

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. Notices and ads are printed as space permits, without PTO endorsement. We reserve the right to edit all copy.

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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ECS (Enrichment Challenge Support) Parent Coffee

Tuesday Morning November, 25th · 8:15 · Cafeteria

· Learn about the Brookline Public Schools'

Enrichment and Challenge Support Program and how it works at Pierce.

· Hear how ECS reaches all students through new curriculums.

· Find out how ECS serves students who show a capacity for high levels of academic, intellectual, and creative achievement.



Save the Date

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*

Friday, November 21, 2008 *Moonlighting BHS Faculty/Staff Variety Show* Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium (7:30 pm)

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*

Thursday, December 4, 2008 *Early dismissal, Grades K-12* (12:30pm)

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7 *Henry Bear's Park - Gift Wrapping*

Thursday, December 11, 2008 *Guys and Dolls* (7:00pm)

Friday, December 12, 2008 *Guys and Dolls* (7:00pm)

Saturday, December 13, 2008 *Guys and Dolls* (2:00pm)

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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)

Save the date - November 21st -- FOR MOONLIGHTING!

BHS's wild and wacky faculty/staff variety show, Moonlighting, is just around the corner on Nov. 21, and it's a can't-miss evening that's fun for the whole family. Come see Brookline High School's most esteemed faculty and staff set their academic priorities aside and let their hair down to perform songs, dances, skits, and routines that are anything but routine. Most of them won't be quitting their day jobs to go out on the road anytime soon, but they'll put it all out there for one outrageous night on stage in the BHS Performing Arts Department's biggest and baddest fundraiser of the year. For more information, contact Lynn Modell, 617-713-5228.

Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium

\$10 Adults, \$5 students

Annual Fund Drive

The Pierce annual fund drive has begun! A letter from the PTO asking for your donation to support afterschool programs, fieldtrips, technology and many other enhancements to your child's experience at Pierce will be mailed to your home shortly. We hope you will consider this request seriously and give as you are able. Thank you in advance. The PTO board.

Skate Exchange

A few kids were lucky enough to get a "new" pair of skates in exchange for their old ones. Thanks for all who participated. Appreciation goes to Debbie Jacobs, Meredith Sallient-Grant, Aaron Sege and Max Kaklins for staffing the exchange. A special thanks to Pierce parent-alumni, Peggy Ueda, who initiated the cleat exchange at Pierce and found a great home for leftover skates. They were donated to the Boston Center for Youth and Families (<http://www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/faq.asp>).



BROOKLINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Supporting Excellence in Teaching & Love of Learning in Our Schools

New England Aquarium's Tidepool Adaptations comes to Pierce

On November 26, the Brookline Education Foundation's Jack & Jordan Trust Litchman Fund will sponsor a visit by the New England Aquarium's Tidepool Adaptations to all Pierce third grade classrooms. This exhibit provides an exciting hands-on experience that compliments the third-grade curriculum on habitats.

For more information about the Brookline Education Foundation, visit our web site at www.BrooklineEducation.org.

School Menu

The school menu will no longer be distributed on paper. Check the website for this month's information:

<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org> then click on cafeteria, then k-8 menus or go to <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/PSB/CENTRAL+ADMINISTRATION/Administration+and+Finance/Food+Service.htm>

FIGHT THE FLU-- Now is the time for flu vaccinations!

The CDC now recommends that virtually all children 6 months to 18 years get an annual flu vaccine. It is highly recommended that children receive flu vaccine from their pediatricians. But in an effort to expand access, Devotion PTO's "Fight the Flu" campaign has arranged for a flu clinic at the school for families (adults and children age 4 and above) who have not gotten the vaccination through their regular provider on Monday, November 17 from 2:30-6:30 in the cafeteria. The clinic will be run by a professional group called Flu Busters. The cost per vaccination, whether shot or nasal spray, is \$30 (similar to the amount charged at CVS and other commercial providers.) It's best to sign-up in advance <https://www.flubusters.net/PatientSchedule.aspx?clinicid=08-002594&appointmentid=> but vaccine will also be available on walk-in basis with cash or check payment. See <http://pta.flubusters.net/FAQ.aspx> for general information on the clinic. If you don't have Web access, you can call 866-782-3014 to sign up.

Pierce Problem of the Week #5 - Eggs in a Basket

There are fewer than 6 dozen eggs in a basket. If I count them 2 at a time there will be 1 left over. If I count them 3 at a time, there are none left over. If I count them 4, 5 or 6 at a time there are 3 left over. How many eggs are there?

Answer to POW #4 - Equilateral Triangle

To visualize the possible equilateral triangles that you can make with only 4 pattern blocks, see the Problem of the Week Bulletin Board outside the front office.

Congratulations to the 50+ students who submitted solutions!! The solutions include:

- 1 - Using 4 small green triangles
- 2 - Using 1 yellow hexagon and 3 green triangles
- 3 - Using 2 red trapezoids, 1 blue rhombus, and 1 green triangle (in a variety of arrangements)

Henry Bear's Park - Gift wrapping - 12/6 and 12/7

Join in the holiday spirit and lend a helping hand on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th. Please give an hour or more to wrap gifts starting at 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday and 11 am until 5 pm on Sunday at Henry Bear's Park, 19 Harvard St.

All donations will go to the Pierce PTO and matched by Henry Bear's Park.

Please reply to Laurence Mialot at lmialot@yahoo.com, if you are interested in this event.

Trick or Treat for Unicef

Congratulations on another successful Trick or Treat for Unicef. Thank you to all of you trick or treaters that participated and all the parent and teacher volunteers who continue to make this a successful event. A very special thanks to David Weinstein for facilitating this years event.

A new Pierce School record of \$1,127.84 was collected.

7,884 Pennies
1,567 Nickels
2,279 Dimes
1,655 Quarters
329 Dollars

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 you're 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.

Pierce raises nearly \$3,000 for girls' education

The Pierce School sixth graders took part in the Walk for Literacy education for girls in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. The walk took place on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Cambridge. Students did this to help raise money for Barakat, which is a program trying to improve school systems in these countries.



Along with walking, Pierce sixth graders raised about \$3,000 through bake sales, raffles, donations and giving presentations to encourage people to donate. Pierce has been working with Barakat since late September, and they have been doing as much as they can to assure education for underprivileged girls. The money they have raised has given 75 girls an education for a year.

With the participation of the students on the walk, the turnout was excellent. Many adults have seen the kids taking action in this and making an impact for Barakat. All sixth graders participated. The grade was divided into three different teams - an Outreach team, Pierce Pride team, and a Finance team (which spearheaded a number of additional fundraising initiatives, including bake sales, raffles, and lemonade stands).

"I was overwhelmed," said sixth-grade teacher Melissa London. "Not only by the generosity of the entire Pierce School community, but by the sixth graders' genuine commitment to the service learning project, whether they were walking or not."

Math Activities Lending Library

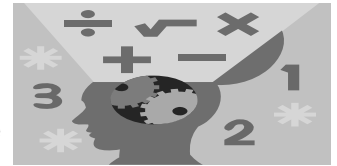
We are proud to announce that the Math Activities Lending Library is ready for check out from the Pierce library! These engaging, hands-on games have been developed to enhance children's number sense and fluency with addition and subtraction facts! This Lending Library consists of 19 different math games (with about 5 copies of each game), geared for the diverse abilities of children in grades K-2. Students, parents, and teachers can borrow these games from the Pierce library. Ask the librarians to point you to the free-standing circular rack with 111 hanging bags filled with high-quality math games.

The Math Activities Lending Library wouldn't have been possible without the help of many parent volunteers, the bar-coding by Shirley Re, the extraordinary leadership of a parent volunteer - Hilary Elkins, and the financial support from the PTO. We are so grateful for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Tara Washburn at tara_washburn@brookline.k12.ma.us

Pierce School Math League Is starting soon!!!

What is Math League?

Math League is a voluntary math club that meets before school. It's run by teachers and parents, and there is no cost to participate. There are five topics: Bases, Geometry, Operations, Patterns, and Problem-Solving.



It's a fun and enriching opportunity for everyone who's involved!

Math League Coaches & Assistant Coaches Needed!

A few positions remain for parents to help coach or assist the Math League sessions one morning a week on a consistent basis. If you are interested, please email Jeanne Wilson at jeanne_wilson@brookline.k12.ma.us.

(One morning a week assisting eager learners with cool math problems; this is a fun and interesting way to start your day while also helping out at your child's school.)

Last call for corrections to your child's information in this year's Pierce School Community Directory

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

Lost coat

My daughter left her beautiful orange wool coat, with burgundy stitching details, that she wore for dress-up day on the playground at recess before going in to lunch. It was not there after school...or in the lost and found. If anyone found it would you please contact Kate at kmewen@aol.com or 617-734-6885.

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.

If you haven't signed up to receive the broadsheet or other Pierce PTO info via email, please visit the pierce website <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org> and subscribe today.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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