

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## The Pierce School Broadsheet

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](mailto:Piercebroadsheet@gmail.com).

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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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### Upcoming Events

#### *Winter Sing*

Who: Kindergarten,  
1st and 2nd  
grades

When: December 23 at  
10:30 am

Where: Pierce  
Auditorium

Please contact:  
Dianne Greco at [Dianne\\_greco@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:Dianne_greco@brookline.k12.ma.us)  
with any questions.

Hope to see you there!



### Save the Date

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

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7, 2008 *Henry Bear's Park - Gift Wrapping*

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

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

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

Saturday, December 13, 2008 *Guys and Dolls (7:00 pm)*

Thursday, December 18, 2008 *Pierce Pot Luck Breakfast (8:00 am)*

Monday, December 22, 2008

*Winter Sing, K-3 (8:30)*

*Winter Sing, 4-6 (10:00)*

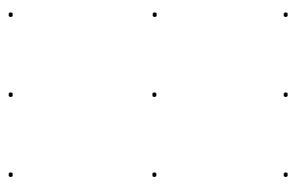


Tuesday, December 23, 2008

*"Winter Sing", Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades (10:30 am)*

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)*

Upcoming Events	Latest News	
<p><b>1st Light Festival 2008</b> Join Brookline at the 1st Light Festival on Thursday, December 4th from 5pm until 8pm to kick off the holiday season.</p> <p>Enjoy live performances, free food, activities for everyone, and more. Come share this night with your family, friends, and community to shop, eat, and discover Brookline's best!</p> <p>Get to know the town better and win a cool prize while participating in the week long scavenger hunt. And don't forget to enter the free raffle at <a href="http://www.brooklinema.gov">www.brooklinema.gov</a>.</p> <p>The full schedule of activities will be printed in the Brookline TAB on November 26th and can be found online at <a href="http://www.brooklinema.gov">www.brooklinema.gov</a> and at your favorite Brookline retailer.</p>	<p><b>Help for the Guests at Hope Found (formerly known as The Shattuck Shelter).</b> Once again the third graders will be organizing a holiday gift drive to collect toiletries for the guests at the Hope Found Shelter. We will be taking donations from December 9th until Decemeber 16th. The shelter is located in Jamaica Plain and houses about 150 adult men and women. The 3rd graders will advertise and collect donations from each classroom every day. The Hope Found Organization looks forward to our contributions every year. Please help support our efforts to make a difference in the lives of others.</p> <p>Ginny Carroll <a href="mailto:ginny_carroll@brookline.k12.ma.us">ginny_carroll@brookline.k12.ma.us</a></p>	<p><b>PTO Fund Drive</b> Our fund drive is off to a great start. We thought you would like to know where some of the PTO dollars have been spent this year. We have provided ...\$11,450 to teachers for classroom supplies, \$905 for field trips, and \$3,832 for Art Council performances including Faustworks Mask Theatre for grades 1-8 in October and a Mother Goose visit in the kindergarten classes in November. Please consider making your donation today so we can keep supporting our teachers and students with programs that go beyond the classroom to enrich their overall school experience.</p>
<p><b>Holiday Shopping? Raise money for Pierce while you're at it.</b> Thanks to generous support from our Brookline Village neighbors, Henry Bear's Park and Magic Beans, there are 2 easy ways to help raise money for the Pierce PTO: Henry Bear's Park -- December 6th &amp; 7th During this weekend Pierce parents will be wrapping gift purchases at the store, located at 19 Harvard Street. All money raised for this service will be given to the Pierce PTO.</p> <p>Join in the holiday spirit and donate an hour or more of your time to wrap gifts, starting at 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday and 11 am until 5 pm on Sunday. Please contact Laurence Mialot at <a href="mailto:lmialot@yahoo.com">lmialot@yahoo.com</a> to coordinate hours.</p>	<p><b>Pierce School Problem of The Week #6</b> POLYGON PUZZLE</p> <p>Connect all the dots to make a polygon* with the largest possible number of sides.</p>  <p>*Vocabulary---A polygon is an enclosed figure with 3 or more sides and none of them overlapping.</p>	<p><b>Henry Bear's gift wrapping event, Dec. 6 and 7.</b> Volunteers needed on Saturday, Dec. 6! This is a fun, and low key event. We need your help! Thanks. There are still availabilities on Saturday, Dec. 6. 11am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-2pm: 1 person needed for each time slot 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm, 5-6pm: 2 persons needed for each time slot.</p> <p>If you are interested in helping please contact Laurence Mialot @ <a href="mailto:lmialot@yahoo.com">lmialot@yahoo.com</a>.</p>
<p>Magic Beans -- December 15th - 25th The staff at Magic Beans, located at 312 Harvard Street, will be donating the tips they receive for their free gift-wrapping service to the Pierce PTO. That's very generous of them. Pierce parents are NOT needed as volunteers for this event. So please mark your calendars and if possible shop at Henry Bear's Park and Magic Beans during the above-mentioned dates. And don't forget to tell your friends and families to shop there too!!!</p>	<p><b>Answer To the Pierce School Problem of the Week # 5: Eggs in a Basket:</b></p> <p>The answer is: 63</p> 	<p><b>Pierce School Directory Updates</b></p> <p>Please check your child's Thursday folder for the 2008-9 Pierce Directory Update Sheet.</p> <p>Please contact Felina Mucha-Cyr at <a href="mailto:poetsareangels@rcn.com">poetsareangels@rcn.com</a> if you don't receive your copy and a copy will be emailed to you.</p> 

## Upcoming Events



### Pierce School 7th & 8th Graders Presents: Guys & Dolls

Don't miss one of Broadway's best musical comedies, *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, performed by our talented 7th and 8th graders.

Run, don't walk, to the nearest ticket broker for your *Guys and Dolls Jr.* ticket!

Show times are:

Thursday, December 11th: ROXY CAST/ 7:00PM show time, Friday, December 12th BILTMORE CAST 7:00 pm show time, Saturday, December 13th BILTMORE CAST 2:00 pm show time Saturday, December 13th ROXY CAST 7:00 pm show time

Tickets will go on sale Monday December 8th-12th from 7:50 -8:15 am outside main office. Please note: *Guys and Dolls* involves sophisticated themes, and although this is the 'junior' version, it may not be appropriate for all ages.

If you have questions, please contact Deb Dowd at [dowdwalsh@rcn.com](mailto:dowdwalsh@rcn.com) or Laura Stillman at [laurmama@aol.com](mailto:laurmama@aol.com)

### Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner!

The Next *Green Team Meeting* will be held on Friday, December 12th at 8 a.m. in the small conference room at Pierce.

## Latest News

### Grades K, 2, 4, 7 & 8 Raise Money Through Artwork

Students in kindergarten, grade two, grade four, grade seven and grade eight participated in a wonderful fundraiser this year. Each child in these grades (along with his or her family members) was invited to generate a piece of artwork which was then printed on 4"x6" greeting cards. Our school catalog was published and students who participated each received a copy of the catalog. The artwork is amazing! If you would like to check it out for yourself, visit:

<http://www.artworkforeducation.com/massachusetts-john-pierce-school---fall-2008.html>.

Pierce School receives \$8 for every box of cards that are ordered! So, if your child created a card and you missed the paper order deadline, or if you simply want to support our school by purchasing cards made by our community members, please visit the online store! (Orders placed using paper orders will be delivered to your child's classroom the week of December 10th.)

Jamie Lyons

7th Grade US History/English

The Pierce School -- Room 24

<http://www.mrslyonsonline.com>

### *Pierce School Community Classifieds*

Are you looking for a good buy, an apartment for rent, or maybe piano lessons for yourself or your child? Stop by the Pierce School Community Classifieds and see what can offer you.

See more info on pages 4 and 5 in this issue of the broadsheet.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

*Felina*

Felina-Marie Mucha-Cyr

Editor, The Pierce School Broadsheet

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## 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 Felina Mucha-Cyr at 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.

**It's Sweater Weather!**

**Designer Sweater Sample Sale**  
Many One-of-a-Kinds

Friday, December 5 from 5pm to 8pm  
Saturday, December 6 from 11am to 2pm  
Monday, December 8 from 5pm to 8pm  
Friday, December 12 from 5pm to 8pm

**\$10!**



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Ring the bell for Suite #1  
77 Park Street, Brookline, MA  
Coolidge Corner

## BHS Freshman Play: A Brief Unit On Interdimensional Heroism

Imagine walking into your classroom and discovering that your teacher has been replaced by a mysterious talking box! This year's Freshmen Play at Brookline High School, Alan Haehnel's A Brief Unit on Interdimensional Heroism, takes you on a wild, wacky interdimensional adventure in which a group of kids learn the future of the world rests on their shoulders! Great family entertainment.

Dec. 10 at 3:30  
Dec. 11, 12, & 13 at 7:30  
Dec. 13 at 3:30

Brookline High School Black Box  
Tickets \$5, FREE for teachers and 8th graders  
For more information, call 617.713.5216

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## Apartment for Rent - \$1900/month

3 Bedroom/1 Bath The heart of Brookline Village! Second floor 1180 sq ft...3 bedrooms, living room with hard wood floors and fireplace, sunny eat-in-kitchen. Living room and kitchen have exposed brick walls.

Steps to Brookline Village T stop. Close to shopping, restaurants, schools, etc.

If interested, please contact Fariha at [fariha\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:fariha_c@hotmail.com)

For pictures, visit

**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](mailto:piano566@comcast.net).

**Piano and Music Theory Instruction** by a member of the Music Teacher's National Association and graduate of Harvard's Music Department. For information and registration call Lily Yeh at 860-377-2603.

**Winter Soccer Clinic at Boston College** - The Women's Soccer staff invite girls aged 6-14 to join them for a soccer clinic in the Bubble at BC. The program runs Dec 29th-31st from 12:30pm-5:30pm. The focus is on fun and development. Come and join the BC players and coaches for a great soccer experience. For information and registration please visit: <http://bceagles.cstv.com/camps/bc-w-soccer-camps2.html> or call 617-552-0982 or email [hamblinc@bc.edu](mailto:hamblinc@bc.edu)

## Ice Skating Clinics

Brookline Recreation will once again be offering skating clinics at the Larz Anderson Skating Rink with instructors provided by Bay State Ice Skating School. It is time to sharpen your blades for the coming winter season. Lace up your skates and join the fun. All teachers are professional ice skating instructors offering excellent classes for those ages 4 through adult. We offer a 25 minute lesson and 25 minute practice time each week in these classes. If you have never skated or if you are an accomplished skater, this program is for you. Helmets and sharpened skates are required. There is a Saturday 10:45 am class and a Sunday 10:45 am class. Classes will start Saturday December 13, 2008. Program number 303076. For more information please call 617-730-2078 or visit our website at [www.brooklinema.gov](http://www.brooklinema.gov).

## Winter Crafts for Kids

Want to get a jump on your holiday shopping? Drop your child off for a fun and educational day while you spend time to relax or run errands. We will create nature crafts, take an outdoor hike and enjoy a snack. We will spend time outside so dress accordingly and bring a bag lunch.

Saturday, December 6th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Brookline Environmental Education Center, 654 Hammond Street

\$35

For more information or to register: (617) 730-2076 [www.brooklinema.gov](http://www.brooklinema.gov)

## Brookline Recreation Proudly Presents

New England Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills

December 27-28, 2008

Day 1: Leave Soule Recreation Center (652 Hammond St.) at 7:00am on a luxury VCR/DVD equipped Silver Fox Coach and travel to Buffalo, New York. You will stay at the University Ramada Hotel in Buffalo. After check in you have the option of taking the bus to the Seneca Casino is located on the American side of Niagara Falls or stay at the hotel and enjoy its many amenities.

Day 2: Enjoy a free breakfast before leaving the hotel at 11:00am to travel to Ralph Wilson Stadium for the 1:00pm game. You will have reserved seats for the game to watch the Patriots take on the Bills. After the game we will leave from the stadium to head back home. Arrival back in Brookline will be late night.

Tour cost: \$229.00 PP for double, \$219.00 for triple, \$299.00 for single

For more information please contact:

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## Winter Solstice Celebration

December 21st marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Many ancient and present-day cultures celebrate this time of year in anticipation for the return of light. Enjoy refreshments and listen to folklore by the fire with Brookline's Environmental Educator. We'll make candles in preparation for the long winter ahead and if weather allows, take a walk outside to experience the sights and sounds of night. Celebrate the season at the Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course at Putterham Meadows from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 20th. \$8 per adult, \$6 per child. Please register in advance by calling (617) 730-2076 or visit us online at [www.brooklinema.gov](http://www.brooklinema.gov).