

# THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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**The Annual Seventh Grade Car Wash** is Saturday, October 17 from 10-2pm (weather permitting). It is held at Pierce School at the School street garage entrance. This is a community building event for 7th graders, the school and the neighborhood. This fundraiser will help offset the this years Farm School costs.



So stop on by and show your Pierce spirit!



## Parent Coffee

Wednesday, Morning October, 28 · 8:15 · in the Auditorium

- Learn about the Brookline Public Schools' Enrichment and Challenge Support Program and how it works at Pierce.
- Hear how ECS reaches all students through new curriculums.
- Find out how ECS serves students who show a capacity for high levels of academic, intellectual, and creative achievement.

## Reminder: PTO/Principal's Forum

### *"Avoiding the Power Struggle with Your Child: Parent Networking Across the K-8 Grades"*

Join the parents of your children's friends, classmates and other Pierce parents to connect with one another and hear helpful tips and strategies for effectively supporting your child through the various developmental stages. Learn of available resources and network with other supports in the Pierce community. We will have a guest speaker from the Brookline Mental Health Center and guests from the Brookline Parent Education Network. This will be a very informative evening! Bring your questions and ideas!

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2009  
Where: Pierce School Library  
Time: 7 pm-8:15 pm

Child care will be provided

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## Early Release Day

### Special Performances for Grades 1-5

12:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

### Sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day

Thursday, November 12-	Brett Outchunis Come Spin It with Ooch!	Wednesday, November 18-	Scott Jameson Magic
Thursday, December 3-	Pumpnickel Puppets Sir George and the Dragon	Wednesday, December 9-	Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell Earth Rhythms: A Musical Celebration

Please print out this registration form <http://www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Enrichment.shtml> and return it with your payment. Paper copies are available near the main office and PSED office. **Deadline for enrollment is Wednesday, November 4th.**

You do not need to fill out the form and pay if your child attend PSED (extended day) on these days.

For more information contact Abbie Fennell at 617-730-2589 or [pierceenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:pierceenrichment@gmail.com)

## Coming Soon... The Annual Pierce International Pot Luck Supper

**When:** Thursday, November 5th

**Time:** 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Pierce Cafeteria & Auditorium

\*Please bring enough food for your family and others to share. Food will be set up on tables--buffet style.

\*Label your dishes and serving utensils.

\*Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, no childcare will be provided, and parents are responsible for supervising the children that accompany them.

\*Food will not be allowed in the Auditorium.

\*International Entertainment will begin at 6:15 p.m.

**Math League** is a great winter activity for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Practices are held at Pierce each morning of the week, starting Nov. 16, 2009 through March 9, 2010 from 7:20-7:55am. There are five topics (Problem Solving, Bases, Operations, Geometry Measurement, and Patterns), and kids typically attend practices on one or two days a week.

Please consider encouraging your child to participate by volunteering to help coach a Math League topic one morning before school each week. It's a great way to work with your child and others on solving interesting math problems, with the goal of preparing the team for "meets" against other schools. Interested parents should contact Darrielle Sullivan ([Darrielle\\_Sullivan@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:Darrielle_Sullivan@brookline.k12.ma.us)) and Ira Heffan ([heffan@yahoo.com](mailto:heffan@yahoo.com)), and if possible join us at the first coaches meeting on Oct. 23 at 7:45am in the math specialists' office behind the pit.

Parents also can find out more about Math League at the ECS breakfast on Oct. 28, 2009, 8-9am in the auditorium.

## Positive Press for Pierce

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

**Please submit any appropriate information to Dr. Pipier Smith-Mumford ([pipier\\_smith-mumford@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:pipier_smith-mumford@brookline.k12.ma.us)).**

### Trick or Treat for UNICEF

As part of a longstanding tradition, Pierce prepares for Halloween trick or treat with students collecting donations for UNICEF. How many of us remember doing this as children when we went trick or treat? Thanks to first grade teacher, David Weinstein, and the students in 1W, we have UNICEF boxes going out to classrooms across the grades to help raise funds for children around the world. Our first graders will collect the boxes after Halloween, count the coins and send our donations to UNICEF. Thank you all for supporting our students so they think of other children less fortunate during Halloween.

Pipier Smith-Mumford  
Principal  
Pierce School

### Pierce Problem of the Week #3:

#### Soccer Sneaks

Betsy, Liz, Mark, Shari, and Wyman were in the league tournament on a rainy day. They left their dry sneakers on the sidelines to put on after the game. Since the sneakers were all dirty white, and they had the same company logo, telling them apart was a bit tricky. The only difference was in the size. The pile of sneakers had one pair each of sizes 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Use the clues below to decide who owns which sneakers. Betsy knew hers were the smallest.

Liz said hers were larger than Shari's but smaller than Mark's. Wyman said his were probably the largest. Show your work using pictures, numbers or symbols.



# Welcome to the Pierce GREEN Corner:

## GREEN Awareness

Exciting green news for the Pierce and Brookline communities! The newly-formed Climate Change Action Brookline has been hard at work creating initiatives to help Brookline enhance its green awareness. One such program is the creation of "Green Teams" at each of our grade schools. These teams work to lower their school's carbon footprint, integrate an energy conservation program into the curriculum, encourage students and parents to cut carbon at home and carry out special events. If you're interested in finding out more information please contact Pierce's team leader Kate Risse by email: [Katherine.Risse@tufts.edu](mailto:Katherine.Risse@tufts.edu).

There are lots of other events going on, highlighted by the upcoming Green Film Festival. The Green Guild, a local energy audit and weatherization company, is proud to be presenting the **1st Annual Green Film Festival**, being held at **7pm on October 21, 2009** at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. Friends of the Pierce PTO can receive discount tickets at [www.greenguild.com](http://www.greenguild.com) by clicking on the Green Film Festival link and selecting "Green Guild Friend" as their organization during checkout. Tickets are only \$5 each for the Pierce community!

The Green Film Festival is just one event taking place as part of Brookline, MA green week that began on Sunday, October 18 with the Brookline Green Expo. The expo took place at Brookline High School from 11:00am to 3:00pm and brought together local and national green businesses to highlight sustainable living and a green lifestyle. Additionally, Brookline High School will be holding a series of classes and workshops on the environment on **Thursday, October 22nd**.

**The Friends of the Brookline Public Library Annual Book Sale** offers bargains galore, and proceeds support children's and teen programming at the libraries, among other good works. Come, browse and buy at the Main Library, 2nd floor, Saturday, October 24 from 10 am - 4:30 pm, and Sunday, October 25 from 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Volunteers are also welcome; please call 617-277-6608 or email [jonathan\\_allen@juno.com](mailto:jonathan_allen@juno.com)

## 5th Annual Dress for Success Winter Coat & Clothing Drive

Start cleaning out those closets!! The Brookline Commission for Women is hosting its 5th Annual Dress for Success Winter Coat & Clothing Drive on Friday, November 13th from 11am - 7pm and Saturday, November 14th from 8am - 11am at the Brookline Public Safety Headquarters, Community Room, 350 Washington Street, Brookline. Please see the attached flyer.

Dress for Success is a not-for-profit organization that offers services to help disadvantaged women enter the workforce and stay employed. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit when she has a job interview and a week's worth of separates when she gets the job.

Please limit your donations to winter coats, business suits and accessories (gloves, scarves, shoes, handbags and briefcases, etc.) This is NOT a general clothing drive. All donations should be appropriate for the workplace and clean/ready to wear. Cash donations for the Dress for Success dry cleaning fund will also be accepted.

As with all our events, the Brookline Commission for Women is happy to accept nonperishable food donations for the Brookline Food Pantry.

Questions? [BCW@town.brookline.ma.us](mailto:BCW@town.brookline.ma.us) or 617-730-2407

This event is sponsored by the Brookline Commission for Women and supported by a grant from the Brookline Community Foundation.

## Save the Date

Wednesday, October 21, **1st Annual Green Film Festival** (7pm Coolidge Corner Theatre)  
Friday, October 23, **Math League, Coaches Meeting** (7:45 am)  
Friday, October 23, **Performing arts assembly, "Dancing Wheels", Grades 1-8** (9:35 am in the Gym)  
Saturday, October 24, **Friends of the Brookline Public Library Annual Book Sale** (10 am - 4:30 pm, Main Library, 2nd Floor)  
Sunday, October 25, **Friends of the Brookline Public Library Annual Book Sale** (1:00 pm - 4:30 pm)  
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)  
Tuesday, November 3, **No school for students**  
Thursday, November 5, **Annual International Pot Luck Supper** (6:00pm)  
Friday, November 6, 2009 **Pot luck community breakfast** (8:00am)  
Wednesday, November 11, **Veterans day** (no school)  
Thursday, November 12, **Early dismissal, Grades K-6** (12:30pm)  
Friday, November 13, **First term ends, Grades 6-8**  
Wednesday, November 18, **Early dismissal, Grades K-8** (12:30pm)

## 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

Thank you for your continued support. The broadsheet will continue another year of "green"! Therefore, the Broad-sheet 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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