

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Positive Press for Pierce

Geography Bee Returning Champ Wins Again!

Congratulations to one of our own 8th graders who won his third consecutive win in the school round of the National Geographic Geography Bee. Over 40 fifth through eighth grade students from Pierce qualified to participate in this year's Bee. As returning champ, he will go on to represent Pierce in the next round of the competition. Last year, he won that round and got as far as the state competition. We wish him all the best as he moves through the next round of the competition. Way to go!

Math League's First Meet a Huge Success!

Fifth and sixth grade students have been meeting on early mornings (7:30 am) with the Math League coaches who are parent volunteers and our math specialist, Darrielle Sullivan, to prepare for the three district wide Math League competitions. Pierce came in third for the Operations category. Congratulations to all participating students, as they earned perfect scores in all three of their events. Everyone who participated did their best and had a lot of fun at the first meet. Their second competition is on Monday, Feb. 8th.

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Problem of the Week #11

How Green is Pierce?

Stay tuned for the next Problem of the Week to see how green Pierce is..."

Brookline Food Pantry

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. Thanks for filling the bin last week.

Josh and Max
7th grade students

AN OPPORTUNITY
TO HEAR SOME OF
PIERCE SCHOOL'S
UPPER-GRADE
TEACHERS
DISCUSSING
RECENT BEEF
GRANTS AND HOW
THESE GRANTS
ENHANCE LEARNING
FOR OUR
STUDENTS.



SAVE THE DATE:
February 12, 2010 at 8:00 am
Special Breakfast Event
for K-2 Parents
Meet the teachers,
chat with other parents,
have bagels and coffee

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**Kids... join us for some fun fitness during the school week.
 Parents and teachers...its your turn to play on Friday night!
 Fight the winter blues and enjoy a FUNraising,
 Free good time (sponsored by the PTO)!**

Monday, March 1	Basketball...Obstacle course & more! K-3 4-6	Pierce Gym 5:30-6:15pm 6:30-7:15pm
Tuesday, March 2	Silly Soccer K-3 4-6	Pierce Gym 5:30-6:15pm 6:30-7:15pm
Wednesday, March 3	Yoga...soothe your soul K-3 4-6	Pierce Gym 5:30-6:15pm 6:30-7:15pm
Thursday, March 4	Basketball with Billy 7-8	Pierce Gym 5:30-7:15pm
Friday, March 5	Basketball for the "adults" 7/8 winner faces parent and teacher teams	High School Schlunz Gym 5:30pm-7:15pm

As always, parent volunteers are need to make this a successful event. Parents will be needed to help organize the activities, supervise events, sell Pierce Wear and Raffle tickets and more. To volunteer, please contact Deborah Heffan at heffan@verizon.net.

To sign up for activities, look for a registration form in Thursday folders the week of February 8.

Community Information

Vounteers Needed For Town-Wide Soccer Cleat Exchange

The Brookline Town-Wide Cleat Exchange is planned for March 30-April 1, 2010. The Cleat Exchange, conveniently based at each elementary school, will provide the opportunity to donate used soccer cleats, exchange used cleats for new (used) cleats, or buy donated cleats at a very affordable price in time for the spring soccer season. Undistributed cleats go to soccer programs for disadvantaged youth and monetary receipts go to the Brookline Recreation soccer scholarship program. *Volunteers are needed* to supervise the Cleat Exchange in each school. This is a very easy job entailing no more than 1 1/2 hours total time, which can be divided among multiple volunteers. We are paring down the number of sessions compared with last year, so the time commitment is very small, but we can hold exchanges only in those schools where we have volunteers to run them. We had a great group last year and a successful drive; please join us this year! For more information and to volunteer write to pueda@comcast.net.

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Special Education Transition Planning

Brookline Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is sponsoring ***From School to Work and Independence: Practical and Legal Information for Effective Transition Planning*** on Thursday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m., in the Martin Luther King Jr. Room at Brookline High School. Pamela Coveney, JD, and Jeanine Solomon, JD, of the Disability Law Center will present important information about transition planning, a required part of IEP's for high school students age 14 and older who receive special education services. The DLC presentation will address federal and state laws, transition planning and services, IEP development, MCAS and graduation readiness, how state agencies can help and the details of significant recent cases in Massachusetts. Light refreshments will be served. Brookline SEPAC is a Brookline 2010 climate action partner: please bring your own cup. Questions? Write brooklinesepac@gmail.com. To learn more about SEPAC and join the listserve visit www.brooklinesepac.org.

A Step Ahead basketball

is running a February Vacation Basketball Clinic in Newton.

Dates: February 15-19

Location: Mackenzie Center, 1337 Centre St, Newton

Time: 9AM - 1PM

Ages: Boys & Girls 8-15

For more information please visit our website at www.asahoops.com or contact coach Smith

617-909-5990 / coachb@asahoops.com

BORED KIDS AT HOME? TRY SOME WINTER:

FITNESS FUN

FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

A low-key, fun and non-competitive fitness & wellness program - girls ages 8-12.
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Only \$69

Call to reserve your spot today!

- * **You Are What You Eat field trip**
A fun & educational trip to Stop n' Shop. Kids will learn about healthy meal & snack choices
- * **Dance**
Hip Hip, Poppin Lockin & Break Dancing
- * **Bootcamp Fun**
- * **Fitness Sampler**
Aerobics, Strength & Flexibility Building
- * **Yoga/Pilates**

FREE WEEK PASS to Benefitness for all moms or childcare providers!

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Pierce School Menu: <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/3168/Feb2010.pdf>

Save the Date

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**
Monday, March 1, **PTO March Madness**
Tuesday, March 2, **PTO March Madness**
Wednesday, March 3, **PTO March Madness**
Thursday, March 4, **PTO March Madness**
Friday, March 5, **PTO March Madness**
Friday, March 5, **Potluck Community Breakfast**

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 2pm. 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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