

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Based on the novel 7-1/2 Cents by **Richard Bissell**
Score by **Richard Adler & Jerry Ross** Directed by **Shannon Lee Jones**
Associate Director **Laura Stillman**
Music Direction by **Steven Lipsitt**
Choreographed by **Shannon Lee Jones & Laura Stillman**
Produced by **Deb Dowd**
Performances: Thursday, December 10 @ 7PM
Friday, December 11 @ 7PM
Saturday, December 12 @ 2 & 7PM

Tickets go on sale Monday Morning, December 6th through Friday, December 11th at 7:50-8:15 am.

Looking to try out new holiday baking recipes?

You'll find willing tasters at any & all of the productions of the Pierce 7/8 play, "The Pajama Game". Donations for the bake sale are welcome for all the performances December 10-12 (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights at 7 & Saturday matinee at 2). Individually wrapped servings (i.e., 1 brownie, 2 cookies) are easiest to manage during the bake sale. Please let Carole Mitnick (cmitnick@pih.org) or Bridget Knightly (Bridget_Knightly@brookline.k12.ma.us) know of your intention to contribute. Many thanks for your cooperation!"

Did you know???? The Pierce annual fund drive is underway.

Thank you to those families who have already made their contribution to help support Pierce students and teachers. The money we raise from the fund drive is needed to fund PTO sponsored programs including arts and math enrichment, field trips, technology, classroom supplies and homework club.

We are asking every family to give at whatever level they can to support your child's experience at Pierce. Every donation makes a difference, no matter how big or small. Some examples of how your donation can help:

- \$ 25 funds books for the Pierce library
 - \$ 50 helps support afternoon math tutoring
 - \$ 100 funds a teacher's professional development workshop
 - \$ 500 pays for an author visit
 - \$1,000 supports an in-school performing arts program
- Every gift helps support our teachers and our kids!

Thank you in advance.



Shop to Support Pierce PTO

Please come to Henry Bear's Park on Friday December 4, Saturday December 5 and Sunday December 6 during store hours to support the Pierce PTO! Parents and faculty will be volunteering to wrap purchases at Henry Bear's Park for a small contribution. All proceeds support important PTO sponsored programs benefitting Pierce students and teachers. So plan your shopping accordingly, pick up your holiday, birthday or other gifts and support your local business and the PTO! Please contact Nancy Leventhal (2Le) at nancyandchuck@comcast.net or Gioia Perugini (KW) at gpjb@verizon.net with any questions or to volunteer to wrap!

Shattuck Shelter

To Pierce Families

The Third graders will again be organizing an outreach project for the guests of The Shattuck Shelter, also known as Hope Found. The shelter is located in Jamaica Plain and houses about 200-250 men and women. Their needs are simple and with everyone's help we can make a difference. From Wednesday, Dec.9th until Dec. 16th the third graders will be collecting toiletries from every classroom. They will sort and wrap the donated items which will be delivered to the shelter before the holidays. Items needed include: shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, chap stick, soap, moisturizer, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, deodorant, playing cards.

Ginny Carroll
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Holiday Teacher Appreciation

With the holidays upon us, what better way to celebrate your children's teachers than with a gift of appreciation? During this season of giving, consider making a gift to The Brookline Education Foundation in honor of the special people who spend countless hours nurturing and educating your children. Recent Grant Recipients share their thoughts on endeavors made possible through the BEF:

"allows me to be the kind of teacher I have always wanted to be"

"helped me to put my philosophy for teaching into action"

"improved my ability to meet the needs of all students"

Your donation to the Foundation Brookline Educators can accomplish even more!

The Brookline Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of education in the Brookline Public Schools. To find out more visit www.BrooklineEducation.org

Pierce's Think Math! Parent Forum is coming soon. It's an opportunity to learn about the models and tools used in the Think Math! program (grades K-5). The Parent Forum will be held from 8:00-9:00 am on Wednesday morning, December 16th in the Auditorium.

PATHfinders

An After School Program for 6th and 7th Grade Students
Sponsored by the Pierce School Enrichment Program

Winter Session

January-March 2010

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays - 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Two day or three day a week option for enrollment.

Must commit to January through March 2010

The first hour of the program is homework time with homework support from the instructor. A light snack will be served during this time. Students will plan, shop, and prepare a special snack twice a month.

The second hour of the program will consist of computer time on Mondays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will offer various activities such as: outdoor or indoor games, sports in the small gym, along with other activities that the children have an interest in. We will be providing early release programming at 12:30 p.m. if the early release day falls on a Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday. Early release days will consist of field trips and additional special activities. (PATHfinders-Pierce Activity Time and Homework)

Limited Space Available

Financial Assistance Available

Payment Plans Available

Cost \$250 per month for 3 days

Cost \$170 per month for 2 days

For an application or more information please contact

Abbie Fennell at piercenrichment@gmail.com or 617-730-2589

Meet Brookline Special Education Administrators

Brookline Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPAC) is hosting a Meet the Administrators night Wed., December 9, 6-7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Room 103. This is an opportunity for Brookline parents to hear directly from the new administrative leaders of special education in Brookline, ask questions and offer comment. Light refreshments served. **Brookline SEPAC is a Brookline 2010 climate action partner; please bring your own cup.**

Pierce Problem of the Week

On Halloween Pierce kids collected a lot of money for UNICEF!

We are so proud!

These are some of the ways the money will be spent:

- * 13 dollar coins
 - * 3 half dollars
 - * 1,731 Quarters
 - * 2,615 Dimes
 - * 1,764 Nickels
 - * 6, 986 Pennies
 - * 4 \$20 bills
 - * 7 \$10 bills
 - * 16 \$5 bills
 - * 240 \$1 bills
- * 6 cents will provide water for one thirsty kid
*\$2.00 will provide nutrition for one hungry kid
*\$44 pays for school supplies for 20 kids
*\$112 pays for emergency blankets for 37 kids
*\$200 pays for measles immunizations for 550 kids

Estimate:

About how much money is this?

Now calculate:

How much is it?

Challenge:

If the money was only spent on one of those things...

How many kids would get water?

How many kids would get food?

What would you do with the money?

Answer to the Pierce Problem of the Week #5

Four Sum

[5][**4**][3][1][**2**]
[4][33][5][21][3]
[3][5][**4**][2][**1**]
[1][21][2][24][5]
[2][**3**][1][**5**][4]

The numbers in bold are the answers to problem #5.

Community Announcements

Reminder - 1st Light Festival 2009 on Thursday, December 3rd from 5pm until 8pm to kick off the holiday season. 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!

Performers, Sponsors and Business Participants are now being sought for 1st Light Festival 2009; Brookline's Holiday Town-wide Open House. For more information, contact us at 1stlightbrookline@gmail.com or 617-730-2050.

BHS Freshman Play December. 9th-12th it's Provocative "Lord of the Flies"

This year's annual Freshman Play is an update of Nobel Prize-winning author William Golding's classic "Lord of the Flies." It's a provocative story about a group of American students stranded on a deserted tropical island. Left to their own devices, they come together in survival mode, but as they try to govern themselves, primal instincts stir up their worst impulses. This powerful allegory is a searing indictment of the beast in all of us.

December 9th, 3:30 P.M. - December 10th & 11, 7:30 P.M. - December 12th 3:30 & 7:30 P.M.

Black Box
Tickets \$5, FREE for teachers and 8th graders!

More Community Announcements

Brookline High School Winter Concert

Brookline High School's annual Winter Concert is the single best introduction to the wealth of music going on at BHS, and it's one of the liveliest concerts of the year to boot. Jazz Band, Orchestra, Camerata, Concert Choir, Acapella Choir, and Concert Band - this one has it all! It's a fabulous showcase for Brookline High School's top musical ensembles performing repertoire ranging from classical masterworks to jazz/pop tunes and original student compositions. Don't miss this rousing musical extravaganza by more than 200 of BHS' finest. This accessible and inexpensive family evening also offers Brookline's elementary students an inspiring glimpse of what they have to look forward to at BHS.

December 18th, at 7:30 P.M.
Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium
Tickets \$5, Free to All Elementary Students
Boston String Players Concert
Conducted by Motoki Tanaka
December 6 Sunday
<http://www.reverbnation.com/bostonstringplayers>

Save the Date

Tuesday, December 1, **Seventh Sense** (7:00pm)
Thursday, December 3, **Early dismissal, Grades K-8** (12:30pm)
Friday, December 4, **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00am)
Saturday, December 5, **Henry Bear Park wrapping fundraiser**
Sunday, December 6, **Henry Bear Park wrapping fundraiser**
Wednesday, December 9, **Early dismissal, Grades K-12** (12:30pm)
Thursday, December 10, **Pajama Game (7/8 Musical)** (7:00pm)
Friday, December 11, **Pajama Game (7/8 Musical)** (7:00pm)
Saturday, December 12, **Pajama Game (7/8 Musical)** (2:00pm)
Saturday, December 12, **Pajama Game (7/8 Musical)** (7:00pm)
Tuesday, December 22, **Winter Sing**
Wednesday, December 23, **Early Dismissal** (12:00pm)
Thursday, December 24, 2009 **December vacation**
Friday, December 25, 2009 **December vacation**

For the Current School Lunch Menu Visit:

http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/ronlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/3101/Dec2009_v2revised.pdf

Broadsheet Schedule for the 2009-2010 school year

Thank you for your continued support. The broadsheet will continue another year of "green"! Therefore, 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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Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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