

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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FitFest was a huge success thanks to YOU!

Fit Fest '09 was a great event symbolic of the nature of this community. Students, families and staff came out to enjoy each other, the gorgeous weather, some fun fitness activities and soak up the good feelings many expressed about the great beginning to the new school year. To all who came out to participate in our 3rd Annual FitFest - Thank you! We had almost 400 people participate this year, which is our biggest turnout yet. Thank you to the countless parents, teachers, administrators, 7th/8th graders and friends who spent their afternoon making FitFest such a success. The fact that we had too many volunteers to name says it all.

Thank you to all the teachers who came to support the event: Jenna Goodearl, Susan Leipman, Tara Washburn, Abby Gedstad, Heidi Young, Rachael Ziering, David Vitale-Wolff, Ginny Carroll and Nancy Springer. A huge thank you definitely goes to those who braved the dunk tank, Amy Robertson, Gio Bradley Campbell, Teri Hauserman, Melissa London, Amanda Grindstaff, Mike Miceli, Colleen Muldoon, Laura West, Brian Gallagher, Chris Smith and John Badger! This new feature almost stole the show. The kids waited patiently in line to have a chance to throw a ball and send their teacher or vice principal into the water tank! Also former PTO chair, Charlie Walsh went into the dunk tank in a suit, hat and scarf.

It really was great fun to watch them all!

Enormous thanks are due to all of the wonderful, superstar, super Fit Fest organizers and volunteers. Stacey Downey, Meredith Sallient, Pam DiPiro, Stewart Silvestri, Graeme Grant, and Brendan Downey were clearly the right folks to pull off an event after 24 hours of rain.

With over 400 Pierce friends, family and community members enjoying a day of running, jumping, dancing, dunking and more, we are off to a great start to the 2009/2010 school year!

See you next year!

Principal, Pipier Smith-Mumford
PTO Co-Chairs, Eileen Regis, Deborah Heffan, Chuck Silverston

Mark your calendars

K to 6 Open House, Thursday, September 17th

K & 1st grade - 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

2nd & 3rd grades - 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

4th & 5th grades - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

6th grade - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Parents/Gaurdians are welcome to arrive in the cafeteria for refreshments, school handouts and PTO information before or between class visits. Specialists will visit classes and special education teachers will also be available in their spaces.

Your child will be happy to know you have participated in this important school event.

We thank you as well!

Pipier Smith-Mumford, PhD
Principal

John Badger
Vice Principal

Flu information

To access all information regarding the FLU (H1N1 Swine Flu) in relation to The Town of Brookline and its schools, please visit The public Schools of Brookline website at www.brookline.k12.ma.us/. Look under NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. Click on the H1N1 UPDATE Town/School H1N1Swine Flu site. There is also a link to the federal 'Center for Disease Control' (CDC) website for the most up to date and ever changing national information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks!

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Brookline Warriors For the third year in a row many BHS athletes lined the fun run course to cheer us on. Imagine the effort it took to get so many teenagers out on a Sunday afternoon to support our fitness efforts! Thank you to Coaches Mitjans (football) and Glennon (cross country) for inspiring their athletes to motivate the next generation. To return the favor and to continue to foster mutual support and respect between the schools, consider catching a BHS event this year <http://brooklinewarriors.net>.

Stop by and Visit the Improved Pierce School Website at www.pierceschoolbrookline.org and see:

- * New Teacher websites (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Staff.shtml>)
: Pierce school teachers work over the summer. Many of them have created their own web pages. Look for the apple near the teacher's name for their website. Not all teachers have websites, but there are many new ones.
- * 7/8 play registration (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/forms/play/PlayReg78.php>)
- * The Fall 2009 Enrichment Catalog (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/documents/Fall2009Brochure.doc>) is available on the web, along with a special brochure for 5th and 6th grade (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/documents/Fall2009Brochure56Grade.doc>). If you have any questions or comments contact Abbie Fennell at pierceenrichment@aol.com or 617-739-1919.
- * Visit the new/improved after-school sports page (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Sports.shtml>)

Morning Drop Off by Car

Morning drop off by car should only happen at the circle in front of the Pierce Historical building. Please do not drop off at the garage level on School Street.

Afternoon Pick Up for 1st and 2nd grades in Unit C and 2G families

Just a reminder to all families with students located in Unit C or in 2N, please have your child meet you in the cafeteria or outside of the school. If you have any questions, please check with your child's teacher.

Thank you!

Pierce Gear

Sweatshirts & Caps will be on sale near the Pierce Main Office

Friday 9/18 @ 2:15-2:45pm
Monday 9/21 @ 7:45-8:30am

Accepting cash or check to 'Pierce PTO'
Sweatshirts.....\$25
Caps.....\$15

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Pierce Problem of the Week:

Problem #: 1 Candles on the Cake

You are at a birthday party and the cake is brought in. The birthday candles on the cake are in a growing pattern: red, yellow, red, yellow, blue, red, yellow, blue, green. The pattern continues, adding pink, orange, purple, and white candles.

How many candles are on the cake?

Show your work using pictures, words or symbols. **Solutions are due Wednesday, Sept 23rd.**

We will continue to have bi-weekly Problem of the Week, so the next problem will be up on Sept 24th.



The 7/8 Musical is The Pajama Game.



The shows will be on 12/10, 12/11 and 12/12. Auditions are on Monday 9/21 (2:30-5pm) and rehearsals start on Tuesday 9/29 (2:30-5pm). We Need Your Help: Please sign up to volunteer for costume Design Coordinator, set design crew, and lighting. Please contact Deborah Dowd at dowdwalsh@rcn.com or 617-277-4651.

Navigating the Rocky Road of Adolescence. Join other parents of teens and a professional facilitator to explore the many changes that occur during adolescence, and how they affect relationships at home and school. Discuss relevant topics such as promoting healthy choices, setting realistic limits and appropriate consequences, understanding when and how to negotiate, dealing with changes and crises (e.g., divorce), identifying risk factors for anxiety and depression, handling experimentation with sex, alcohol, drugs, and learning to "let go" while maintaining family connections. Led by Joani Geltman, MSW, a specialist in Child Development, and therapist, parenting coach and consultant for over 25 years. Joani serves on the faculties of Lesley University and Curry College. Meeting for four sessions from 7-8:30pm on Thursdays (September 17 and 24, October 1 and 10) at WarmLines (in the Newton Cultural Center at 225 Nevada St. in Newtonville) Free Parking. Pre-registration required: www.warmlines.org or 617-244-INFO.

Workshop on Confident Self Expression for Girls. Join bestselling author and girl expert Rachel Simmons on Tuesday, September 29 at 6pm for a fun back-to-school workshop on confident self expression for girls. Rachel Simmons is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls* and *The Curse of the Good Girl: Raising Authentic Girls with Courage and Confidence*. The Founder of the Girls Leadership Institute, Rachel works internationally with girls, parents, and school professionals to develop strategies to address bullying and empower girls. Join us for an extended Q & A session plus a book signing! Join Rachel and other parents and daughters (grades 5 and up) on Tuesday, September 29, 6pm, at the Boston Public Library in the Rabb Lecture Hall, 700 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information, visit www.rachelsimmons.com.

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Support the Pierce School PTO - Place an Ad in the 2009-2010 Pierce School Directory

The Pierce School Directory reaches families of 600+ students in Pre-K-8th grade. If you are interested in making your business known to the Pierce/Brookline community consider placing an ad in our 2009-2010 edition of the Pierce School Directory. Pierce families use their directories often and will have plenty of opportunities to view your ad! Please check out our web site for more info: <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or make the right call to 617/935-4367 or 617/879-6024 and ask for Felina. You can also request more information via email at: poetsareangels@rcn.com.

Save The Date

Thursday, September 17, **K-6 Open House**
Monday, September 21, **7/8 Musical auditions** (2:30pm)
Thursday, September 24, **Art barn performances**
Thursday, September 24, **7-8 Open House** (5:00pm)
Friday, September 25, **8th grade hiking trip**
Monday, September 28, **Yom Kippur** (no school)
Tuesday, September 29, **7/8 play rehearsal starts** (2:30pm)
Thursday, October 1, **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00am)
Tuesday, October 6, **Picture day**
Monday, October 12, **Columbus day** (no school)
Tuesday, October 13, **MEPA testing, LEP students, Grades 3-8**
Thursday, October 15, **Cross country, Grades 5-8**
Thursday, October 15, **School council meeting** (6:00pm)

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, 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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