

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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## **Pierce School Enrichment Program**

Sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day

Fall 2009- Room Assignments

classes begin on Tuesday, September 29

MONDAYS	Move and Groove - Small Gym Painting - Industrial Art Room Drawing  Bodyworks- Benefitness Health Club
TUESDAYS	Karate - Small Gym Scratch Computer Game Design - Computer Lab Clay - Industrial Art Room
WEDNESDAYS	Books and Crafts K-West, Historic Building 1st Floor Legos - 2 Leipman Knitting - KM, Historic Building 1st Floor
THURSDAYS	Drama - Room 23, Historic Building 2nd Floor Creative Chefs - Industrial Art Room Dance - Benefitness Health Club
FRIDAYS	Cooking and Literacy - Art Room Origami - Industrial Art Room  Chess Club - 6-London Unit A

## **Student Volunteers Needed for the Pierce School Enrichment Program-Fall 2009**

A 7th or 8th grade student to volunteer and assist the instructor in the Chess Club on Friday afternoons from 2:30-3:15 p.m. The class will begin on Friday, October 2 and continue for 8 weeks. Must have a knowledge of chess and be able to commit for 8 weeks.

A 7th or 8th grade student to volunteer and assist the instructor with a cooking class Thursday afternoons from 2:20-3:15 p.m. The class will begin on Thursday, October 1 and continue for 8 weeks.

A 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student to volunteer and assist the instructor with a lego class on Wednesday afternoons from 2:20-3:15 p.m. The class will begin on Wednesday, September 30 and continue for 8 weeks.

Movie passes are given to the volunteers at the end of the 8 weeks. Please contact Abbie at [pierceenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:pierceenrichment@gmail.com) or 617-739-1919.

## **There are a few opening in the Move and Groove, Painting, and Drawing classes on Monday afternoons**

These classes will begin on Monday, October 5. If interested please contact Abbie at [pierceenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:pierceenrichment@gmail.com) or 617-739-1919.

## Pierce Library: 2009-2010

Library operation has been changed due to the elimination of the library assistant position. The new library hours are in effect for all the Public Schools of Brookline.

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 7:45am - 2:35pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 7:45am -- 3:00pm

Volunteers in the Library

Thank you to our PTO co-chairs for reaching out to provide assistance with seeking volunteers. Parent volunteers are accepted during after school hours only. Please let one of our PTO co-chairs know of your interest.

The Educational Technology & Library (ET&L) department (librarians and director, Scott Moore) will work with the Office of Teaching and Learning to draft frameworks, policies, and procedures for developing a shared understanding about volunteers in the library.

Role descriptions (job-based)

Library Volunteer coordinator

Shelving and shelf reading

Book repair

PR- bulletin boards, signs, displays,

Memo of understanding, including:

Cori Check

Confidentiality

Appropriate involvement

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Pierce Library.

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## Save the Date!!! Pierce PTO/Principal's Forum

**Topic:** Avoiding the Power Struggle with Your Child: Parent Networking Across the K-8 Grades; Guest Speakers from the Brookline Center and the High School Wednesday, October 28th 7:00 pm-8:15 pm Pierce Library



NEWS FROM THE  
Brookline Education Foundation

The Brookline Education Foundation is proud to support these Pierce educators and their exciting projects this school year: Amie Buchman \* Ginny Carroll \* Eowyn Daly \* Leslie Fagen \* Mary Gabriel \* Helen Greeley \* Ken Haynes \* Amy Hintzman \* Cheryl Klausner \* Melissa London \* Jamie Lyons \* Anne-marie Marcus \* Sara Marx \* Kerrilyn McCarthy \* Reed Rathgeber \* Chris Smith \* Geoff Tegnell. Ask them about their 2009-2010 Foundation grants! For more information about the Brookline Education Foundation, visit [www.BrooklineEducation.org](http://www.BrooklineEducation.org) or talk to Pierce parents Cherie Gaehde and Ian Roffman.

**The 7/8 Musical is The Pajama Game.** The shows will be on 12/10,12/11 and 12/12. Auditions are over but rehearsals will 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](mailto:dowdwalsh@rcn.com) or 617-277-4651.



## Pierce Problem of the Week:



pow! [www.fotosearch.com](http://www.fotosearch.com)

**Problem #: 2 Ocean Legs** As I was scuba diving, I looked down on the ocean floor and saw crabs and starfish. I counted 30 legs. How many crabs and starfish could I have seen?

(Hint: You need to figure out how many legs on one crab.) Show your work using pictures, numbers or symbols.

Solutions are due on Wednesday, October 7th.

## Stop by and Visit the Improved Pierce School Website

- \* 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 web site. 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](mailto:pierceenrichment@aol.com) or 617-739-1919.
- \* Visit the new/improved after-school sports page (<http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Sports.shtml>) The sports section tells parents about all the sports options at Pierce and is weighted toward team opportunities, providing season, practice, and match information. The after-school component is only a tiny part of what the Pierce Sports link has to offer.

**Experienced teacher available to tutor all subjects, including Spanish** grades 3-8. Afterschool availability. Please contact: Melissa London (617.776.8293) / [melissa\\_london@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:melissa_london@brookline.k12.ma.us)

**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 Warm Lines (in the Newton Cultural Center at 225 Nevada St. in Newtonville) Free Parking. Pre-registration required: [www.warmlines.org](http://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](http://www.rachelsimmons.com).

**Celebrate Brookline! Come Out and Play** at the 2nd Annual Brookline BBQ Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Larz Anderson Park General Admission \$5.00 Children under 10 eat and play for free 3:00 pm to Dusk (rain or shine) Performances by Brian Doser Hosted & sponsored by the Brookline Chamber of Commerce with Food & Beverages donated by local businesses including: Qdoba (Mexican Grill), Goddard House in Brookline, Trader Joe's, True Value, and Al The New England Art Institute



## Save the Date

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) Saturday, October 17, **Car wash, 7th grade** (10:00am)  
Friday, October 23, **Performing arts assembly, "Dancing Wheels", Grades 1-8**

## 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, visit <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or email [poetsareangels@rcn.com](mailto: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!

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