

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Thank You Pierce!

Dear Pierce Community,

I have received such a large number of gestures of care, acts of kindness and words of support and sympathy from this community since the death of my sister. It is clear to me that when you need the understanding and support of those you work alongside, there's nothing that can compare to it when you receive it abundantly, as I have. Thank you Pierce! Your outreach has meant a lot to me and my family.

Here's wishing you all a wonderfully restful vacation. All the best to you and yours in the New Year!

Pipier Smith-Mumford



Congratulations a final time to both the Flannel and Silk pajama casts and crew of the 7/8 musical, The Pajama Game! Both of the 7/8 ensemble casts were great!

A huge thank you goes to parents, producer Deb Dowd, director Shannon Lee, assistant director and choreographer, Laura Stillman, music director, Steve Lipsitt, set designers Blanka Bogdonavic and Eka Marinelli and custom designer, Deborah Costoloe, in addition to a host of other parent volunteers!

Pipier Smith-Mumford, Ph. D.
Principal, Pierce Elementary School

Kudos for Mr. Rae's patience and understanding for our creative (and sometimes noisy) process.

With much thanks and appreciation,
Eka Maraneli and the set design team of the Pajama Game.

If you were part of the show and want to have the forever keepsake...
If you enjoyed watching the show and want to repeat the experience... over and over again...
If you wanted to come to watch the show, but just couldn't make it last weekend...
Support the Pierce play productions and

Pre-Order The Pajama Game DVD

DVD \$20. Cash or checks payable to 'Pierce play' accepted.
You can pre-order them on Friday 18th @8AM and @2.20PM in the lobby, near the main office or you can e-mail it to Deb Dowd at dowdwalsh@rcn.com

Thank You For The Pajamas!

If you haven't picked up your pajamas, please come by on Friday or contact Blanka at belablanka@mac.com

The 3rd - 6th Grade Musical is Here!!!



Honk, Jr. -- a fun and upbeat telling of the Ugly Duckling, with fantastic roles and music.

It's almost time to sign up for this year's 3rd - 6th grade musical - Auditions and rehearsals are right around the corner. Registration will open next week on the Pierce website (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/>). Stay tuned for further announcements regarding the registration process.

ACTORS

Auditions for 5th and 6th graders will be held on Thursday, January 7th, with an optional audition workshop on Tuesday, January 5th from 2:30 - 3:30. Audition sign ups will be available in the cafeteria after school on Monday, January 4th.

(Actor registration fee is \$95)

JUNIOR CHORUS

The 3rd and 4th grade chorus will begin its rehearsals on Thursday, January 14th from 2:30 - 3:30. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays each week. As the show nears, the chorus will be asked to take part in the dress rehearsals as well. Those dates will be announced as soon as they are determined.

(Junior Chorus registration fee is \$75)

SET DESIGN

Available to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders interested in the creative, behind-the-scenes process of developing the sets for the show. The Set Design crew will meet once per week during the rehearsal period of the show. **** Note we are still looking for a parent volunteer to serve as the Set Design Coordinator - Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to take on this task.****

(Set Design registration fee is \$75)

TECH CREW

Available to 4th, 5th and 6th graders interested in the lighting and other technical aspects of the performances. Tech Crew will meet as the performance dates near, generally 2 weeks prior to the performance.

(Tech Crew registration fee is \$75)

(If you cannot afford the registration fee, scholarships are available - contact Suzanne Elovecky at 617-283-9152 or suzanne.elovecky@gmail.com).

January 13th, PTO/Principal's Froum

"Who's in Charge here?"

Setting Limits with Care

Come participate interactive workshop with Brookline Center Clinicians, Jenny Berz and Mitch Pomerantz.

Did you know that your donation helps fund free family events throughout the year?

Did your child come home talking about Techsploration, Understanding Disabilities or the upcoming Skate Night? If so, did you know that all of these activities, and more, are paid for by the PTO?

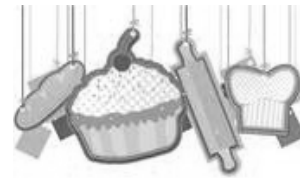
Help support Pierce kids enrichment activities and take this last chance in 2009 to donate to the Pierce Annual Fund Drive. Simply drop a check in the PTO mailbox any time this week.

Every donation makes a difference! Thank you!



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 11:45am-12:30pm December 23rd in the Pierce Cafeteria.



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 Skate Night is coming January 8th!

After the holidays, enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors under and the stars at Larz Anderson Skating Rink compliments of (yes, free!) the Pierce PTO. All Pierce families, teachers and staff are welcome!

Skate Night: Friday, January 8th @ 5:15 - 7:30

(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



The Pierce School Directory

This years Pierce School Directory was distributed to all of the teachers and most of the staff this morning. Hooray!

This is Dan Zedek's final year working on the broadsheet and I would like to thank him for all the years he has helped the Pierce School PTO with the directory. Dan, your assistance has been outstanding and I will miss having you as my partner in crime. Thank you Jackie McCarthy for helping me transport the directories into the teachers lounge & Laura Stillman for helping me distribute the directories. I would also like to thank you Pipier Smith-Mumford, Annette Hughes, Chuck Silverston, Deborah Heffan, and Eileen Regis for helping piece together the PTO pages, and teacher listings. Last but not least I would like to thank all of the teachers and parents for submitting changes/corrections and my very own patient family for giving up precious time so that I could volunteer my time. If there was anyone that I missed, I apologize and THANK YOU!

On a Separate note, I must apologize for the minor errors including the misspelling of Joseph Luongo's name and the omission of Heidi Young under 1Y. If you find that any of your own information was printed incorrectly or omitted from this year's directory, please contact Felina at poetsareangels@rcn.com.

Positive Press for Pierce

Hope Found-Shattuck Shelter

Last Thursday in the cafeteria, all of our 88 third graders gathered all the donations for the Hope Found-Shattuck Shelter Project that they'd collected from every classroom. They made tags and cards of well wishes for all those receiving the hundreds of donated toiletry items. After stuffing gift bags and stuffing boxes and boxes with the gift bags, the third grade teachers helped our students pack up these items as a culmination of this service learning project. Prior to the collection, third graders visited classrooms and discussed the issue of homelessness and the work of the Shattuck Shelter to become a place of hope when some people are most in need of help from others.

I thank the entire community for their contributions to this annual holiday collection. Congratulations to all the third graders as this was one of the most successful collections with more than 30 copy paper boxes filled to the top. Kudos to the third grade team of teachers, and thanks to Ginny Carroll who had her vehicle packed with the boxes and then delivered to the Hope Found-Shattuck Shelter. Great job, everyone, on this community wide effort!

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Pierce School Enrichment Classes-Winter 2010 Session

Sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day

There are a few openings in the following classes:

Mondays - Get Moving!, Bodyworks, Critter Crafts

Tuesdays - Clay, Karate, Legos

Wednesdays - Super Science, Books and Crafts

Thursdays - Drawing, Painting

Fridays - Chess, Cooking and Literacy, Irish Step Dancing

Volunteer Program - Science on Thursdays (5th-8th grader)
Knitting on Wednesdays (7th or 8th grader)

Classes Begin-Tuesday, January 19

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

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.

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Volunteers Needed for ScienceFest 2010

ScienceFest 2010 will be held at the Devotion School on

Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 10:00 to 2:00. This annual town wide celebration of Science will feature exciting hands-on science activities and demonstrations for children of all ages. It is sponsored by the Brookline Education Foundation and is open to the public.



We need parent volunteers to help set up, clean up, and lead activities (you can create an activity of your own or we have "ready to go" activities with materials and instructions provided). If you can help or would like more information, please contact Janet MacNeil, K-8 Science Coordinator, 617.264.6403, janet_macneil@brookline.k12.ma.us

Sanity Cinema Series

The January 5th title will be "*A Single Man*" <http://www.coolidge.org/node/2507>. The Coolidge Corner Theatre is changing their membership levels more information will be shared in an upcoming broadsheet issue. The "New Deal" membership is changing slightly to the "Cinematographer Level" membership, which will cost \$80 as apposed to the previous \$75. Sundays will become the new "free to members day". The "New Deal" is expiring at the end of the calendar year.

Please note: If you purchased your membership in October, everything that you currently have access to, including the free Tuesday screenings, will continue until your current membership ends (September 2010).

Coming Soon: Within the next few months the Sanity Cinema Series will have its own web page on the Coolidge Corner Theatre's website. Stay tuned for further information.

Looking Ahead: The March Sanity Cinema will not be able to happen the first Tuesday of the month as it falls in the middle of the Theatre's Coolidge Award. Therefore, it will be held on Tuesday, March 9th.

For further information contact Felina at poetsareangels1963@gmail.com or visit: <http://www.coolidge.org/>.

Save the Date

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**

Friday, January 8, **Skate Night, Larz Anderson** (5:15pm - 7:30pm)

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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