

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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It's a Wrap! Absolutely Amazing! Thanks to all of the outstanding kids, parents and staff for a job well done.

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**

Sweatshirts and caps



PIERCE Sweatshirts

\$25 (Black zip front; Adult sizes and Youth sizes in stock)

PIERCE Caps

\$15 (Black with green logo)

Cash and checks payable to 'Pierce PTO' accepted



Did you know that your donation helps fund free family events throughout the year?You know you enjoy them, now help support them!

Thank you to the families that have participated in this year's annual fund drive.

As school budgets and resources continue to be strained, we are asking for participation from all families in order to provide our students with programs that enrich their educational experience.

Field trips, technology, performing arts programs, before and after school activities are all critical "extras" that we do not want our school to be without. As previously mentioned, the fund drive is 'this year's only major fundraiser'. Funds raised also support free community events throughout the year including the International Potluck Supper, Skate Night, the end of year Pierce picnic, and this year's debut fitness event, March Madness. These free events help build community and strengthen the home/school connection. Please consider a donation of any amount...every dollar makes a difference!

Checks can be made out to "Pierce PTO" and put in the PTO mailbox near the main office. Thank you in advance for your consideration and Happy Holidays!

Thank you in advance for your support.



Holiday Bake Sale

Hello Pierce families, Our Pre-K sweetie pies will be having a **Holiday Bake Sale** on December 23rd where they will showcase some delicious treats they have made for you to purchase. Enjoy: Hot Chocolate ! Hot Cider ! and a variety of Cookies and Cakes. You might also enjoy creating your own eatable Ginger Bread Cookies. Just place on your favorite toppings and enjoy! So come have fun and support our Pre-K with their first bake sale at 12:00 December 23rd in Pierce Cafeteria.



Reminder: The Shattuck shelter

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.



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.

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Stop & Shop's A+ Bonus Bucks Can Help Raise Money for Pierce



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ Bonus Bucks. Starting October 9, 2009 through March 25, 2010, The Pierce School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit The Pierce School using ID # 07899.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

Pierce's Think Math!

Want to learn more about how math is taught in your child's classroom? Come to Pierce's Think Math! Parent Forum

We'll explore the tools and models used in the Think Math! Program, grades K-5.

Wednesday, December 16th

Pierce Auditorium

8:00-9:00 am

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 piercenrichment@gmail.com or 617-730-2589

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

The Chinese New Year Celebration assemblies has been rescheduled due to the 2010 kindergarten registration (in the auditorium on 2/9 & 2/10).

The new date for the Chinese New Year assemblies is Thursday, February 11, 2010. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

Yaping Tang

K-8 Chinese ELL

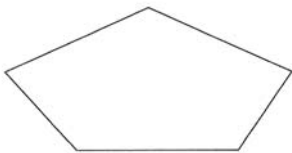
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The Pierce School Problem of the Week

Split Shape!

1. Can you draw two lines on this shape to make five triangles?



2. Can you draw **three** lines on this shape to make **seven** triangles?

3. Can you draw **three** lines on this shape to make **nine** triangles?

Community Announcements

H1N1 Immunizations

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Brookline Schools and the Department of Public Health will be having an H1N1 (Swine flu) immunization clinic **after school on December 17, 2009**. If you have a child over 6 months of age but not yet school age, you may have them immunized at this time. Be prepared to answer a brief questionnaire regarding your child's health status so we can plan appropriately.

Children qualify for flu mist unless they have asthma, diabetes, neuromuscular disease or another underlying health condition.

Children with chronic illnesses or under age 2 must receive the H1N1 injection, which is also available at this time. *(If your child has received their first dose - they must wait 28 days for a second dose.)

What: H1N1 Immunization Clinic

Who: Brookline students in grades Pre-K thru Grade 12

Where: Lincoln School, 19 Kennard Road

When: Thursday, December 17, 2009 - 3:00-6:00 p.m.

ALL students must be accompanied by a parent.

Please dress for the weather and bring a book or activity!

Sincerely,

William H. Lupini, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents of 8th Grade students

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is back!!!

What is SADD? SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions. These topics include navigating the high school social scene, healthy dating relationships, and safety in cyberspace.

What is SADD? SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is a peer-to-peer outreach, education and activism organization dedicated to helping teens make informed, healthy decisions. SADD meetings cover a range of pertinent topics that help students navigate the social scene at BHS, ranging from academic stress and healthy dating relationships to cyberspace safety and the drug/alcohol scene.

Why should my child join SADD? SADD is a fun program designed to help prepare your child for entering Brookline High School next year. As most of us know, freshman year can be a little intimidating and challenging time for even the most secure teen. SADD helps make that transition easier! A variety of activities help students get acclimated with the school building and its culture, providing opportunities to strategize and share ideas on how to abstain from risky behaviors. The Brookline High School (BHS) SADD 9th grade group members set a positive example for their peers and middle school students. Their mission is to provide students with the best prevention tools possible.

How much of a commitment is SADD? The group meets once a month for 5 months for one hour at a time (6:30-7:30). Pizza will be served at each meeting and students will get to meet their BHS 2014 classmates from the other 7 elementary schools!

When and where is the first meeting? The first SADD meeting will be taking place on January 20th at Brookline High School, 6:30-7:30 PM. Room 385 A.

What are the dates for all SADD meetings? January 20; February 24; March 24; April 28; and May 19

For more information please contact:

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or visit the BCASA (Brookline Coalition Against Substance Abuse) website <http://www.bcasa.org/>

BHS Freshman Play Dec. 9-12 is 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.

Dec. 9, 3:30 P.M.

Dec. 10 & 11, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 12. 3:30 & 7:30 P.M.

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

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, A Capella Choir, 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 18, AT 7:30 P.M.

Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium

Tickets \$5, Free to All Elementary Students

January Wrestling

The December clinics have concluded; no more meetings until the first official wrestling practice on Monday January 4th at 6:30 pm. Practices will run from 6:30-7:45 on Mondays and Wednesdays through January and February and include tournaments in February and March. All kids, boys and girls, K-8 are welcome to attend. Wrestling shoes are recommended but not necessary. Cost for the season is \$125, a current physical is required.

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 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/rdonlyres/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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