

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Positive Press for Pierce

The Pierce Green Team created a survey to find out "how green is Pierce?".

Six hundred forty-nine students in

grades K-8 were surveyed. An overwhelming number of students participate in some "green actions."

- Nearly 1 in every 4 students reported that they compost food waste at home!
- More than half of the students bring a no waste or low waste lunch to school and
- 78% of the students surveyed use a reusable water container instead of a plastic water bottle and
- 91% of students reported that they recycle bottles, cans, paper and plastic at home.

That's impressive!

The students have represented this data in a variety of graphs. Be sure to stop by Pierce and check out the Problem of the Week Bulletin Board (on the ramp, by the front office) as well as the Think Earth Thursday bulletin board (in the cafeteria) to see the students' analysis.

Thanks to math specialist, Tara Washburn for helping to compile the data and helping to post it around the school. Also thanks to our Pierce Green Team leader, parent Katherine Risse, and 5th grade teacher, Cheryl Klausner, for their efforts to get Pierce involved, raise awareness and made Think Earth Thursday a success!

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The New PIERCE TEE SHIRTS are in!

These will be on sale in both the Historic Building and near the Main Office from 7:30am-8:15am everyday beginning this Wednesday, February 24.

The cost is \$10 each

Cash & checks made payable to 'Pierce PTO' will be accepted.

Costumes needed for Honk

If you have any of the following items available to loan or donate to the show, please contact lapidusfamily@earthlink.net:

Swim goggles (black or clear)

Grey baseball pants

'Croc' type footwear (these will have to be donated as we plan to paint them)

Thank you.



**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 SchoolSchlunzGym 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, please return your registration form to your child's teacher by Friday, February 26th.

Bake Sale for Earthquake Relief in Haiti

Calling all fourth grade bakers!!! The fourth grade bake sale is an effort to raise funds for earthquake relief in Haiti. The bake sale will be held on Friday, February 26th at 2:20pm in the cafeteria. Students can bring baked goods to their classrooms in the morning on Friday or family members can bring baked goods to the bake sale set up at 2pm. We will need some parents to help set up at 2pm. Please contact Cass Miller (cass@emeraldpool.net) if you can help set up.



Hats for Haiti

Dear Pierce Community -

The Pierce "Hats for Haiti" fundraiser was a smashing success on many levels. Throughout Pierce, there were baseball caps, Vikings, genies, sombreros, Suesses, leprechauns and more. The children had fun, it brightened up a winter day and most importantly, we raised \$1,409.35 for relief in Haiti!!!

The money Pierce raised is being sent to the American Red Cross and Partners in Health, earmarked for Haiti. "Hats for Haiti" fundraisers are taking place all over the country as many schools and work places are using it as a way to raise money different charities making a difference in Haiti. Parents: please consider doing a "Hats for Haiti" program at your workplace - it is simple, fun and can really make a difference.

Thank you to all of the children, teachers, staff and parents who participated - and to Staples who donated the printing of our signs and flyers. We hope to reschedule the fourth grade bake sale for after vacation.

"Men anpil, chay pa lou." Haitian Proverb: With many hands, the burden is light.

-Libby Berke
(1W & 4S mom)



Celebrate the 100th Day of School with the Brookline Education Foundation.

Check out the "apple tree" in the lobby of your school and see why teachers love to teach and kids love to learn! The Brookline Education Foundation (BEF) supports teacher professional development in every Brookline Public School. BEF grants provide teachers with tools and training in specialized areas of education that enrich the classroom experiences everyday.

For more information visit www.brooklineeducation.org

"Bee" Part of the Excitement

Who said Spelling Bees were just for kids? Get your dictionaries out and start studying up for the 15th Annual Brookline Education Foundation's Adult and 5th Grade Spelling Bees, which will take place at the BHS Auditorium on Sunday, March 14th. The Children's Bee will begin at noon and is an old-fashioned spell-off, open to all Brookline 5th grade students. Information about the Children's Bee was sent home with each 5th grade student at the end of January. The Adult Bee follows the children's Bee, from 2-6. Adult teams of three must register by February 20th, and as always, prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams.

To "Bee" in the Bee visit www.brooklineeducation.org or call the Foundation at 617-232-3846.

Enrichment Instructors Needed

Do you have one hour of free time this upcoming winter? Are you interested in teaching a class to a small group of children? Do you have a hobby or talent that you would like to share?

The Pierce School Enrichment Program is looking for some new creative classes for children in grades K-6. These classes are one afternoon a week from 2:20-3:15 p.m. We are looking for instructors to teach on Mondays or Fridays. The spring session is eight weeks and begins April 2010.

Pay is \$40 an hour

If interested contact Abbie at piercenrichment@gmail.com

Public Schools of Brookline Parent Survey About After School and Summer Programs

Dear Parents/Guardians of Brookline preK and elementary school students,

The Out-of School Time Program Review Committee of the Public Schools of Brookline is reviewing the current after-school and summer program options that are located in our school buildings. We would like to hear from you about the kinds of programs you are interested in for your children, and whether you feel the current offerings meet your family's needs.

We have a brief survey for you to complete. Your participation will only take a few minutes, and will provide us with important information. The link to the survey is:

Parent Survey about after school and summer programs:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FQW9T5W>

The survey will be available from now until February 26th. You may receive this notice from a number of sources. Please complete the survey one time only. You can also access the survey from the front page of the Public Schools of Brookline website, www.brookline.k12.ma.us.

Thank you for your help!

Amy Martin, Director of Program Review , and the Out-of-School Time Program Review Committee

Info on YouTube Movie Content Filtering

Here are some directions for filtering YouTube movie content to use with children. If you choose to turn on Safety Mode, videos with mature content or that have been age restricted will not show up in video search, related videos, playlists, shows and movies. It's not perfect (think of our Spam filter here at school) but will help to prevent accidental viewings of inappropriate videos. You do need to have a YouTube account and be consistently logged into it for the Safety Mode to work.

As always, being present, having the computer screen available to adult eyes, and talking with students about what to do if one encounters inappropriate content are additional ways of teaching safe use of the Internet.

<http://www.google.com/support/youtube/bin/answer.py?&answer=174084>

For questions or more information contact:

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Pierce GREEN Corner

The ThinkEarthThursday tally is up. See how all of the Pierce classes participated. Pierce School is *definitely* Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. Keep up the good work, Pierce! Look around the school in the next week or two for graphs with data, compiled by students.

Is My Lunch Causing Global Warming?

For more information visit: <http://www.eatlowcarbon.org/#>

Food pantry reminder

Please remember to bring in items for the Brookline Food Pantry. Kids bring items to the pantry on Wednesday afternoon. Food is collected in the green bin in the Pierce main hallway (outside the main office).

Brookline Foundation Energy-Efficiency Barn Raising

February 27th will be the Fifth Month of the Energy Efficiency Barn-Raisings at Brookline Community Foundation. Join members of the community to weatherize and upgrade this important Brookline landmark that has given so much to the community.

This next month is going to be a big one. A site visit is planned for FEB 25th, Thursday morning, 7am-9am, for those of you interested in participating. Please RSVP Jim Lockwood at jlockwood@greenguild.com

Work Completed so far: attic insulation: 75%, cleaned out basement, attic, yards; sprayed 8-in of Icynene over knee walls, duct-sealed 75% of the basement ducts, installed a Buderus condensing boiler, dug out basement by 6-in, installed perimeter drain and 2 sumps, tightened windows, rewired attic electric lines chewed by squirrels, installed one new basement window, patched a plaster ceiling, poured a new concrete slab over entire basement floor, rebuilt new basement stairs. . . But there's still lots to do (repair and install storm windows and skylights, install doors, patch walls and ceilings, fix locks, apply plaster/cement, paint, dig, organize, and much more . . . so join us!

Post work-day party at the Village Smoke House. Beer and snacks, courtesy BCF.

Pierce Problem of the Week

Peanut Butter and Jelly

A student interviewed 50 fifth graders. 41 said they liked peanut butter sandwiches, 35 liked jam sandwiches, and 30 liked both peanut butter and jelly on their sandwiches.

How many students liked neither?

Show your work using pictures, numbers or a table.
Some people have been counted twice.



Community Information

The Teen Brain and Today's Chemical Culture

An Evening of Insight, Information and Discussion for Parents and Teens
Thursday March 4, 2010, 7 p.m.
Brookline High School Auditorium
115 Greenough Street, Brookline, MA

Recent brain studies show that judgment, impulse control and decision-making abilities don't fully mature until the early 20's. This suggests that our teenagers are particularly vulnerable in today's stressed-out "a pill or drink will make it better" culture. In response to our community's growing concern about the increased availability and abuse of many common medications and alcohol, B-CASA invites parents and teens to a presentation and panel discussion, "The Teen Brain and Today's Chemical Culture." Presenter/panelists include McLean Hospital brain development specialist Marisa M. Silveri, Ph.D. and Kitty Dukakis. For more information contact June Harris at june-harris@brookline.k12.ma.us.

All adults (staff and parents) from the elementary schools are encouraged to attend this evening. If you have a 7th/8th grader, please consider bringing them with you to the meeting.

Event co-sponsors: The Brookline Coalition Against Substance Abuse (B-CASA), the Jeremy S. Kritzman Initiative on Drugs and Alcohol, B-PEN (Brookline Parent Education Network), Brookline High School PTO and the Brookline Public Health Department.

Sanity Cinema Series

Are you looking for a little break in your day? Please join us for the next "Sanity Cinema Series" showing on March 9th at 11 am at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. The title will be: *Shutter Island*. Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams, Max Von Sydow. From Oscar®-winning director Martin Scorsese, "Shutter Island" is the story of two U.S. marshals, Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo), who are summoned to a remote and barren island off the coast of Massachusetts to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a murderess from the island's fortress-like hospital for the criminally insane. To view a clip of this movie visit: <http://www.apple.com/trailers/paramount/shutterisland/> or visit the official shutter island website at: <http://www.shutterisland.com/>

Please visit www.coolidge.org/sanity for more information about the Sanity Cinema Series.

Open House at Corner Co-Op Nursery School

Have you thought about joining a parent co-op which nurtures both your child and your family? Come meet the staff and parents, see a slide show and join in a discussion with us. Tuesday, March 9, 7 - 9 pm, 1773 Beacon St. (entrance on Dean Rd.), Brookline. For details, call 617-738-4631 or visit www.cornercoop.org

Calling All 5th - 8th Grade Wrestlers and Wrestlers To-Be...

Are you interested in learning how to wrestle... the real kind, not that stuff you see on TV? Do you want to have fun, work hard, and learn how it's done? If you answered 'yes' or even 'maybe' to any of these questions, then check out [The Commonwealth Wrestling Club](#). We guarantee that you'll have fun, learn a new sport, feel great, and learn some cool moves. The coaches are Albert Gianforno, a New York state champion and 2-year captain of his college team, and Mike Carver, a teacher at Brookline High School and the head coach of BHS's wrestling team. Coach Carver was also a college wrestler and football player and is an NASM certified personal trainer.

Our season begins March 22nd and runs until June 13th. We meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6:30 PM and Sundays from 11-12 PM. Tournaments are held on Saturdays. This club is open to boys and girls (BHS was once the New England girls' wrestling champions!) The cost for 30-sessions is \$150. Registration is on March 15th and 17th at the high school in the wrestling room (Tappan Street Gym - downstairs).

****OPEN HOUSES:** Please join us at one of two open houses to meet the coach, team members, and get a taste of what wrestling is all about before the spring session begins on March 8th/10th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM at Brookline High School's Tappan Street Gym.

Still have questions? Email: commonwealthwrestlingclub@hotmail.com, or call 617-780-8791.

2nd Hand Baby Sleeper Carrier Car Seats Needed for Twins

My neighbor had twin boys a couple of months ago. She is desperately looking for two "2nd hand baby sleeper carrier car seats. If you have one or more of these, please contact Felina at poetsareangels1963@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Massachusetts High School Drama Festival

Preliminary Competition
February 27, 9-5pm
Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium
Tickets \$10

Every spring, an average of 120 schools across the state participate in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. Since 1931, this festival has offered students interested in acting, directing and technical theater opportunities to gain invaluable performance and production experience. Brookline High School hosts one of the festival's preliminary rounds, featuring performances by seven area schools. Brookline High School's entry this year is Lanford Wilson's darkly lyrical 1966 play *The Rimers of Eldritch*, which is currently scheduled to be performed around 2 p.m.

Brookline Town-Wide Cleat Exchange - Change in Date

The Brookline Town-Wide Cleat Exchange has been moved up to the week of March 15 to accommodate more players' soccer schedules. Watch for future notices here and in the Brookline TAB for specific dates and times.

Girl Scout cookies are here! Troop #79244 will be selling boxes of Girl Scout cookies on Wednesday, March 4th. The sale will be held after school, between the main building and the historical building.

Troop #81351 will be selling boxes of Girl Scout cookies on Friday, March 5th and Friday, March 12th after school, between the main building and the historical building. 50% of our earnings will be given to the Haiti Relief fund.

Boxes are \$4.00 each.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE. BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Bill Lupini, Superintendent and Peter Rowe, Deputy Superintendent will be hosting a series of open forums to discuss the FY11 SCHOOL BUDGET.

All are welcome to attend on Tuesday, March 16 - 6:00 p.m. in Hunneman Hall of the Main Library on:

Thursday, March 18 - 8:15 a.m.
Devotion School Library

Tuesday, March 23 - 8:15 a.m.
Baker School Library

Save the Date

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*
Wednesday, March 10, *PTO Principal's Forum (7:00pm)*
Thursday, March 11, *Early dismissal, Grades K-12 (12:30pm)*
Tuesday, March 16, *Early dismissal, Grades K-6 (12:30pm)*
Thursday, March 18, *3-6 Musical: Honk (7:00pm)*
Friday, March 19, *3-6 Musical: Honk (7:00pm)*
Saturday, March 20, *3-6 Musical: Honk (2:00pm)*
Saturday, March 20, *3-6 Musical: Honk (7:00pm)*
Monday, March 22, *MCAS testing begins: Grades 3-8*
Tuesday, March 23, *MCAS: ELA Composition, Grades 4 & 7*

Pierce School Menu:

February 2010 <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/3168/Feb2010.pdf>

March 2010 <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/3225/Mar2010Revised.pdf>

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!

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