

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Pierce Skate Night is THIS Friday night, January 8th @ 5:15 - 7:30

Skate under the stars at Larz Anderson Skating Rink.

All Pierce families, teachers and staff are welcome.

Kids, remember to enter the free raffle for a chance to win a priceless Pierce prize: lunch with Principal Smith-Mumford, VP Badger, or Billy Harris, or an extra fifteen minutes of recess!

To enter, write name and class/teacher on a piece of paper and hand in to homeroom teacher before or on Jan 8th. One entry per person. Draw held at Skate Night. Do not need to be present to win.

Good luck everyone! See you at the rink!

Refreshments and skate rentals available.

Coordinators: Martha & Steven Martha@rcn.com



Pierce School Problem of the Week

POW #8

“In Addition”

Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1-9.

The sum of each row should be the number to the right and the sum of each column should be the number below it.

“In Addition”

PROBLEM

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Pierce School Enrichment Classes-Winter 2010 Session

Enrichment Classes begin Tuesday, January 19th. If you have enrolled your children in any classes, please check the class lists posted near the main office and PSED office a few days before classes begin to confirm enrollment and room assignments.

Please contact Abbie at: pierceenrichment@gmail.com.

Registration Information



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

It's time to sign up for this year's 3rd - 6th grade musical - Auditions have started and rehearsals are right around the corner. Please visit the Pierce website (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/>) to register.

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. (*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).

Registration Limitations

Due to space and safety constraints, we find it necessary to restrict registration numbers for the Chorus and the Tech Crew. Registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis, as follows:

Chorus: Limit of 45 participants

Tech Crew: (4) 4th graders; (4) 5th graders; (4) 6th graders.

As of this time, we have not met these limits, and plenty of space remains. If you have any questions about these constraints, please feel free to contact Suzanne Elovecky at 617-283-9152 or suzanne.elovecky@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Suzanne Elovecky

January 13th, PTO/Principal's Forum

"Who's in Charge here?"

Setting Limits with Care

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

Thank You from the Pre-K Sweeties - Hello Pierce families, Our Pre-K sweetie pies would like to thank everyone who purchased something from our **Holiday Bake Sale** on December 23rd. We really made out thanks to all of you. We will put the money to good use to purchase items and supplies for the pre-k room.



Answer to the Pierce POW #: 8

**“In Addition”
SOLUTION**

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The GREEN Corner

Brookline 2010 Campaign - Join the Brookline Community on January 10th, 3-5 , at Brookline High School's Unified Arts Bldg., to celebrate the launch of Brookline's year-long commitment to reduce its carbon footprint. See Climatechangeaction-brookline.org for more info on this event and other upcoming events.

ThinkEarthThursday - Pierce School will participate in the 2010 campaign too! Families, take action to reduce your carbon footprint: reuse, reduce, recycle. Pierce will tally the results of students' actions on the Third Thursday of each month (until April's Earth Day) and post the results. JANUARY'S FOCUS: GARBAGE!!! How do you reduce/recycle your garbage? Curbside? Compost? Reusable bags? No waste lunch? Reusable water bottles? Hand-me-downs? Other??? Look for a survey in your school folder. Students will also be encouraged to take note of the habits of local businesses. Do they recycle? Offer reusable bags? Mugs instead of paper cups? Other? You tell us on January 21st...ThinkEarthTHURSDAY!!!

Positive Press for Pierce

World Wide Essay Contest Winner

One of our very own 6L students won first place in a world wide essay contest sponsored by the international newspaper, People's Daily News, out of Beijing, China. Congratulations to our winner and to her after school Chinese class teacher, Guo Ying Chen who submitted her essay!

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The Public Schools of Brookline, Massachusetts

Kindergarten Registration for 2010

Registration for Brookline children who will be entering kindergarten in September of 2010 will begin in February of 2010. Registration forms will be available beginning January 25, 2010 in the elementary school offices, local pre-school programs, and on-line through the Brookline Public Schools website, www.brookline.K12.ma.us.

In addition to the registration form, parents will be asked to provide the following documents:

- ✦ Original birth certificate
- ✦ Passport, if the child was not born in the United States
- ✦ Immunization record
- ✦ Proof of Brookline residency - deed or lease for the property where you are residing, along with a utility bill.

Children must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2010 to be eligible for kindergarten. If your child's date of birth is between September 1 and October 15 only, Brookline residents may request an Early Entry screening by contacting the Superintendent's office for an application before April 1.

All school assignments are based on your home address. Some street addresses may fall within a buffer zone. School assignments for families residing within a buffer zone are made by the Superintendent, based on enrollments. Families may state a school preference and the Superintendent does try to grant these requests. During this registration period, you may visit either school in your buffer zone to drop off registration forms.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON THE
REGISTRATION DAY.
CHILDREN WILL VISIT THE SCHOOL ON ANOTHER DATE IN THE SPRING.**

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
<u>Baker School</u> 617-879-4500	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<u>Devotion School</u> 617-879-4400	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 Wednesday, Feb.10, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<u>Driscoll School</u> 617-879-4250	Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010	12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
<u>Heath School</u> 617-879-4570	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 Wednesday, Feb.10, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<u>Lawrence School</u> 617-879-4300	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 Wednesday, Feb.10, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
<u>Lincoln School</u> 617-879-4600	Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
<u>Pierce School</u> 617-730-2580	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
<u>Runkle School</u> 617-879-4650	Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 Wednesday, Feb.10, 2010	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Sanity Cinema Series - Thank you to all of you who attended today's "Sanity Cinema Series" showing of "A Thin Man". I'm sorry that I was unable attend today's showing but appreciate your support by showing up for the showing. Please help continue to spread the word.

I just wanted to let you know that The Coolidge Corner Theatre is changing their membership levels, more information will be shared in an upcoming issue of the broadsheet. 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" expired at the end of the 2009 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 30, 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/>.

Community Information

H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Clinic

Dr. Lupini asked us to let you know that the Brookline Department of Public Health will hold an H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Clinic on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at the Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline. The clinic, which is FREE and open to all Brookline residents, including infants, children, adults and seniors, will run from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There are no longer any age or health requirements to receive the H1N1 vaccine. Individuals attending the clinic are asked to bring their health insurance information. For further information, please contact the Brookline Department of Public Health, 617-730-2300.

To see a copy of Dr. Lupini's letter, go to <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/451D1CDE-DC5A-4397-8F63-4FF384395EDD/3148/H1N1clinic1710.pdf>.

League of Women Voters of Brookline Workshop

Get involved in Town government by becoming a candidate for local elective office! Obtain the tools and information you'll need at the League of Women Voters of Brookline Sara K. Wallace Fund for Voter Education's "How to Run for Local Office" workshop that will take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 103 of Brookline Town Hall. The workshop is open to all Brookline residents. Please RSVP to the League at 617-566-3238 or by email to info@lwwbrookline.org.

The Brookline High School Athletics' Youth Wrestling Program has now begun in earnest on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 in the High school Wrestling room (in the Basement of the Brookline High Gym). Kids K-8, boys and girls who like to wrestle and get physical, are encouraged to come join and learn the basics of Collegiate style wrestling. Once everyone has a current physical, forms, and the \$125 fee turned in , we'll be able to start live wrestling using the moves taught and practiced since December. Scrimmages with other programs are being attempted, and we're hoping for a team of participants in New England youth tournaments in March. Contact DEWeingart@statestreet.com if you have any questions.

Singers Needed! Children's Opera Program in Brookline - high quality music/drama instruction for children ages 6 and up. This year we will be performing Mozart's "Magic flute". Rehearsals begin next week 1/13 Wednesday at 4:30. ALSO Dalcroze music classes for ages 4-6, and piano instruction. Contact ASAP: Dalcroze Center/Barbara Gawlick gawsro@msn.com

Brookline's Summer Opportunities Fair

One-stop shopping for all your summer camp needs.

Sunday, January 24th, 12 pm-3 pm

Tappan St. Gym, Brookline High School

Please contact Jessica Gray, Coordinator K.I.D.S. 2010

Jessica_Gray@brookline.k12.ma.us

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Save the Date

Thursday, January 7, **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00am)
Friday, January 8, **Skate Night, Larz Anderson** (5:15pm - 7:30pm)
Wednesday, January 13, **PTO Principal's Forum** (7:00pm)
Monday, January 18, **MLK Jr day** (no school)
Friday, January 22, **Dr Martin Luther King Jr Assembly**
Sunday, January 24, **7th grade parent networking** (7:00pm)
Tuesday, February 2, **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00am)

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 poetsareangels1963@gmail.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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