

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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REMINDER: Please join us for this forum!

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.

Positive Press for Pierce

Skate Night a Huge Success!

Last Friday was Pierce Skate Night at Larz Anderson Skating Rink. We had over 400 students and adults come out on a beautiful winter evening to enjoy ice skating, hot chocolate and each other!

We had a free raffle drawing where four students' names were drawn to receive the following priceless opportunities such as:

Lunch with Dr. Smith-Mumford
Lunch with the Mr. Badger
Lunch with Billy Harris and
15 minutes of extra recess for the winners and their classmates!

Thank you parents, Martha Huntley and her husband Steven Webler, for helping to organize the event!

Thank you PTO for sponsoring this free family event for Pierce!

Enjoy some happy moments from the event: [Skate Night 2010 Memories](http://picasaweb.google.com/huntley.martha/SkateNight?authkey=Gv1sRgCMKj35S3lrX7IAE&feat=email#5425999455357636706&id=preview) — <http://picasaweb.google.com/huntley.martha/SkateNight?authkey=Gv1sRgCMKj35S3lrX7IAE&feat=email#5425999455357636706&id=preview>

March Madness Brainstorming Meeting

March Madness, a week of fun and fitness, is coming to Pierce March 1-5, 2010. We are hoping to offer families a chance to get out and get physical! The idea is simple: every night, for one week, we will offer a different activity to keep the Pierce community "fit and green."

We will, of course, need your help for this event to be successful. **Please join us for a brainstorming meeting on Friday, January 15th at 8:00 am in the cafeteria.** We will have a basic outline of the event and hope to get some ideas, input and maybe a few volunteers!

Thank you in advance,
Eileen, Deborah and Chuck
PTO Co-chairs

Annual Fund Drive Review

Thank you to the families that supported this year's annual fund drive. We raised a total of \$20,575!

As school budgets continue to be cut, these funds are necessary to provide a well-rounded, quality education for our kids. Huge thanks to every family that participated.

If you have not yet donated, please feel free to make your contribution at any time. The annual appeal was this year's major fundraiser but we appreciate and accept donations throughout the school year. Checks can be made out to "Pierce PTO" and put in the PTO mailbox.

Thank you for choosing to support Pierce!

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.

Bike Helmets Needed!

Has your child outgrown his/her bike helmet? PSED is looking for helmets that would fit children in grades 3-5 for their afternoon ice skating trips this winter. If you have one to donate drop it off at the PSED office or contact Dave at PSED345@gmail.com

Pierce School Problem of the Week

Problem of the Week #9 Product Dice Game



Alisha and Yuri are playing a multiplication dice game. In this game, each player takes a turn rolling 2 dice and multiplying the numbers to find the product.

If the product is even, Alisha gets a point.

If the product is odd, Yuri gets a point.

So far, they each have 2 points, but their friend says the game is not fair.

Is the game fair?

EXPLAIN your answer by SHOWING your work (Hint: try using a table).

Solutions are due on: Wednesday, January 20th.

The GREEN Corner

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 around the school and in the classrooms for posters, displays and info. on reusing, reducing, and recycling. 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...ThinkEarth THURSDAY!!!

Special Education Basic Rights Presentation: Knowing Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities

The Brookline Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will host attorney Dan Ahearn on Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Brookline High School, MLK Room, where he will present valuable information regarding children's rights to special education in the Brookline public schools. This meeting will cover basic legal rights and responsibilities, and also more complicated aspects of the law, such as how to get a good IEP, 504, or behavior plan, and what to do if you feel any of these plans is not being implemented properly. Mr. Ahearn will also discuss new changes to Section 504 and how they might affect your children. Whether you are new to special education or an experienced advocate for your child, this is a presentation not to be missed.

Dan Ahearn practices disability, special education, education, and children's law. He provides representation in special education matters for children in state custody and provides consultation and training on legal issues for schools and parents. Dan currently teaches a Children & Disability Law course at Suffolk University Law School and has authored articles on special education law for Mass Continuing Legal Education. He is the past Director of the BSEA and also served as a Senior Attorney at the Disability Law Center.

Contact either of the SEPAC co-chairs, Peggy Ueda or Patrick Gabridge, at brooklinesepac@gmail.com with any questions, or visit www.brooklinesepac.org. Light refreshments will be served at the event.

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.

Artwork for Education

Attention Families!

Every year, students in Kindergarten, grade 2, grade 4, and grades 7/8 are asked to participate in the Artwork for Education fundraiser. Each student is invited to create a piece of artwork, which is then submitted to be printed on 4x6 greeting cards. Cards are sold in sets of 12, including envelopes. If you missed out when we sent out the paper order forms, or would just like to purchase cards to support our school, please visit <http://www.artworkforeducation.com/school.aspx?org=211&year=2009>

For each set of cards ordered, Pierce School gets \$8 directly from the company, so this is a high profit fundraiser for us. In addition to cards, other items should be available for purchase at this time, including reusable canvas bags with artwork printed on them.

Please browse the artwork catalog and consider making a purchase. (And, if you're looking for last year's cards, they are still available online. Simply visit <http://www.artworkforeducation.com> and search for John Pierce School. There, you will find the link for our past artwork.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful fundraiser.

Jamie Lyons (Grade 7 English/US History teacher)

AND DON'T FORGET ...

Needs *Improvement*: Friday, January 15th

Brookline High School's talented improv troupe can make a mountain out of a molehill and turn a phrase inside out in the blink of an eye. The group's array of short and long-form improvisation skits require fast thinking, quick wit, and an ability to roll with the punches - not to mention a willingness to play the fool to often hilarious effect. This benefit performance gives you a chance to laugh til it hurts and lend a helping hand at the same time - bring a canned donation or two for Needs *Improvement*'s food drive for the needy.

Needs *Improvement* Performers

Taya Beattie	Sung-Jae Park
Adam Cohen	Alex Portenko
Adi Ganani	annah Rimm
Jack Higgins	Hannah Shapiro
Sophie Lazar	Gabe Walt

Needs *Improvement*

Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Studio 1, Tappan Gym

Admission is \$5, 8th Graders Free

The Artbarns "Beach Ball Bash"

School's out, surf's up and the sun is HOT! Leave the bitter cold behind with four days of tropically inspired music, dance, drama, theater games and visual arts guaranteed to melt away those mid winter blues. Artbarn Community Theater's BEACH BALL BASH offers a fun-filled February School Vacation week for Kindergarten through 5th graders, and welcomes 6th through 8th graders as CITs. Dust off your Hawaiian shirt, unpack your flip-flops and get ready for a beach vacation at the Maliotis Cultural Center this February 16-19 from 9 am - 4 pm. Register now at www.artbarn.org or call 617-975-0050 for more information.

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

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)
Tuesday, February 9, **Kindergarten registration**
Wednesday, February 10, **Kindergarten registration**

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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