

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## The Pierce School Broadsheet

Welcome to the first official electronic version 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). Notices and ads are printed as space permits, without PTO endorsement. We reserve the right to edit all copy.

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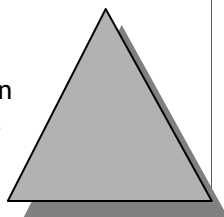
We hope that you enjoy our first Paperless issue. If you know families who would like to be on our e-mail list, please mention that they can sign up on the Pierce web site at <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org>.

Paper versions of the Broadsheet will be available outside the main office.

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## Pierce Problem of the Week #4 Equilateral Triangle

Use any four pieces from a set of pattern blocks and make an equilateral triangle. (Ask your teacher for some pattern blocks.)



Show your solution below.

**\*\*VOCABULARY\*\***

An equilateral triangle is a triangle with 3 equal or congruent sides.

## Answer to POW #3 - Make 100

Here are some possible answers...

$$(8 \times 9) + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 100$$

or

$$((2+8) \div (7-6)) + ((1+9) \div (4-3)) \times 5 = 100 \text{ or}$$

$$((8 \times 9) + (4 \times 7) + 5 + 1 - 6) \times (3-2) = 100 \text{ or}$$

$$(9+2) \times (8+3) - (4+7) - (5+6-1) = 100$$

## The Pierce Early Morning Math Program is desperately seeking donations of used math games.

Board games such as Chutes and Ladders or Monopoly or Card games are welcome. We could also use chess and checker sets. If you have a game that you would like to donate, please bring it Susan Leipman (grade 1 teacher, in Unit C). Thank you.

## Save the Date

Thursday, November 6, 2008 **Early dismissal, Grades K-6**

(12:30pm)

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 **Veterans Day**(No school)

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 **PTO/Principal's Forum**, topic:

"Internet Safety" (7:00pm)

Thursday, November 13, 2008 **Early dismissal, Grades K-8**

(12:30pm)

Friday, November 14, 2008 **Grades 6/7/8 first term ends,**

**grades close**

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 **Pierce Reads, Grades 5-8**

(7pm)

Thursday, November 20, 2008 **Community Breakfast**

(8-9)

Thursday, November 20, 2008 **Early Dismissal Grades K-8**

(12:30)

Friday, November 21, 2008 **Report Cards Issued Grades 6-8**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 **ECS Breakfast** (8:15 am-9am)

Wednesday, November 26, 2008 **Thanksgiving Break - Noon**

Dismissal

Thursday, November 27, 2008 & Friday, November 28, 2008

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Sunday, January 25, 2009 **K.I.D.S. (Kids Involved in Summer) Brookline's Summer Opportunities Fair**

(12-3 pm) Tappan Street Gym, BHS

Friday, January 30, 2009 **Skate Night @ Larz Anderson Skating Rink** (5:15 pm - 7:30 pm)

## Early Dismissal Days

A note to 5th & 6th Grade Families...

Please note on "Early Dismissal" days there will be **no lunch** served to the 5th & 6th grades.

The Fall 12:30pm Early Dismissal dates are as follows: Thursdays

November 6th (K-6)

November 13th (K-8)

November 20th (K-8)

## The Pierce PTO...

As we are sure you are aware, the PTO organizes many activities for students, families and parents. We try to keep families informed through the Broadsheet, Pierce post and the school website.

Topics of interest and Principal updates are shared at Meetings, Principal Forums and Community Potluck Breakfasts. Listed below is the schedule for 2008/2009. We hope that you can join us!

### \*PTO Meetings - Staff room\*

\*March 11 - 6:30pm followed by a Principals Forum  
\*May 13 - 6:30pm followed by a Principals Forum

### \*Principals Forums - 7:00pm\*

\*November 12 - Topic <sup>3</sup>Internet Safety<sup>2</sup>  
\*January 14  
\*March 11 (School Council input night)  
\*May 13

### \*Community Potluck Breakfasts - 8:00-9:00am Cafeteria\*

\*November 20  
\* December 18  
\*January 15  
\*February 26  
\*March 19  
\*April 16  
\*May 21

## Brookline Music Boosters Annual Meeting Notice

Brookline Music Boosters is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports and helps fund elementary music programs for Brookline's Public Schools. We are looking for interested parents to become leaders in the organization. Join us at our Annual Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008. The meeting will be held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 140 at Brookline High School.

For more information contact: Mary Harris (617) 277-0167 or maryharris1985@yahoo.com.

## Paperless Monthly Lunch Menus

Pierce will go paperless with the monthly food service menus starting in December. The [November menu](#) is available, as will be all upcoming months. Check the "Quick Links" column in the Broadsheet for all future school lunch menus. You can also find the quick link on the Pierce website.

## A Note from the Principal:



### ***Lockdown drill and an evacuation drill in the coming weeks***

As part of the school district's security measures around emergencies, we are scheduled for an upcoming lockdown and evacuation drill in the coming weeks. We have conducted these drills very successfully in the past and expect that this success will continue. We work closely with Brookline's emergency personnel and plan the drills with Police Sergeant Michael Raskin to ensure a smooth experience for all.

The plan is to practice the lockdown drill procedures first, and then in December, practice the evacuation drill. Our evacuation site is the Brookline Main Library on Washington Street. Teachers will be reviewing the procedures for lockdown and evacuation drills so our students are also prepared. Please look at the letter on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter which outlines the age-appropriate language that teachers use when discussing emergency drills. I share this information to help students and families understand the basics of these drills. Please ask your child about the drill once it has been completed. If you feel it appropriate, discuss the letter with them. Thank you for your continued collaboration and support.

### ***Pipier Smith-Mumford***

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## Parent Forum On Internet Safety

On Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m., parents of students at all grade levels are invited to learn more about Internet safety, cyber-bullying, and the potential consequences of certain types of online conduct when the Office of Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating, in collaboration with the Brookline Police Department, offers a free regional presentation designed to help families make more informed decisions about responsible computer use. The forum will be held at the Pierce School, 50 School Street in Brookline.

- Parents from surrounding schools and communities are also welcome to attend.
- This forum is not intended for children.

The presentation will address how predators can obtain identifying information about children from chat rooms and social networking web sites, how certain online situations can have legal and public safety implications, and the importance of limiting home Internet access to family room settings rather than children's bedrooms.

## PIERCE SCHOOL

Below are guidelines for describing the lockdown drill to students:

Sometimes we have emergencies in the building and sometimes

outside the building so we need to practice different ways to make sure we are safe in either situation. Sometimes in an emergency, it is safer for us to leave the building, like in a fire drill. At other times, it is safer for everyone to stay inside their rooms. Our most important goal is to keep everyone safe and protected. Emergencies can take many forms, such as:

- a wild animal running loose in the neighborhood
- an oil spill in the neighborhood
- police or fire emergency in the community
- an unknown person (stranger) in our building
- police looking in the neighborhood for someone who may have broken the law

In each of these types of incidences, our main goal is to keep students in a safe and protected environment.

Just like we practice a fire drill, we are planning to practice a lockdown drill sometime next week.

### *What happens during a lockdown?*

- An announcement is made over the loudspeaker.
- Students remain in the room they are in or go to another room, always following the teacher's directions.
- All staff will make sure all students are in a safe place.  
If you are close to your room (in the hall or project area), come back into your classroom. If you are not close by, a different teacher might bring you to another classroom. Everyone in the building knows how the drill will work.
- All the rooms with doors will be locked, all shades down, lights off and students must remain quiet. Students will all be sitting together on the floor in one safe spot in the room. We will wait quietly so we can hear the directions.
- Someone will come over the loud speaker to announce that the drill is over.

Like other drills we've practiced in the past, we are confident that this will be another successful drill at Pierce School.

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### Below are guidelines for describing the evacuation drill to students:

Sometimes we have emergencies in the building and sometimes outside the building so we need to practice different ways to make sure we are safe in either situation. Sometimes in an emergency, it is safer for us to leave the building, like in a fire drill. At other times, it is safer for everyone to stay inside their rooms. Our most important goal is to keep everyone safe and protected. Emergencies can take many forms, such as:

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In each of these types of incidences, our main goal is to keep students in a safe and protected environment. Just like we practice a fire drill, we are planning to practice an evacuation drill in the coming weeks. Our evacuation place is the Brookline Main Library, right next to our school.

#### *What happens during an evacuation drill?*

- The fire alarm will go off as it usually does in a fire drill.
- Students leave the building quickly and quietly as usual, always following the teacher's directions.
- All staff will make sure all students leave the building.

If you are not in your classroom, a different teacher might bring you outside. Everyone in the building knows how the drill will work.

- Once we are outside in our usual places for fire drills, a Pierce staff member will let teachers know when we need to begin to move to the Brookline Main Library, our evacuation place.
- Once we arrive to the library and everyone is in their place, and the attendance for every class has been taken, we will wait quietly so we can hear any further directions.
- Someone will come over the loud speaker to announce that the drill is over.

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## The Time Has Come for the... International Pot Luck Supper!

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

Where: Pierce School Cafeteria & Auditorium

Please remember to mark all of your dishes and any utensils. Thank you and hope to see you all there!

## Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner!

When available we will provide helpful information on how to stay GREEN around the school and/or at home so keep an eye out for helpful information coming your way. While your here, see what's here today... thanks for stopping by.



**The Next Green Team Meeting** will be held on Friday, November 21st at 8 a.m. in the small conference room at Pierce.

## Please Join us for the ECS Pierce Coffee

DATE: November 25th, 2008

TIME: 8:15- 9:00

LOCATION: Pierce Cafeteria

For More Information Please contact:

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ECS Teacher ( formerly G & T Resource teacher)

Pierce School & Lawrence School, Brookline, MA

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## Make a difference in the lives of patients and their families!

Hospitality Homes provides short-term, no-cost housing for families and friends of patients traveling to Boston for medical treatment. Our wonderful volunteer host families provide accommodations in their own homes and in doing so, enable patients to have their loved ones by their sides while they receive treatment at area hospitals. We have an urgent need for more host families in Brookline due to a substantial increase in demand for our service and because of Brookline's proximity to the Longwood Medical Area. If you have a spare room available, please contact us for information on how you can make a meaningful impact from the comfort of your own home. You decide how often to host and what types of guests you're able to accommodate, and guests provide their own meals and transportation. Hosting is a unique and tangible way to teach children valuable lessons about helping others. For details on hosting and other volunteer opportunities:

617-482-4338 or [www.hosp.org](http://www.hosp.org).

## 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 [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.

**Remember the Egglestons? (Jack & Emma, plus Ben, Vivi and Grace?)** They're moving back up from VA, for good! While they make the transition (i.e., sell their properties in VA) they'd like to rent a big (3+ bedroom) apartment, of course preferably in the Pierce neighborhood, but elsewhere in Brookline or even (!) Newton is plausible. Space is needed starting in late December, for between 6 months & 2 years. Responses can go directly to Jack (434.962.0972 or [jackegg4@yahoo.com](mailto:jackegg4@yahoo.com)) or indirectly to Abby (Sam Burrington's mom-- 617-232-9242 or [abby.swaine@verizon.net](mailto:abby.swaine@verizon.net))

**SEPAC and you...** Monday, November 10, 2008, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Brookline High School, MLK Jr. Room. Come hear special Ed administrators and BHS staff give an overview of special education and related programming at BHS. The meeting will also help parents know where to turn with questions, explain how to communicate most effectively, explain the new Enhanced Tutorial program, and answer questions about Learning Center versus Tutorial and more. If you have questions you know you would like answered, please email them to [lisa.guisbond@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.guisbond@verizon.net) ASAP so we can ensure that the most critical questions and issues are addressed. Don't miss out on important information for your child - the high school SEPAC would love to meet you! For more information, contact Lisa Guisbond at 617-730-5445 or [lisa.guisbond@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.guisbond@verizon.net).

**METCO held a calendar raffle fundraiser throughout the month of October.** For a \$10 donation, you can still receive a month-long calendar showing a beautiful selection of SoReale jewelry, and you will be eligible to win a piece each day of the month! Thirty-one prizes will be given out. All proceeds will support enrichment programs for METCO students. To purchase a calendar, contact Denise Rhodes ([drhodes333@comcast.net](mailto:drhodes333@comcast.net) or 617-740-8333) or stop by the METCO office at the Sperber Education Center, 88 Harvard Street.

The drawing will be held on November 19th so there is still plenty of time to buy a calendar.

## The Pierce School Community Directory... Do you have a correction

If you found an error/omission to your child's information, please remember to submit any changes to me, Felina Mucha-Cyr at [poetsareangels@rcn.com](mailto:poetsareangels@rcn.com) by Friday November 28th at 2pm. An addendum will be distributed on Thursday, December 4, 2008 in your child's folder.

**Chess Corps** - Located in Brookline Village, Chess Corps provides a creative learning environment that focuses on learning through play primarily utilizing chess as a medium for cognitive, social and emotional development. Through multimedia and hands-on projects and exercises, the laboratory integrates the arts, sciences, and computer-based tools for state-of-the-art brain-based learning and peak performance training. Space is limited. Pre-qualifying interviews will be required as part of the application process. A charitable contribution and minimum tuition is required on a sliding scale. Program meets on Sundays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Prior knowledge of chess is helpful but not required. For more information, e-mail [info@chesscorps.org](mailto:info@chesscorps.org) or call (617) 879-9997.

## Please Take Our Dining Preference Survey and You Could Be A Winner!

Would you like to win a \$50 dining certificate? Please support Brookline restaurants and local university market research by completing this 5-10min survey about your dining preferences:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=w8NzDvWteM3JCPJDWNH\\_2fiw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=w8NzDvWteM3JCPJDWNH_2fiw_3d_3d)

Please complete this survey by Wednesday, November 12th. Thank you for your help & support!

### Questions, please contact:

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## Attention Pool Patrons: Please Note The Following Closures at the Evelyn Kirrane Aquatics Center for November 2008:

SATURDAY, 11/1: POOL CLOSURES @1:30 for BHS Swim Meet  
SUNDAY, 11/2: POOL CLOSURES @ 1:30 pm for Brookline Dolphins Swim Meet  
SATURDAY, 11/8 & 11/15: OPEN SWIM/LAPS ONLY 11am - 4:30 pm  
SUNDAY, 11/9: OPEN SWIM /LAPS ONLY 11am - 3:30 pm  
TUESDAY, 11/11: POOL CLOSED ALL DAY for Veteran's Day  
SUNDAY, 11/16: OPEN SWIM /LAPS ONLY 11am-1:30 pm; POOL CLOSURES @ 1:30 pm for JCC Swim Meet  
THURSDAY, 11/27: POOL CLOSED ALL DAY for Thanksgiving

**Shovel Our Snow Program** - The Brookline Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of a program that provides residents of Brookline with the names of young people who are willing to shovel snow this winter. Shovel Our Snow (S.O.S.) is strictly a referral program that connects residents who need their walks and driveways shoveled with young people who are looking to earn extra money over the winter. It will be the responsibility of the youngster and/or the youngster's parent or guardian to negotiate an appropriate fee with the resident seeking snow shoveling services. If you need further information, please call 617-730-2082 or 617-730-2069.

## Brookline Solo Parents Group Meeting -

Saturday November 22nd, 4:00-5:30 pm at 126 Harvard Street (Pierce parent Lisa Geiger's Village Family Chiropractic clinic - a cozy house/office - across from Walgreens, a block up from Pierce School). Phone number is 617-566-2001. Come share, laugh, talk, and enjoy other Brookline families like yours! Whether solo by divorce, single parent by choice, death, separation, never married, or other circumstance, please join the fun! Come with kids or without! If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, please let us know if you'd like to be on our email list.

**Camerata & Orcherstra Concert** - The Brookline High School honors choir, Camerata, and the 31-member BHS Orchestra team up for a lively evening of music ranging from Disney to Latin jazz to the "Kyrie" of Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, which the two groups perform together. Camerata's program includes a wide range of songs spanning five centuries. The orchestra, in its first concert under new conductor Adam Grossman, will play a concerto by Antonio Vivaldi and Peter Warlock's festive Capriole Suite, which reworks Renaissance dance tunes with 20th century harmonies. Wednesday, Nov 12, 7:30 p.m., Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium, Tickets \$5, elementary students free

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,

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