

Our Mission

The PTO includes all parents and teachers at Pierce School. The mission of the PTO is to help raise and spend funds to enhance the academic experience of our children. The PTO is led by a board of parent and teacher representatives. Pierce parents, teachers and staff volunteer their time and energy to staff events, organize activities, assist in school-day projects and engage community partners in support of the school.

The PTO raises and distributes approximately \$50,000 each year. Our guiding principle regarding spending is to benefit the greatest number of children. The top PTO-funded projects last year were:

- Teacher Reimbursements for classroom supplies
- Academic and cultural enrichment programs, before, during and after school
- Field trip subsidies
- Technology Purchases
- PTO events such as FitFest, Skate Night, March Madness, Book Fair and the Pierce Picnic

The PTO works closely with Dr. Smith-Mumford and Mr. Badger to represent parent voices and identify opportunities for support. The PTO Co-Chairs meet monthly with Superintendent Lupini and the other PTO Presidents in Brookline to share ideas, best practices and parent concerns.

We welcome you to join our meetings, come to an event, or stop one of us at school to ask questions or learn more. Welcome to a new school year!

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10 Reasons To Get Involved

1

Your child benefits.

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.

2

We make a difference.

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where students, teachers and administrators can do their best work. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We help create learning opportunities for children. And we try to build a supportive, caring and fun school atmosphere.

3

We pledge to honor your time constraints.

People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they'll get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. We will honor your time commitment, and every hour helps.

4

We have fun.

Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot, we don't take ourselves too seriously, and we try to enjoy ourselves along the way whenever possible.

5

Meet nice people who share your concerns.

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. This is an opportunity to get to know other parents better.

6

There's a lot to be done.

These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.

7

We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.

The work we do covers a broad spectrum. Planning and executing events, writing and editing, assisting teachers and administrators, and lots more. We encourage creative ideas, and we're thrilled to have people take on projects that meet their skills and interests.

8

We're welcoming.

To us, there are no "outsiders." We are people who have come together to work toward common goals. All are welcome.

9

We're about parent involvement, not only fundraising.

In these times of tight budgets, parent groups everywhere are having to fill in the gaps, and so are we. But our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school. That's because more than 300 independent research studies show that building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school and improve student performance.

10

This work is very rewarding

It's seeing the bright light of learning sparkle in a child's eye. It's seeing the smile that shows we're making school a little more fun—and a child feel a little more comfortable in the learning environment. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved. Won't you join us?

PiercePTO

2011-2012

Did you know the PTO sponsors:

Fit Fest

Pierce Wear apparel sales

Henry Bear's Gift Wrap

Skate Night

Auction Plays

Book Fair

End of Year Picnic

Outreach / Breakfasts

Tours Web Site

Picture Day

March Madness

2011-2012 Calendar

as of 9/9/11 - events and dates subject to change; be sure to check www.pierceschoolbrookline.org/Pto.shtml for latest updates

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Students Return
- 9 PTO Welcome Breakfast, 8am, Cafeteria
- 12 Elementary Spanish instruction begins
- 18 4th Annual FitFest, 1 - 3 pm, Pierce Park (Rain date: Sept. 25th)
- 20-26* Auditions for 7-8 play (TBD), 2:30-5 pm
- 21 K-6 Open House: Grade 6, 5:30 pm; Grades 4-5, 6 pm; Grades 2-3, 6:30 pm; Grades K-1, 7 pm
- 22 Grades 7/8 Open House, 5:30 pm
- 23 8th Grade Hiking Trip
- 27 Summer Reading/ Math Assembly (students and teachers only)
- 28* ECS Parent Breakfast, 8:15-9 am, Auditorium
- 29 NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)

OCTOBER

- 6 Art Barn Performance: Grades 1-3, 8:30 am; Grades 4-6, 9:45 am (students and teachers only)
- School Council Meeting, 6 pm
- 7 Interim Progress Reports issued, Grades 6-8
- 10 No School (Columbus Day)
- 12* Grades 5-8 Cross Country Track Meet, Larz Anderson (Rain date, 10/13)
- 13 PTO and Principals' Forum (Topic: Responsive Classroom and Developmental Design:How we Build Community) 7 pm, Library
- 15 7th Grade Car Wash, 10 am-2 pm
- 18 Fundraiser at the Meat House
- 20 Picture Day
- 24-31 Fall MEPA testing, LEP students, Grades 1-8
- 24-26 7th Grade Farm School

NOVEMBER

- 3 International Potluck Supper
- 4 First Term Marking Period ends for Grades 6-8
- 8 No School (Professional Day)

- 10 First Term Report Cards Sent home for Grades 6-8
- 11 No School (Veterans Day)
- 17 Early Dismissal, Grades K-6, 12:30 pm
- 18 PTO Community Breakfast, 8 am, Cafeteria
- 19 Report Cards issued, Grades 6, 7, 8
- 23 Noon Dismissal
- 24-25 No School (Thanksgiving)
- 30 Early Dismissal, Grades K-8, 12:30 pm

DECEMBER

- 1-4 Henry Bear's Park Fundraiser
- 8 Early Dismissal, Grades K-8, 12:30 pm
- 8-10 7/8 Play (TBD)
- 14 Early Dismissal, Grades K-12, 12:30 pm
- 16 Winter Sing: Grade 1, 8:30-9:00 am; Grade 2, 9:15-9:45 am (parents invited)
- Second Term Interim Progress Reports issued, Grades 6-8
- 20 Winter Sing, Choruses for 5th and 6th Grades and 7-8 Chorus, 1:45 pm
- 22 Winter Sing, Grades 3-4, 8:15-8:45 am (parents invited)
- 26-30 NO SCHOOL (Winter/Holiday Vacation)

JANUARY

- 3 Return from Winter Break
- 6 Skate Night at Larz Anderson
- 12 MLK assembly, Grades 5-8, 8:30 am (students and teachers only)
- 16 NO SCHOOL (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
- 20 MLK assembly, Grades K-4, 8:30 am (students and teachers only)
- 25 PTO Evening meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria
- 27 Report cards issued, Grades 6-8

FEBRUARY

- 3 Chinese New Year Celebration

- 6* Town wide Strings Concert, Grades 4-6, Lawrence School, 7 pm
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL February Vacation

MARCH

- 5-16 Spring MEPA testing, LEP Students, Grades K-8
- 6-8 March Madness
- 8 PTO Community Breakfast, 8 am, Cafeteria
- 9 Third Term Interim Progress Reports issued, Grades 6-8
- 20 MCAS ELA Composition, grades 4 and 7 (Make up date 3/29)
- 21-22 MCAS ELA Reading Comprehension, Grades 3 and 5
- 26-27 MCAS ELA Reading Comprehension, Grades 4 and 7
- 28 MCAS ELA Reading Comprehension, Grades 6 and 8
- 29 MCAS ELA Composition, grades 4 and 7 (Make up only)
- Bingo for Books, Grades 1-3, 5:30 pm, Cafeteria
- 30 MCAS ELA Reading Comprehension, Grades 6 and 8
- 31 PTO Evening Event TBD
- TBD Grades 3-6 play

APRIL

- 4 Early Dismissal, Grades K-12, 12:30 pm
- 6 NO SCHOOL (Good Friday), Passover begins at sunset
- 11 PTO Evening meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Early Dismissal, Grades K-6, 12:30 pm
- 13 Report Cards issued, Grades 6-8
- 16-20 NO SCHOOL April Vacation
- 25 Early Dismissal, Grades K-6, 12:30 pm
- 26* Pierce Reads

MAY

- 3 Early Dismissal, Grades K-6, 12:30 pm

- 8-9 MCAS Math, Grades 3 and 5
- 10-11 MCAS Math, Grades 6 and 8
- 11 PTO Community Breakfast, 8 am, Cafeteria
- 14 MCAS Math, Grades 4 and 7
- 16-17 MCAS Science and Technology, Grades 5 and 8
- 17 Spring Sing, Grade 2, 8:30- 9:00 am (parents invited)
- 18 Spring Sing, Grade K, 8:30-9:00 am; Grade 1, 9:15-9:45 am (parents invited)
- Fourth Term Interim Progress Reports issued, Grades 6-8
- 21 Track Meet, Rain date 5/22
- 22 Grades 5-8 Choral Concert, 6:30 pm (parents invited)
- 23 Track Meet, Grades 7-8, Rain date 5/24
- 25 Memorial Day Assembly, Grades K-4, 9:00am, Grades 5-8, 9:45am (students & teachers only)
- 28 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day Holiday)
- 29-31 Book Fair
- 31 June 1* Annual 8th Grade Trip

JUNE

- 6 Picnic (rain date 6/7)
- 7 Grade 3 Recorder Concert, 8:15-8:45 am (parents invited)
- 8 Spring Sing, Grade 4, 8:15-9:45 am (parents invited)
- 11** Grade 8 Awards and Dinner/Dance, 5:00 pm
- 12** Graduation, 4 pm
- 18** Last Day, Noon Dismissal
- Report Cards issued, Grades 6-8

* Tentative

** If no snow days

Volunteerism by Grade

We look forward to having a strong parent volunteer force. You will be contacted prior to your event with more information. Volunteerism by Grade helps us to plan for larger events and gives everyone an opportunity to volunteer.

Kindergarten	Henry Bear's Park	12/1 - 12/4
Grade 1	Picture Day	10/20
Grade 2	March Madness	3/6 - 3/8
Grade 3	Bookfair	5/29 - 5/31

Grade 4	Fitfest	9/18
Grade 5	Parent Event	3/31
Grade 6	Picnic	6/6
Grades 7-8	Graduatio	6/12

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