

The PEIRCE LINK

A Near-Weekly Publication of the Peirce PTO

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Calendar

November

19 Mothers' Night Out

20 Dads' Coffee 8:30AM

25 School closes at NOON

26-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December

10 Early release 12:30PM

24 December Recess – NO SCHOOL

January

4 School back in session

Co-Presidents' Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

Make every day Earth Day! This year the Social Action Committee (SAC) will focus on preserving our natural resources and protecting our environment. There is a SAC bulletin board in the school with a suggestions box, a green tip and a poster about climate change. Please check it out and leave them a comment or suggestion. Also in each Peirce Link they have been providing "green tips" for a healthy lifestyle and ideas about how to reduce your carbon footprint. They are inviting you to share your "green ideas" by submitting information on personal stories to April McCabe via the bulletin board suggestion envelope or email staprel@yahoo.com.

We have two social events planned next week. First is the Mom's night out at Shelby Chamberlain's home, 49 Temple Street, on Thursday November 19. It starts at 7PM and you can send in your RSVP and \$10 check made out to the Peirce PTO in the box marked "Mom's Night Out" by the main office. The second is a Dad's Coffee at the home of Paul Friedberg, 111 Temple Street, on November 20, 2009 (a casual Friday). Drop by after drop-off. We hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Penny Macht, Janet Clay and Jodi Klein

School News

WORD OF THE WEEK – Journalist (noun): Someone who collects information and writes articles for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio.

BOOK YOUR BABYSITTER FOR MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT THIS THURSDAY 11/19– Please RSVP this week for the MNO by leaving your check for \$10 payable to the "Peirce PTO" in the "Mothers' Night Out" box by the School Office. The MNO is Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:00-10PM, at the home of Shelby and Miceal Chamberlain, 49 Temple St, West Newton Cost: \$10. Please join other Peirce moms for a relaxing evening out. During the morning rush, it is often difficult to chat with other parents about your child's community. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and reconnect with old friends. Contact Debbie Drucker at druckerdeb@yahoo.com for more info.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE – Please see the attachment about the Peirce "Make Every Day Earth Day" initiative.

PEIRCE AUCTION & CASINO NIGHT - February 6, 6:30-10:00PM at the Neighborhood Club. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this year's auction. We are still seeking a few more items for the auction. If you have a special skill, a vacation home, Celtic or Patriot game tickets, or frequent flying miles or points to cover the cost of a hotel stay or restaurant, please consider donating to our school auction. The Peirce Auction is a closed event and anything you donate is available only to the Peirce community for bidding. This year, there will be an **online auction** beginning two weeks prior to Casino Night and closing the night before Casino Night. The auction items will be split between an online auction **and a silent auction** at Casino night. Most items listed on the online auction will be SOLD prior to Casino Night. Look for special items at Casino Night including your child's class room art projects, special sports events tickets, dinners and vacation homes. You can reach Donna or Mia at donnagiovannini@gmail.com or MWenjen@aquent.com.

WINTER & SPRING GRADES 4&5 CONCERT DATES – Mark your calendars now. The date for the Winter Concert (Grades 4&5) is February 3 (10:00AM and 7:30PM) with a snow date of February 10. The date for the Spring Concert (Grades 4&5) is June 10 (10:00AM and 7:30PM).

LIBRARY NEWS - the Peirce Library catalog is now searchable from home. In the coming weeks look for "vodcast tutorials" to help students and parents learn more about the catalog and searching tips. The catalog can be accessed from the library's website at http://www2.newton.k12.ma.us/~Jamie_Lightfoot (then click library catalog) or directly at <https://npsdestiny.newton.k12.ma.us> .

SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT TO THE PEIRCE PRESS - Spearheaded by Brita Lundberg for the second year, Peirce Elementary School students publish a newspaper that is distributed twice a year (December and June). The broadsheet-size paper is distributed throughout West Newton to all the Newton elementary, middle and high schools, as well as to other public places such as the Newton Free Library and Town Hall. Students report and write news articles, features, editorials, columns, and cartoons that are read by hundreds of students, parents, and teachers across the city. Please help support your local community and the children of Peirce School in this important effort! Please see the advertisement form at the end of the Peirce Link. If you have questions related to advertisements, please contact Deborah Brown at deborahbrown@rcn.com or Nat Andreae at caoandreae@aol.com. Deadline for submissions is November 25th, 2009! Thank you for your support!

PEIRCE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - The Peirce Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Committee is in need of a co-chair and/or committee members to plan, implement and support the SRTS program at Peirce for this school year. Our committee will work to promote safety around the school and to encourage more children to walk and bicycle to school. We work with the PTO and faculty at Peirce as well as coordinating efforts with local and state program representatives. There is an exciting "walk to school day" being planned for this spring, as well as a walk to "feed families" next month. If you would like to join the committee or just want more information, please contact Paula Gannon at psgannon@comcast.net or by phone at 617-694-1973.

NOTE: There are many attachments in this week's Peirce Link. Please be sure to scroll down to read them.

Community News

NEWTON SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH - The Superintendent Search Committee has begun its endeavor to find the best person to be our City's new superintendent. As part of the process, the committee is interested in getting as much input from residents as possible. There will be many opportunities for community members to be part of the process - there will be focus groups, community forums, etc. Attached please find a form that was drafted by the search firm hired by the School Committee. The firm will be the direct contact with all who apply for the superintendent position. Please either fill out the form or draft a sentence or two or three that responds to the questions asked. All responses can be emailed to Laura Holt at lholt@comcast.net or mailed to her at: Laura Holt, 35 Vineyard Road, Newton MA 02459. Thanks in advance for your participation.

FAMILY PLAY WITH ELLEN JACKSON: GAMES OF THE 1800s - Spend an afternoon visiting with Ellen Jackson, learning about the games of her time. Sunday, November 15, 2PM at the Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington St., Newton. Find out what kids did for fun before TV, video games, and the internet. Learn about ninepins, solve riddles, try your hand at rolling the hoop, and make your own cats cradle. It's fun for the whole family! Cost: \$10 per family (\$5 for members); includes museum admission and materials. Prepaid registration is recommended, call 617.796.1450 to register.

NEWTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - "THOSE FABULOUS CZECHS": Sunday November 15 at 3PM, at the Rashi Auditorium, 15 Walnut Park, Newton Corner, the Newton Symphony Orchestra directed by James M Orent will perform works by Suk, Smetana and Dvorak. Suk, Scherzo Fantastique, Smetana, Vltava, (The Moldau) from Ma Vlast, Dvorak Prague Waltzes and Dvorak's beloved Cello Concerto with Newton native, cellist Bobby Chen. Still only a senior in high

school, Bobby is already master of his instrument, accomplished performer and local and national prize winner. The concert is at 3PM, so bring your children and let Bobby and the NSO help motivate them to become involved in classical music. Meet Bobby, Maestro Orent and orchestra members at the free post concert reception. Tickets for children just \$10; \$32 and \$27 for adults; \$27 and \$22 for seniors and students. Discounts for groups. www.newtonsymphony.org, or call 617 965 2555. Tickets also available at the door on Sunday.

FREE PARENTING GROUP - Parent Management Training: Join other parents of elementary-aged children and a professional facilitator to explore possible solutions to problem behavior using Parent Management Training (PMT), an evidence-based program for parents developed by Alan Kazdin, Ph.D., of Yale University's Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic. PMT has been consistently proven to decrease behavioral problems and increase positive behavior in children. It is highly effective in reducing tantrums, fighting, and disruptiveness. These free workshops will be led by Rachel Nenner-Payton, LICSW, a senior clinician at Riverside Community Care in Newton. Five sessions on Tuesdays 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15 9:30 to 10:45AM at the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club, 675 Watertown Street, 02460. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required: call 617-969-4925. Co-sponsored by Riverside Community Care and The Newton Partnership.

NEWTON GIRLS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NGBA) - Registration is underway for the upcoming NGBA season. Join the more than 500 players from second grade through high school level who play NGBA basketball. This is a recreational league for Newton girls with fun for beginners and experienced players alike! Games on Saturdays for all grades, starting December 5 and continuing into mid-March. No weekday practices for High School girls. Registrations due Monday, November 30 for High School. Late fee applies. Need-based scholarships available; see website for details. To register, and for more details, visit the website at www.ngba.net. Questions: (617) 244-2139.

WINTER VACATION SOCCER CLINIC AT BOSTON COLLEGE – The Women's Soccer staff invite girls aged 6-14 to join them for a soccer clinic at BC. The program runs December 28-31 from 12PM-5PM. The focus is on fun and development. Come and join the BC players and coaches for a great soccer experience. For information on all our programs and registration please visit: www.bceagles.com/camps or call 617-552-0982 or email soccer.clinic@bc.edu

2009-2010 FAMILY FOLK DANCES - The New England Folk Festival Association and the Folk Arts Center of New England present 2009-2010 Family Dances Sundays 2-4PM, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord. Refreshments! Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, Mar. 21. All dances will be taught. Dances are appropriate for ages 5 and up. Parents are responsible for their children. Admission: \$5/person, \$25/family maximum. Info: (781) 662-7476 FAC (781) 662-6710 NEFFA. Help protect the wooden floor by bringing a separate pair of clean, soft-soled shoes to dance in. For safety's sake, children must dance in shoes, not socks or bare feet.

COLLECTING GENTLY USED SHOES FOR CHILDREN K-12 IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION - On behalf of Action for Post-Soviet Jewry, Inc. (<http://www.actionpsj.org>), I am collecting needed items for Jewish youth in the former Soviet Union. If you have shoes in good condition, please drop them off in the marked box at Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street, Newton, or at my front door at 20 Elizabeth Circle, Newton. Thank you in advance for helping me make a difference for at least some of the children. frankmeister@comcast.net or adaminc@comcast.net

TURKEY SHOOT RAFFLE - The John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton and the Club Crusaders will hold its 1st Annual Turkey Shoot Raffle on Friday November 20, at 675 Watertown Street in Newton. Enjoy an evening of FUN and a chance to win all the fixings for your Thanksgiving celebration (Turkeys, Pies, Cider and Baskets of Vegetables) and a GRAND BASKET (worth over \$150). Light refreshments. Doors open at 6:30PM, event starts at 7PM. Admission tickets (\$5 each) can be purchased at the door or by contacting the Daniela Proia or Andrea Mazzola at the Club at 617-630-2066.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Sunday Nov. 15, 10AM - noon. Kids are welcome! Tours, music, refreshments and fun. *The Diane K. Trust Center for Early Education of Temple Ohabei Shalom* in Coolidge Corner, 1187 Beacon St., Brookline, cultivates a love of learning in a cheerful, nurturing setting for children 2.9 to 5 years old. Caring and dedicated professionals encourage Jewish identity and respect for social values. Half and full-day programs with extended care available. <http://www.ohabei.org/learning/preschool.php>. Questions? Contact Director Karen Glansberg LICSW at 617-264-2801 or kglansberg@ohabei.org.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - CelebrateNewton, is Sunday Decemeber 6 at Newton South High School from 10AM-4PM. There are over 50 artisans at CelebrateNewton, including weavers, jewelers, quilters, potters, painters, photographers. The artisans work is for sale. Live music provides a lovely backdrop for the event. There will be food and children's activities. We hope you'll join us and support our local artisans. Proceeds from Celebrate Newton benefit the Newton Schools Foundation. For more information visit our new website at www.celebratenewton.com.

NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE INK PRESENTS "20th Century" - This hilarious comedy follows financially ruined theatre producer Oscar Jaffe's zany plots to win back his former lover and leading lady, Lily Garland. Outrageous characters and wild twists drive this over-the-top farce. November 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30PM in Lasker Auditorium at NNHS. Tickets \$7 at www.theatreink.net or 617-559-6406.

NEWTON YOUTH HOCKEY LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM – Sign-ups underway. Begins Nov. 14 at Fessenden School. Learn basic skills while having fun. Two groups: Saturdays at noon for beginners/first timers & Saturdays at 1PM for those with some skating ability. Mid-November through most of March. www.newtonyouthhockey.com. Click on "Learn to Skate".

NEWTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM - The CPC will hold a public hearing for new funding proposals on **November 18**, starting at 6:30PM in the City Hall Cafeteria (basement). Proposals will be presented for: Angino Farm Barn (\$568,000); City Archives - Combined (\$36,545); City Hall Historic Art (\$5,200); Historic Preservation Guidelines (\$55,000); and Veteran House (community housing at 2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, \$360,000). All proposals are online at www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa/projects.htm as well as at the Newton Free Library on Homer Street (consult reference staff). For details, contact Alice Ingerson at aingerson@newtonma.gov, 617-796-1144.

SHOP FOR AWARENESS - Benefit for MEDA to be held on Thursday, December 3 at 35 Hyde Avenue from 7-10PM. Fine jewelry, art, Italian pottery, designer coats and more for sale. From 6-6:30PM, please come for a free seminar entitled, "Teens and Body Image". To RSVP for the seminar, please email Becky Manley at manley@medainc.org.

Classifieds

TUTORING - Our many years of experience in teaching and educational consulting has developed the right way to motivate, the right way to teach, be understood, and be remembered. We tutor special ed. such as ADD, ADHD, Asperger's, Autism, Emotional/Behavioral, and gifted. We also tutor regular ed. and test preparation. All subjects and ages are taught. Parents can now receive 25% off the first lesson. Call 781-492-8700 or log on to www.Y3KTutorInYourHome.com

LICE AUNTIES - Lice Aunties is an in-home, non-toxic, all mom, lice removal business based in Newton. Thousands of heads checked with affection and a sense of humor. Visit www.liceaunties.com.

EIGHTH GRADER SEEKING BABYSITTING JOB – After school (3:00 PM) and on weekends. Peirce alumna and former EDP volunteer. Kathryn Adelson 857-636-2718 or k.adelson@verizon.net.

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NEW PHYSICIAN PRACTICE OPENING - David Kieff, M.D., father of two former Peirce children, is pleased to announce the opening of his private practice specializing in Ear, Nose, and Throat and Facial Plastic Surgery for both children and adults. His office is located at 65 Walnut St. in Wellesley. He is currently accepting new patients and will see patients within 48 hours. Please call his office at 617-997-2900 if you would like to make an appointment!

Submissions may be made by email only to newtonpeirce@yahoo.com

Submission deadlines are Wednesdays, by 5:30pm.

For fairness and reliability, we strictly adhere to this deadline.

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Dear Newton Community-

As many of you know, Jeff Beatrice, a gifted coach and father of eleven, died unexpectedly last month. He leaves behind his wife, Elinor, and seven children within the Newton Public Schools ranging from a kindergartener to a senior in high school. With Jeff's passing, a huge void was left financially for the family. Not surprisingly, the Newton community has rallied to support this family in a myriad of ways. In an effort to streamline these efforts a group of concerned citizens has pledged to work together to find ways to support the Beatrice Family Fund. Our hope is that our collective efforts will allow the family to remain together in their home.

To that end, we have developed a number of ways that the greater Newton community can help in our efforts.

1. Financial donations can be sent to:
The Beatrice Family Fund
c/o The Village Bank
307 Auburn Street
Auburndale, MA 02466
2. To help Elinor and the family with meals and other tasks please visit <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/619171/login/>
3. There are a number of upcoming fundraisers including:
 - **Newton Elks Fund-raiser:** The Newton Elks is hosting a fund-raiser for the Beatrice Family Fund on Saturday, November 14 from 7pm-12 midnight. There will be food, a disc jockey and a cash bar, as well as a raffle for Patriots-Jets game and other silent auction/raffle items. Tickets are \$25 (adults only). It will be held at Newton Lodge of Elks, 429 Centre Street, Newton MA. To purchase tickets to this event, contact John Davis at: 617-435-1791 or Johnnyrotten1@comcast.net
 - **Patriots Raffle Tickets:** In addition to the event, John Davis has offered his tickets for the Patriots-Jets game on November 22nd. We're selling 500 raffle tickets at \$25.00 each. We need both buyers and sellers. The drawing is Saturday, November 14th at the Newton Elks Lodge, 429 Center Street. You don't have to be present to win. We need help selling the Pats-Jets raffle tickets. Please contact Matt Kenslea at: mkenslea@harvardbusiness.org
 - **Veterans Day Event:** There will be Sports-a-Thon event at Ablemarle field on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm where softball, baseball, Pop Warner and some basketball teams will play and contribute funds to the Beatrice Family Fund. IF YOU CAN (and kids are welcome) VOLUNTEER TO HELP, please contact--Amy McMahon at amymcm@rcn.com or call: 617-527-1404. Volunteers are needed in concessions, trash pick up, and clean up at the end of the event. We also need more food donations for concessions: baked goods, fruit, granola and cereal bars, juice. Can you help? If so, contact: Nina Levin at nina.levin@rcn.com.
 - **Anyone interested in helping with fund-raising,** please contact: Amy McMahon (amymcm@rcn.com), Katie Slocum (kathry@slocum.com), Meryl Appelbaum (mitchelappelbaum@comcast.net) or Tracy Clark (samalama@rcn.com) with your ideas and contact info.
4. Share The Beatrice Family story with friends and family (every amount will make a difference).

For more information about this family please visit our website at www.beatricefamilyfund.com.

Thank you for your support. It is times like these that we all feel so fortunate to live in such an amazing community.

Best,

The Beatrice Family Steering Committee

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Each year the Jordan Bennet Weiss Fund collaborates with the Newton Health and Human Services Department to raise awareness of the signs of diabetes.

Warning Signs of Diabetes

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE JORDAN BENNETT WEISS FUND AND THE CITY OF NEWTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JBW FUND – PO Box 590223 NEWTON CENTRE MA 02459 – JBWfund@aol.com

Familiarize yourself with the warning signs / symptoms of diabetes. Sometimes the symptoms are very obvious, and other times they are not. **Early detection and knowledge** of the warning signs is your greatest weapon against the disease and its complications!*

TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS: These symptoms often occur suddenly and must receive immediate medical attention.

Excessive thirst

Frequent urination, sometimes exhibited by bedwetting (in large quantities)

Sudden vision changes

High amounts of sugar in the blood and/or urine (A sweet, fruity odor may be present in urine. on ones' breath/body)

Extreme hunger (increased appetite)

Rapid or unexplained weight loss

Fatigue (weak and tired)

Irritability and mood changes

Drowsiness, lethargy

Nausea and/or vomiting

Abdominal pain

Rapid, hard breathing (heavy, labored)

Confusion, Stupor, Unconsciousness

TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS: These symptoms occur gradually, however, they must receive immediate medical attention.

Blurred vision

Tingling or numbness in the legs, feet or fingers

Frequent infections of the skin

Recurring skin, gum or urinary tract infections

Darker patches of skin usually in neck folds

Itching of skin and/or genitals

Drowsiness

Slow healing of cuts and bruises

Any of the symptoms listed under type 1 diabetes

***PLEASE NOTE: MANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS CAN BE RELATED TO ILLNESSES THAT ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH DIABETES, INCLUDING THE FLU. ONLY A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CAN PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND TREATMENTS.**

For more information, log onto www.diabetes.org , www.jdrf.org , www.joslin.org or www.JBWfund.org

Submit an Advertisement to the PEIRCE PRESS

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Deadline for submissions is November 25th, 2009

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E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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- 1) Complete this form, attach the Ad Copy (we can scan your image), make payment by check and place everything in the box marked "Peirce Press" across from the main office;
- 2) OR submit your ad to (email address here) and mail payment to the address below;
- 3) Or complete this form, attach the Ad Copy, make payment by check and mail everything to: (one of your addresses here) West Newton, MA 02465

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We request that payment for all advertisements accompany copy. We will send an email confirming receipt of your submission. Please make checks payable to: Peirce PTO.

office@hyasearch.com fax: 847-724-8467

PEIRCE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Welcome to the first issue of "Make Every Day Earth Day" sponsored by the Peirce Social Action Committee. Each month we will focus on "green living" and share helpful tips and practices you can use! We'd like to hear from you about your "green living" ideas or "green" family practices. We'll publish your suggestions each month! Please e-mail Aprel McCabe at staprel@yahoo.com your "green" suggestions or family practices for publication in future "Make Every Day Earth Day" issues.

Autumn brings falling leaves and falling temperatures. It's time to prepare the yard for winter and close up the flower beds. Chemical fertilizers are popular but they damage our water supply. A common "green method" is to leave grass clippings on the lawn! Also, your leaves can be used for mulch or added to your compost bin - no need to purchase lawn and leaf bags! For more green landscaping ideas and to view a seasonal green lawn care guide visit this website: <http://www.greenscapes.org/Checklist>

Do you ever wonder what you should do with those plastic CVS or Target bags? Recycling those bags is better than throwing them out, but how do you store them so they are easy to find and re-use? It's simple! Stuff your plastic store bags in a paper towel roll and place the roll in a convenient location in your mud room or kitchen. Now your plastic bags will be within easy reach when you need them!