

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 10th @ 7PM
Friday, December 11th @ 7PM
Saturday, December 12th @ 2 & 7PM

Tickets are on sale Tuesday Morning, December 8th 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!"

PierceWear

The Perfect Holiday Gift:

PIERCE Sweatshirts.....\$25 (Black zip front; Adult sizes and Youth sizes in stock)
PIERCE Caps.....\$15 (Black with green logo)
PIERCE String Backpacks.....\$5 (Free with purchase of Youth Sweatshirt)

On Sale Friday, December 11th near the Main Office during Morning drop off @ 8am and Afternoon pick up @ 2:20pm.

Cash and checks payable to 'Pierce PTO' accepted.

Net proceeds go to Pierce School



Did you know...that the Pierce annual budget is \$52,000?

Thank you to the families that have already made a donation to the annual fund drive. We have raised approximately \$10,000 so far, but we still need your help! Our goal is to double this amount by the end of the month.

The PTO helps support students and teachers by making programs available to enhance your child's school experience. By funding before and after school programs, arts and math enrichment programs, classroom supplies, technology, field trips and much more, PTO funds help schools provide each student with essential enrichment opportunities.

We are asking every family to give at whatever level they can. In these challenging economic times, we are mindful that giving may not be an option for some. However, if you can give, remember no amount is too small. Every donation makes a difference!

Henry Bear's Park

Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered at Henry Bear's Park this past weekend! Parents, and children, volunteered their time to wrap packages at Henry Bear's Park this past weekend to support Pierce. Fun was had by all and \$400 was raised in donations for our efforts. This amount will be matched by the store and donated to designated Pierce classrooms for supplies. Special thanks to Nancy Leventhal and Gioia Perugini for planning the event and organizing volunteers. Great job! Thank you all for getting in the holiday spirit and helping Pierce!

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

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
Pierce School

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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.

Pierce School Enrichment Classes-Winter 2010 Session

Sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day

Registration Deadline- Thursday, December 17th

Classes Begin-Tuesday, January 19th

The brochure is on the Pierce School website under the enrichment tab.

www.pierceschoolbrookline.org

The online enrollment form-

<https://psed.wufoo.com/forms/pierce-school-enrichment-registration-form/>

Contact : Abbie Fennell pierceenrichment@gmail.com or 617-730-2589

Paper copies of the brochure are available by the main office or PSED office

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

Pierce Skate Night is coming January 8th!

After the holidays, enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors under the stars at Larz Anderson Skating Rink compliments of (yes, free!) the Pierce PTO.

All Pierce families, teachers and staff are welcome!

Night: Friday, January 8th from 5:15pm - 7:30pm

(Previously noted in the PTO calendar & brochure as Saturday, Jan 30th.)

More details about Skate Night to come. Skate rentals available.

Coordinators: Martha & Steven Martha@rcn.com



Community Announcements

Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker"

"Hi everyone, my name is Isabelle Hanson and I'm a Clara in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker". I'm eleven years old and attend Pierce school in the town of Brookline. I have been dancing at Boston Ballet since I was seven years old, and first started dancing when I was four years old living overseas in Taiwan. This is my third year performing in The Nutcracker, previously dancing as a Poli-mouse, an Angel, and a Doll. This year I was hoping for a role in the Party scene. Dancing as Clara was only a dream."

To read more from Isabelle about getting the role and her experiences with dance, read the Boston Ballet blog...

<http://www.bostonballetblog.org/2009/11/dancing-clara-dream-come-true.html>

Isabelle's remaining performances are December 10th (7:30pm), December 12th (1pm), December 20th (1pm), and December 22nd (7:30pm).

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

PBS Fetch open call auditions for students age 9-13. If you or your child would like more information please visit our website:

http://www.mauratighe.com/fetch2010/fetch_casting.html

Please feel free call our office with any questions.

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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, **December vacation**
Friday, December 25, **December vacation**
Saturday, December 26, **December vacation**
Sunday, December 27, **December vacation**
Monday, December 28, **December vacation**
Tuesday, December 29, **December vacation**
Wednesday, December 30, **December vacation**
Thursday, December 31, **December vacation**
Friday, January 1, **December vacation**
Saturday, January 2, **December vacation**
Sunday, January 3, **December vacation**
Monday, January 4, **School reopens**

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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