

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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Please support The Pierce Team! Many teachers will be walking together on Oct. 4th for the sixteenth year of "The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk." Donations in any amount are most welcome. Ask your child's teacher if he/she is participating or see Ginny Carroll.

Thanks!

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Pierce Gear

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

Thursday, 10/1 @ 2-2:45pm

Accepting cash or check to 'Pierce PTO'

Sweatshirts.....\$25

Caps.....\$15

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT PIERCE SCHOOL

Early Morning Math and Reading Returns for 1st - 6th Graders

Early Morning Math will meet every Monday and Wednesday morning starting October 5th and October 7th. Early Morning Reading will meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting October 6th and 8th.

Both programs will run from 7:30 am til the start of school and will meet in the Pit.

Bike Security

During the week of September 14th a Pierce School third grader rode their bike to school. The parents didn't feel they needed to lock up the bike trusting that no one would steal a bike from a little kid. Unfortunately, when they left the school to go home, the bike was no longer at the bike rack.

If your child rides a bike to school, please make sure that you lock it up before they enter school for the day.

Pierce Problem of the Week:

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.)

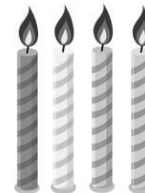
Show your work using pictures, numbers or symbols.

Solutions are due on Wednesday, October 7th.

Answer to the Pierce Problem of the Week:

Problem #: 1 Birthday Candles

The answer is: 35 Candles



Positive Press for Pierce

This corner will be highlighting the activities or accomplishments of our students or special events that showcase the many positive educational experiences students have at Pierce.

Congratulations to Pierce Art Barn Actors!

We were very proud to have seven Pierce actors perform in the Art Barn Community Theater production of "Popularity Pandemic". Our first through sixth graders saw a very well done musical on an important message of friendship and peer pressure.

Thank you to all of the students who worked hard to perform so fabulously in the play.

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 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 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.

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 or 617-277-4651.



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 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 piercenrichment@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

Save the Date

Thursday, October 1, **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00 am)
Tuesday, October 6, **Picture day**
Wednesday, October 7, **School council meeting** (6:00 pm) "REVISED DATE"
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**
Saturday, October 17, **Car wash, 7th grade** (10:00 am)
Friday, October 23, **Performing arts assembly, "Dancing Wheels", Grades 1-8**
Monday, October 26, **Farm school, Grade 7**
Tuesday, October 27, **Farm school, Grade 7**
Wednesday, October 28, **Farm school, Grade 7**
Wednesday, October 28, **ECS Parent Breakfast** (8-9 am)
Wednesday, October 28, **Principal's Forum** (7 pm)
Friday, October 30, **Summer Reading and Math Assembly, Grades 1-6** (9:15 am)

For the Current School Lunch Menu Visit:

<http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/NR/rdonlyres/F11BCF49-7AC4-4986-A1E8-2F775BDD205A/3003/Oct20091.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, visit <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/> or 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!

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