to register: 617-730-2076

Fall Foliage Kayak Trip - Enjoy the beauty of fall in New England from a different perspective. An experienced guide will lead you down the historic Concord River at a leisurely pace. No experience or equipment is necessary. All ages are welcome. Directions and carpool options will be sent a couple of days before the trip.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00-12:00 p.m.
\$75/person over age 15
\$40/person ages 6-15
FREE for ages 5 and under

Call 617-730-2076 for more information.