

THE PIERCE SCHOOL BROADSHEET

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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 7:45am-8:15am everyday.

The cost is \$10 each

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



"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.

The PTO/Principal's Forum on March 10th from 7-8:15 pm in the library is sponsored by the School Council.

It's the Parent Input Night where families help the council develop our school improvement goals.

This interactive evening encourages parents and guardians to share their thinking on what "wows" them and what they "wonder about" at Pierce.

Please come out for this important school wide opportunity.

Those unable to attend that evening have an opportunity to complete an online survey starting the 11th of March.

The Pierce Book Fair needs to take a new direction

If you enjoy the BOOK FAIR, either as a volunteer or a customer...please come to a meeting to discuss the future of the PIERCE BOOK FAIR and how it will be organized going forward. Due to the economic climate, many companies are unable to bring new books from our required reading lists; we must now find a different direction and put a different twist on this long standing, beloved Pierce School tradition.

Please join us: Friday, March 26, 8:15am, Pierce School Cafeteria.

If you are unable to attend this meeting and have input to share, please contact Nicole: lapidusfamily@earthlink.net

Special Performances for Early Release Days

Grades 1-5 12:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Sponsored by the Pierce School Extended Day

Thursday, March 11 Mike Bent-Comedy and Magic www.abrakidabra.com

Tuesday, March 16 Wayne From Maine www.waynefrommaine.com

Thursday, March 25 Dan Foley-Juggling www.airbornecomedians.com

Tuesday, March 30 Toe Jam Puppet Band-Go Green! www.toejampuppetband.com

Please use the following link to register your child

<https://psed.wufoo.com/forms/pierce-school-early-release-series/>

Cost: \$48 or \$12 per show (checks should be payable to PSED)

Registration Deadline is Monday, March 8.

*If you enroll after the March 8 deadline, the cost of each show will be \$24.

We are unable to accommodate children signing up on the day of the performance.

*It is not necessary to if your child attends extended day on these days.

For additional information contact: Abbie Fennell piercenrichment@gmail.com or 617-730-2589

PATHfinders

An After School Program for 6th and 7th Grade Students Sponsored by the Pierce School Enrichment Program

Spring Session

April-June 2010

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays - 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Two day or three day a week option for enrollment.

Must commit to January through March 2010

The first hour of the program is homework time with homework support from the instructor. A light snack will be served during this time.

Students will plan, shop, and prepare a special snack twice a month.

The second hour of the program will consist of computer time on Mondays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will offer various activities such as: outdoor or indoor games, sports in the small gym, along with other activities that the children have an interest in. We will be providing early release programming at 12:30 p.m. if the early release day falls on a Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday. Early release days will consist of field trips and additional special activities. (PATHfinders-Pierce Activity Time and Homework)

Limited Space Available

Financial Assistance Available

Payment Plans Available

Cost \$250 per month for 3 days

Cost \$170 per month for 2 days

For an application or more information please contact Abbie Fennell at pierceenrichment@gmail.com or 617-730-2589

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.

Hunneman Hall of the Main Library

Thursday, March 18 - 8:15 a.m.

Devotion School Library

Tuesday, March 23 - 8:15 a.m.

Baker School Library

Pierce GREEN Corner

Waste Management, Who Can Help Us?

Are you looking for a better way to manage your home, small business or residential builders waste management system? If so, visit the Sustainable Waste Management Collaborative at:

<http://web.mac.com/entasisarchitects/SWMC/Home.html>

Pierce Parent James Lockwood, owner of Lockwood Construction, was a supporter of this program early on.

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).

Totals for the 4th Grade Bake Sale for The Haiti Relief Fund & Hats for Haiti

Many thanks!! The fourth grade fundraiser bake sale for Haiti raised over \$317. The total for both efforts was \$1759.65! Thanks to the teacher, student and parent volunteers who helped make this event possible. Funds raised will be donated to Partners in Health and the American Red Cross.

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.

Solutions are due March 10th.

Girl Scout Cookies are Here!

Troop 79244 will be selling Girl Scout cookies on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 2:20-3:15. The sale will be held in the cafeteria (this is a change in location).

Troop 81351 Let by Felina Mucha-Cyr will be selling Girl Scout Cookies on Friday, March 5th from 2:20-3:15 in the cafeteria. We will send half of our proceeds to the Chile Relief Fund. Thanks to all of those that purchased cookies on Monday!

Boxes are \$4.00 each.

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.

Celebrity Series of Boston

Take your Seat Program for April May 2010

Deadline Date March 12, 2:20pm

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| 1. | St. Laurence String quartet
Friday April 9, 8 pm | NEC's Jordan Hall |
| 2. | Chantecler
Sunday April 11 3 pm | NEC's |
| 3. | Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Thu, April 15 at 7:30pm; Fr, April 16 at 8pm; Sat, Feb 17 at 2pm & at 8pm
Sun, Feb 18 at 3pm | The Wang Theatre
Limit 25 tickets per school per show |
| 4. | Imani Winds with Stefon Harris
Friday, April 16 at 8pm | NEC's Jordan Hall |
| 5. | Maurizio Pollini, piano
Sunday, April 25, 3pm | Symphony Hall |
| 6. | Brian Stocks Mitchell
Saturday, May 8 at 8 pm | Sanders Theatre |

How to Order - Please read with attention!

Order forms lacking required ratio 4 students : 1 Adult will not be processed by the Celebrity Series!

(Except in the case of special needs students. Please mention if this is the case)

Arts, Education and Community Program "Take Your Seat": An opportunity for to enjoy performances at \$10.00 a ticket!

The goal of this project is to expose as many young people as possible to music and dance. The Project requests that schools participating in the program must adhere to a minimum of 4 students to every 1 adult chaperone for each submitted order. If additional adults wish to attend the performance, they may purchase tickets at full price. Please contact boxoffice@celebrityseries.org for more detail on purchasing additional adult tickets.

HOW TO ORDER: Please read and follow the rules! This is very important!

1. Note the deadlines for ordering! Print your student's name, his/her grade & Teacher's Name on each envelope! One envelope for each performance! No stamps!

2. Enclose a note (one for each performance!) with the following information (example):

Performance Name Example	Date	Pierce Student's Name (only one name please)	Grade and Teacher's!!! Name	Required Number of tickets for students / adults	Parent's name, telephone number & e-mail
Kirov Ballet	Oct.16 5 pm	Robert Green	6 Fitzgerald	4students/ 1Adult 8students/2Adults	Anne Green Email, phone

3. Make out checks to "Celebrity Series of Boston" An individual check is required for each performance! This is very important! Cash or credit cards are not acceptable.

4. Place your order in "Celebrity Series" box, which is next to Mary Gabriel's room.

5. Tickets are distributed to students not later then 7 days prior to performances.

6. ??? - 738-5269 (Sofia Ginzburg), <mailto:evginz@yahoo.de>
www.celebrityseries.org

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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.

Bluegrass Kids Jam

The Boston Bluegrass Union offers a free monthly kids jam, for all levels of experience, Sundays 1-4 pm, taught by professional bluegrass players. Kids should be between the ages of 6-16 and have basic skills in their instrument (fiddle, cello, guitar, mandolin, banjo, etc.).

Kids receive group instruction as well as opportunity to play in bluegrass festivals. The jams are hosted in participants' homes in and around Brookline/Boston. Next Jam is March 14th, 1-4 pm, Brookline Village. For more info. contact Kate Risse: katherine.risse@tufts.edu /617-277-0652

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Brookline Town-Wide Soccer Cleat Exchange

Want to do a good deed and get a new (used) pair of cleats?

The Brookline Town-Wide Cleat Exchange will take place the week of March 15, 2010, and provide the opportunity to donate used soccer cleats, exchange used cleats for new (used) cleats, or buy donated cleats (at our recession special price of \$5) in time for the spring soccer season.

Cleats remaining after the exchange will be donated to soccer programs for disadvantaged youth, and money collected will help fund Brookline Recreation soccer scholarships.

Help everyone enjoy soccer for less! Shin guards may also be donated and exchanged or purchased (for \$2). Exchange hours are as follows in each k-8 school:

(Please note change in times)

Tuesday, March 16 7:45-8:00 a.m. – collection

Wednesday, March 17 7:45-8:00 a.m. - collection

Thursday, March 18 7:45-8:00 a.m. – exchange and sale

After Thursday remaining cleats from all schools will be pooled and available for exchange or sale at the Tappan St. Gym (gym #2) as follows: Thursday, March 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, 9-11 a.m.

Volunteers are still needed! Only one hour of volunteer time is needed in each school to make the Exchange possible, and that can even be divided among two or more people. Please contact pueda@comast.net or tiffanyrinne@gmail.com.

We would like to donate any remaining cleats to L'Athletique d'Haiti, which provides soccer programs for boys and girls in Haiti and relies entirely on donated cleats. Anyone who has means or information about getting them there without substantial cost should please contact the Exchange organizers at the above email addresses.

Save the Date

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*

Thursday, March 25, *Early Dismissal, Grades K-6* (12:30pm)

Pierce School Menu:

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.

Broadsheet

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Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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