

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the new school year! Welcome to all the new Pierce families! We're off to a great start thanks in no small measure to the wonderful support of so many staff members and volunteer parents. Pierce is growing! We have an enrollment of 671 students and counting! This large number, over 40 new families, has resulted in a newly created section of 4th grade. So, I know you'll join me in welcoming new 4th grade teacher, Brian Gallagher. I am so pleased that the superintendent approved this very last minute hire. Instead of 4th grade classes boarding 28 or 29, we have a much better number with the new section. Mr. Gallagher is joining us after teaching 4th grade at the Spring Street School in Shrewsbury. We are so pleased to have him join the Pierce community! I want to take this time to especially thank the teachers who came in over Labor Day weekend to help Mr. Gallagher prepare for opening day. This is yet another example of how much this community rallies together to get a job done. If you're new, you'll see the magic happen as the "many hands make light work" philosophy permeates the culture of Pierce

Our PTO Outreach committee, led by parent, Kristen Hicks, helped to welcome our new students on the first days. They are also planning our first Pot Luck Welcome Breakfast this Friday from 8-9 am in the auditorium, where we formally welcome all the new Pierce families. Please come by and help us greet new families and support this monthly PTO Outreach event. There will be lots of information shared at the monthly breakfasts so please join us throughout the year.

If you haven't seen the new PTO brochure with the Pierce calendar of events enclosed, you must check it out! It is a great looking and well done informational document. Our new PTO co-chair, Chuck Silverston worked hard to get this ready for opening days. Thanks to Chuck and our other co-chairs, Deborah Heffan and Eileen Regis for their coordination of the many details in preparing for school opening. The Pierce staff also thanks the PTO for sponsoring our first Friday breakfast as well!

Attached to this issue of the broadsheet you will find the Pierce School Improvement Plans-Executive Summary or you can visit: <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/SchoolCouncil/PierceSIPExecutiveSummary2009-2010.doc>. The Pierce School Council, the parent elected group which meets with the principal and other staff on a monthly basis to discuss school wide issues, helped to create this annual document. The one area I want to highlight here is the continued cultivation of a Unified Adult Voice. This is our way of strengthening the partnership between the school and the home.

Together as unified partners, we can provide the best educational opportunities for our children. I thank you for your continued support and participation.

Hope to see you at our first all school event, The FitFest on this Sunday at 1 pm in Pierce Park!

Have a great school year!

Pipier Smith-Mumford

New PTO co-chair

We are pleased to announce that Chuck Silverston joins us this year as the new PTO co-chair. Chuck is an active member in the Brookline business community. He is a principal at Prudential Unlimited Real Estate in Coolidge Corner and owner of the Paris Creperie. His wife Nancy, along with Chuck, coordinated last year's Pierce Skate Night. His daughter Lilli is a second grader in Ms Leipman's class. Chuck, Nancy, Lilli and dog Jack are excited for the opportunity to be more involved in the Pierce community.

Mark your calendars

K to 6 Open House, Thursday, September 17th

K & 1st grade - 5:00 p.m. - 2nd & 3rd grades - 5:30 p.m.

4th & 5th grades - 6:00 p.m. - 6th grade - 6:30 p.m.



All parents, old and new - come join fellow Pierce parents at the **PTO Welcome Breakfast** this Friday morning, September 11th at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

If possible, bring some food to share. Even if you can't bring food, come and enjoy the company!

It's a great way to start off the school year.

Welcome back Pierce families!

FitFest '09 is being held the FIRST weekend of school this year. September 13th from 1-3pm at Pierce Park.

Registration (\$3) and t-shirt sales (\$7-12) will be held 9/8-13 before and after school.

Of course, we always need volunteers! If you're interested in helping, please contact Pam DiPiro at pdipiro@partners.org

www.piercefest.com

Follow these links... and get ready for the Pierce FitFest!

http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/com_health/nutrition_phys_activity/kids_be_active.pdf

<http://cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>

http://cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/what_counts.html

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

We wish you a Healthy and Happy new school year!

Afternoon Pick Up for 1 & 2nd Graders in Unit C and 2G families

Just a reminder to all families with students located in Unit C or in 2N, please have your child meet you in the cafeteria or outside of the school. If you have any questions, please check with your child's teacher.

The Pierce School Enrichment Brochure is now available online only, in our efforts of being more environmentally friendly

The Fall 2009 Enrichment Brochure can be found under the enrichment tab on the Pierce School website piereschoolbrookline.org which will direct you to the link. Please print out the registration form and submit it with your payment near the school office or PSED office. The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 16. If you need a paper copy please stop by the PSED office. For more information please contact Abbie Fennell at 617-413-8389 or piercenrichment@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education

Have you been collecting Box Tops all summer? Bring them in! When you clip Box Tops for Education, you are supporting Pierce School! It's easy. Just clip the Box Top coupon and put it in one of our collection boxes around Pierce. The Kindergarten kids will count them up and send them in. Our goal is to make \$1000 for Pierce this year. We can do it!

Box Tops collection bins are located in four places:

1. In the lobby of the Main Building, just outside the office.
2. In "The Pit", by the benches.
3. In the Historical Building, just outside KM.
4. In the Historical Building, just outside the P.S.E.D. office.



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

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education!



The 7/8 Musical is The Pajama Game. The shows will be on 12/10, 12/11 and 12/12. Auditions are on Monday 9/21 (2:30-5pm) and rehearsals start on Tuesday 9/29 (2:30-5pm).

We Need Your Help: Please sign up to volunteer for costume Design Coordinator, set design crew, and lighting. Please contact Deborah Dowd at dowdwalsh@rcn.com or 617-277-4651.



The Brookline Community Mental Health Center has served the Brookline Community and Schools for 50 Years!

Please join us in celebrating our 50th Anniversary at this FREE community event.

Fabulous at 50 Fall Festival

Saturday, September 12 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Devotion School - 345 Harvard Street
(Rain date: Sunday, September 13)

Come celebrate with FREE kids' crafts, cake & entertainment

- * Boston Chinese Freemasons Athletic Club Lion Dancers
- * Face Painting with Pizzazz
- * Caricaturist Dan Mazur
- * Alan Balsam on Guitar
- * Brookline Chorus
- * Brookline Fire Truck
- * BHS A capella groups: Perfect Pitch & Testostatoes
- * \$1 Raffle to win Rock Band, Chrissa American Girl Doll, and Digital Camera!!!



BCMHC also offers Parent Education Workshops including the Sher Parent Education Series (Wednesday, October 28, 2009, and Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm, MLK Room at the Brookline High School)

Self defense for women

Free RAD Class Self-Defense for women. Taught by Brookline Police Officers. Hands on training designed to educate women in the basic risk awareness, avoidance techniques, and confrontational principals.

RAD is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assaults, by utilizing easy, effective, and proven self-defense/martial arts tactics.

Class begins Tuesday September 15th at 6:00pm at the Devotion School, 345 Harvard St. Followed by Thursday, September 17th and Tuesday, September 22nd.

Contact P.O. R. McNeil 617-730-2414
ronnie_mcneil@town.brookline.ma.us

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

Flu information

To access all information regarding the FLU (H1N1 Swine Flu) in relation to The Town of Brookline and it's schools, please visit The public Schools of Brookline website at www.brookline.k12.ma.us/. Look under NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. Click on the H1N1 UPDATE Town/School H1N1Swine Flu site. There is also a link to the federal 'Center for Disease Control' (CDC) website for the most up to date and ever changing national information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks!

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Save the Date

Welcome Back Everyone!

Wednesday, September 9 - **7th grade picnic** (6:00pm)
Thursday, September 10 - **7th grade picnic (raindate)** (6:00pm)
Friday, September 11th - **PTO welcome breakfast** (8:00am)
Friday, September 11 - **5th grade ice cream party** (3:00pm)
Sunday, September 13 - **FitFest** (1:00pm)
Thursday, September 17 - **K-6 Open House**
Monday, September 21 - **7/8 Musical auditions** (2:30pm)
Tuesday, September 22 - **7/8 play auditions** (2:30pm)
Thursday, September 24 - **Art barn performances**
Thursday, September 24 - **7-8 Open House** (5:00pm)
Friday, September 25 - **8th grade hiking trip**
Monday, September 28 - **Yom Kippur** (no school)
Tuesday, September 29 - **7/8 play auditions** (2:30pm)

Broadsheet Schedule for the 2009-2010 school year

Welcome to another year of a "green" Broadsheet. This year, the Broadsheet will be e-mailed on Tuesdays to all who have registered for electronic information. If you would like to register, visit <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or email poetsareangels@rcn.com. The deadline for submitting articles is Monday at 5pm. Anything not received by that deadline will go in the next broadsheet. Each Thursday a limited number of paper copies will be distributed to the teachers and will be available outside the main office.

Classified ads will run on the last Thursday of each month by email only.

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

Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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