

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Collection for Brookline Food Pantry

Just because the holiday season is over doesn't mean it is not a time for giving. The Brookline Food Pantry needs your help all year, all the time. So on your way to school tomorrow, drop off a few canned goods in the green bin labeled "*Brookline Food Pantry*", next to the main office. No can is too small. You can do your share in helping those with food insecurity.

Josh and Max
7th grade students

Brookline Emergency Food Pantry (BEFP)

Who are we...

We have been in operation for over 20 years as an emergency food provider. Jim Margolis is the Director/Manager of the BEFP. He is also a long time resident of Brookline who has given his time freely as a volunteer. Jim became manager of the pantry 5 years ago and has brought organization and increased public awareness to the program. It is run and operated by an all-volunteer-staff. Jim was a recipient of the Brookline Community Foundation's 2007 Unsung Hero Award.

What do we offer...

Our purpose is to offer food assistance to any Brookline resident in need. Qualifying clients that come to the pantry should ...

- Be a resident
- Provide a written reference on letterhead from clergy, therapist, social worker, housing authority
- or community leader
- Re-qualify annually with a letter from the above to continue client access

When are we open..

Hours of operation The Food Pantry is open on the follow days:

Tuesdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturdays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where are we...

We are located at St. Paul's Church in the actual and original food pantry.

- The church was built in 1849.
- The address is 15 St. Pauls Street - Brookline and many of its clients walk to the pantry.

Why do we exist...

The Pantry exists because there is a need in the community for assistance; the pantry helps to fill a void to families that lack food on a recurring basis. The need can be triggered by a crisis, tragedy, job loss, illness, increased or unexpected expenses, or a number of reasons. For some it may be temporary assistance, for others it could be ongoing depending on their situation.

The pantry is funded in part by a grant from the Brookline Community Foundation (BCF) and also periodic donations from the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB). Additional Food and Fund donations come from the community and its various venues to include local businesses, schools, communities of faith, womens' groups and individuals etc. Even with the generosity of these donors, the food pantry still struggles to sustain itself to meet the demands of the increase it has seen in visiting clients.

The months of January, February, March and April in particular drop off in donations, that said, the BEFP continues to reach out for community support.

Monetary donations are very welcome and may be sent to:
Brookline Emergency Food Pantry
15 St Paul Street
Brookline, MA 02446
Attn: Jim Margolis, Director

Food Donations...

Hearty Soups
Canned Fruit
Canned Dinners
Canned Meats
Canned Fish
Canned vegetables
Cup of soup/Ramen Soup
Rice
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Mashed potato
Mac & Cheese
Jelly/Jam
Mayonnaise - medium size
Peanut Butter
Cooking Oil
Parmalat (shelf stable milk)
Cold cereal
Hot cereal
Tea bags
Instant Coffee
Cocoa (packets)

Toiletries...

Deodorant
Shampoo
Tooth Brush
Tooth Paste
Laundry soap
Dish soap
Hand soap
Toilet paper

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)

Half Way Day is coming soon!

The 90th day of school marks half way day. It's time to start thinking creatively about halves. Can you celebrate the day by dressing in halves? Some ideas include wearing half winter clothes/half summer clothes or dressy/sporty, or day/night. Check the bulletin board in the Math Center to see how many days left to go. (As of this printing, half way day is scheduled for Friday, January 29th.)

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Problem of the Week #10

Halfway Up

One morning a grasshopper fell down a hole 4 meters deep. He would climb half a meter every day but at night he would slip half the distance back down. At this rate, how many days until the grasshopper gets out?

Show your work using pictures, numbers or a table.



The GREEN Corner

Weatherization Action & Barn Raising!

Come help the [Brookline Community Foundation](#) continue the process of upgrading the building at 40 Webster Place in Brookline Village.

Saturday
January 23, 2010
8 am - 3 pm

Many hands are needed to facilitate these projects:

- ~ Re-glazing multi-paned windows
- ~ Weatherstripping
- ~ Sealing the walls in the basement
- ~ Installing new cellar windows
- ~ Prep foundation for waterproofing
- ~ And much, much more!

Enjoy the camaraderie of working together in the company of real pros from the Green Guild.
Lunch provided for all helpers.

For more information visit GreenGuild.com or call 617-566-4442.

Donations to this effort are cheerfully accepted!



Community Information

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@lwvbrookline.org.

Flu Clinic

The Brookline Department of Public Health will hold an appointment-based flu clinic:

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Brookline Department of Public Health, 11 Pierce Street in Brookline Village.

Clinic hours are from Noon until 2:00 pm.

Both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines will be available. The clinic is FREE and open to the entire Brookline community, including residents, children attending Brookline schools, and town employees. All age and health restrictions for H1N1 have been lifted. Please call the Brookline Department of Public Health to schedule an appointment (617-730-2300). Individuals attending the clinic are asked to bring their health insurance information. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Health, 617-730-2300.

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Save the Date

Thursday, January 21, **ThinkEarth Thursday**

Friday, January 22, **Dr Martin Luther King Jr Assembly**

Sunday, January 24, **Brookline's Summer Opportunities Fair** (12-3pm) **Tappan St. Gym, BHS**

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**

Thursday, February 11, **Chinese New Year celebration** (8:30am)

Monday, February 15, **February vacation**

Tuesday, February 16, **February vacation**

Wednesday, February 17, **February vacation**

Thursday, February 18, **February vacation**

Friday, February 19, **February vacation**

Broadsheet Schedule for the 2009-2010 School Year

Welcome to another year of a "green" Broadsheet. This year, the Broadsheet will be e-mailed on Tuesdays to all who have registered for electronic information. If you would like to register for the **PiercePost**, visit <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or the **Pierce Broadsheet** email poetsareangels1963@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting articles for the broadsheet 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.

Broadsheet

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Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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