

The PEIRCE LINK

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Co-Presidents' Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

We want to thank all the families that participated in the International Walk To School Day in the pouring rain – what a great effort by all! A special thanks to Paula Gannon for organizing the event.

This Saturday's Mystery Dinner is sure to be a wonderful evening full of great conversation, delicious food, and lots of fun. We want to thank Cynthia Willen and Julie Marcus for doing such a fabulous job organizing this event for our community. The Mystery Dinner is a significant fundraiser for the PTO. Funds raised from this event will benefit our support of school technology needs, classroom supplies, and our outstanding Creative Arts & Sciences enrichment program. None of these projects are possible without the generosity of the families in our community.

The Gift Wrap Sale is completed, raising \$3,000 for the PTO. Thank you to all the families who participated, and especially to Mia Wenjen and Nancy Breslin who ran this event.

Next week we have our Book Fair. Please note the times it is open, and plan to come by to stock up on new books for your family.

We wanted to remind families that our website, www.peircepto.com, has a section called "Health", which has a wealth of information about lice, which, unfortunately, can be problematic at this time of year.

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved with the PTO, and we welcome your support. Just let us know, and we'd be happy to find something for you to get involved in that suits your interest.

Respectfully,
Janet Clay, Jody Klein, and Penny Macht
PTO Co-Presidents

School News

WORD OF THE WEEK – Format (noun): The shape or style of something.

PEIRCE BOOK FAIR - Coming October 22, 8AM – 6PM and October 23, 8AM- 8PM. The Peirce Book Fair is sending readers on an adventure, giving them a passport to meet interesting people and visit amazing places through books. Bon voyage! Happy reading! Mark your calendars for the amazing selection of books that is headed our way. Come join the adventures, discover some new places and select some books for the entire family or classroom to share! Make sure you

bring the entire family on Friday, October 23 from 6PM -8PM for Family Night at the Book Fair. Bring the family dressed in costumes for reading hour where everyone can join in the fun! Check out our exciting Peirce School Book Fair Homepage <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/peircenewton> where you have the opportunity to preview some of the featured books or learn about volunteering. Please contact Book Fair organizers Audrey Lampert, Stella Lee, Julie Goldman, Vickie Spetter or Natalie Andraea with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BOOK FAIR: The Annual PTO Book Fair will be held Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23. We need your help to set-up, staff, and break down the book fair. Please sign up to lend a hand! We need your help Wednesday from 4:15 – 6PM for set-up, Thursday 7-7PM, and Friday 8-8PM. You can work as much, or as little, as your schedule permits. Please e-mail your availability to Vicki Spetter (vspetter@earthlink.net) or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

PTO SPEAKER - The PTOs of Peirce, Mason-Rice, Angier, Ward and Zervas schools are excited to announce the co-sponsoring of renowned speaker Dr. Edward Hallowell on October 26 at 7PM at the Mason Rice auditorium. Dr. Edward M. Hallowell is a child and adult psychiatrist, and best-selling author of 14 books. He is a highly recognized speaker around the world and has prominently been featured in the media. His approachable style combines his expertise as a Harvard Medical School instructor with his uncanny understanding of human nature. Dr. Hallowell will be presenting on Crazy Busy, strategies on handling your fast-paced life, and the Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness. For more information please contact Jody Klein at jbrownklein@comcast.net or refer to Dr. Hallowell's website at www.drhallowell.com.

MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT - 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.

TAKE THE GREAT PUMPKIN HOME - The Fifth Grade is selling raffle tickets for giant pumpkins next week at tables located at the front and back doors of the school. You can buy one raffle ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5! Support the Fifth Grade as they raise money for their end of year activities. Winners will be announced Friday morning.

Community News

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH BEGINS - The School Committee is pleased to announce that Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates has been engaged as the consultant for our superintendent search. HYA has done over 700 superintendent searches nationwide, many in communities similar to Newton. They were chosen for both their national recruiting ability and their track record in guiding superintendent search processes. We are fortunate to have Dr. V. James Marini as the interim Superintendent for this school year while we engage in the search process. He combines a deep familiarity with our city and school system with extensive experience as a superintendent. All members of the community are invited to an evening session to meet and hear from Dr. Marini, who will speak about the state of the schools and his experience in Newton thus far, followed by a session allowing for questions and answers. Wednesday, October 21 7:30 - 9PM Day Middle School Auditorium.

LINCOLN-ELIOT COMMUNITY YARD SALE - Oct 17 - 8:30AM - 3PM. Please help support our elementary school and pick up some bargain items this Saturday - 191 Pearl Street, Jackson Rd Parking lot – Newton. Coffee, lemonade, baked goods and pizza will be served so you can even take a meal there! Videos, furniture, clothing, toys, books, tables, lamps, exercise equipment - and much more - at terrific prices. Under \$1 tables.

FIRST ANNUAL HOMESTEAD HAY FEST - Saturday, October 17, noon – 5PM. Join us for a free outdoor festival for the whole family in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Jackson Homestead. Travel back in time to the 19th century: make your own butter, watch craftsmen build historic furniture, press your own cider, dance country dances to live fiddle music, and more! Don't miss the birthday cake! (Rain date October 18) For more information: call 617.796.1450, or visit www.historicnewton.org

SUZUKI PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - The Suzuki Preschool of Newton warmly invites all prospective parents to an Open House on Sunday, October 18, from 2-4PM. The Suzuki Preschool offers an integrated arts program to children ages 3-5. Please come for a tour, and have your questions answered by the Director. There will be a free Suzuki concert at 3PM. We are located at 225 Nevada St in Newton. Please call us at 617-964-4522 for more information.

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES - You are invited to the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Understanding Our Differences, Nov. 10, 7- 9PM at the Brae Burn Country Club in Newton. The guest speaker is **Governor Deval Patrick**. Leadership Awards will be presented to Carol Kanin, past president of the Board of Directors who has led with great passion and Ming Tsai, chef owner of Blue Ginger Restaurant for his work with State Senator Cynthia Creem in promoting food allergy awareness. The UOD curriculum team members will be honored for their dedication to updating the curriculum and developing the new Autism Spectrum Disorder unit. For more information or tickets, visit our website: UnderstandingOurDifferences.org or call 617-559-6075.

CUB SCOUT PACK 315 NEW MEMBERS NIGHT - Wednesday, October 21. All boys in grades 1st through 5th interested in scouting and adventure are invited to attend Cub Scout Pack 315's New Member Pizza Party! Wednesday, October 21, 7PM – 8:30 PM Uno Pizza, 287 Washington St., Newton Corner For more information please contact Aprel McCabe, Peirce parent at staprel@yahoo.com or Norm Richardson, Pack 315 Cub Scout Leader at richardsonn@battelle.org

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP, HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE - How can children be supported through this major family change?, Wednesday, October 28 from 7 to 8:30PM at Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham St.. Preregistration required by emailing ssklan@ncscweb.org or by calling 617.969.5906 x 125. Child Care Available. Susan Sklan, LICSW will address the social and emotional developmental needs of children of divorcing and divorced parents. Focusing on the best interests of their children, parents will discuss how to co-parent effectively. Co-sponsored by The Newton Partnership and Newton Community Service Center.

NEWTON TOUCH A TRUCK - Sunday, October 18, from noon to 4PM. This promises to be a wonderful low-cost family fun day, with proceeds from the suggested donation of \$7 per family/carload going to support nonprofit programming for young children and their families in Newton. More than 30 trucks will be available for kids to climb on and explore. Visits from the Newton North and Newton South mascots, free snacks, and opportunities for families to have their children fingerprinted are just part of what's in store. From noon to 1PM we will be hosting a special "horn-free hour" for kids who may be sensitive to loud noises.

NEWTON YOUTH HOCKEY - As the temperatures begin to cool and the leaves start to change colors, its a sure sign that Newton Youth Hockey's Learn to Skate and Intramural programs are right around the corner. This season the programs begin on November 14 and run through the weekend of March 20. As we did last season, there will be two sessions of intramurals (5-7 years old and 8-9 years old) and two sessions of Learn to Skate (beginner and advanced). The times for the sessions are as follows: Intramural Mite (ages 5-7) Saturday 10:30AM - 11:20AM; Sunday 3:00PM - 3:50PM Intramural Squirt (ages 8-9) Saturday 11:30AM - 12:20PM; Sunday 4:00P - 4:50P Learn to Skate Beginner Saturday 12:30PM - 1:10PM Learn to Skate Advanced Saturday 1:10PM - 1:50PM Registration is easy, visit www.newtonyouthhockey.com and look for the "register online" tab on the left. Follow instructions from there. Please email at learntoskate@newtonyouthhockey.com with any questions to Bob Daley.

MENTORING - Could your child, ages 6 to 11, benefit from the consistent, caring friendship of a Newton teenager? Newton's One to One Program has an enthusiastic new group of high school seniors from Newton North and Newton South High Schools. If you would like the opportunity to have your matched this academic year with a "Big Brother/Sister", please call Nancy Holczer, Program Director, at 617.559.9063 by the end of October. Please leave a message on the answering machine, which includes your name, address, and phone number. A program of the Newton Public Schools since 1972. Funded by The Newton Partnership (formerly the Newton Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative).

HELPING KIDS COPE WITH THE CANCER DIAGNOSIS OF A LOVED ONE- Starting on Monday, October 19, and every day during the week of October 19, WGBH will be airing a special new episode of *Arthur*, called *The Great MacGrady*. This episode features Lance Armstrong as a special guest "star" and deals with the issues surrounding cancer and survivorship and helping kids to cope with the cancer diagnosis of a loved one. The real life segment of the episode features the Mason-Rice School community discussing how they dealt with their principal's (Mark Springer's) diagnosis and treatment of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma three years ago. In conjunction with that episode, on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00 to 3:30PM, WGBH is conducting a special invitational screening of *The Great MacGrady*, followed by a panel discussion entitled "When a Child Knows Someone with Cancer: Helping Young Children Cope with the Cancer Diagnosis of a Loved One". A host of new resources and effective strategies for supporting young children as they cope with the cancer diagnosis of a loved one will be provided. This event is limited to guests over the age of 16. For more information and to make your reservations, go to www.wgbh.org/arthursscreening, or you can call WGBH at 617-300-4200.

NEWTON'S CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION (CAP) PROGRAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - Each year CAP volunteer Prevention Specialists present 125 workshops to students in Newton's kindergarten, second and fifth grade classrooms. Working in teams of three and using simple and age appropriate language, we address bullying, stranger safety, and sexual assault by known persons. We are looking for community members who are interested in becoming volunteer Prevention Specialists. We offer a flexible schedule to volunteers who enjoy teamwork and can make a commitment of six

hours per month for one school year. Training begins October 23. Please note that the Newton Community Service Center requires all volunteers who work with children to participate in a personal interview and successfully pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) screening. For more information, contact Gail Sommer, Director, 617 969 5906, x 143 or gsommer@ncscweb.org.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - The CPC will meet on October 21 at 7PM in the City Hall Cafeteria (basement). The agenda includes a possible new process for considering supplemental funding requests; distribution (but not substantive discussion) of new proposals; supplemental funding requests for two projects at the Newton History Museum; and a working session on the proposal for the old Charles River railroad bridge and approaches in Newton Lower Falls. For details, contact Alice Ingerson at aingerson@newtonma.gov, 617.796.1144, or check the webpage at www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa.

KICKOFF MEETING FOR INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK - Please join us Wednesday October 21 at 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, Room 210, at 7:30PM to discuss Inclusive Technology. We will plan the citywide celebration that takes place the week of December 7. More details at <http://www.inclusiveschools.org/node/1767> The Newton Parent Advisory Council for Special Education serves as a resource for parents and as a liaison between parents and the school administration. All parents, teachers, specialists and others with an interest in education are welcome. Contact info@newtonpac.org

RESOURCE FOR KIDS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES - The No Biggie Bunch has landed in Newton with their latest title: TRADE-OR-TREAT HALLOWEEN. The No Biggie Bunch Children's Book Series helps to start the food allergy conversation in positive ways giving the opportunity for kids to creatively cope with their food allergies in social situations. Meet the bunch and order books at www.nobiggiebunch.com. Author readings available upon request. Reach us by email at info@nobiggiebunch.com.

BOWEN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL- Enrolling for 2010-2011. Serving the Newtonville area for over 50 years, Bowen embraces the whole child with a developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum. We are especially proud of our *Transitional Kindergarten* which is designed for older 4's and young 5's who might need another year to develop socially or academically before moving to Kindergarten. In our unique TK program, older preschool children are challenged in a fun and nurturing way that fosters both independence and a sense of community. For more information about this and other programs at our school, please call 617-332-3923 or visit our website at www.bowencoop.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JEWISH STUDIES FREE LECTURE- presents a free lecture open to the adult community led by Rabbi David Kudan. Join us on Sunday, November 1 from 10:00-12:00PM at the Oak Hill Middle School in Newton for a lecture on Essential Judaism. Rabbi Kudan will attempt to reveal the key concepts and ideas that have allowed Judaism to thrive throughout the centuries, creating itself anew from age to age. Contact info@sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS DRAMA TROUPE - All Newton Music School is offering a class for kids with special needs ages 10-13 yrs. old Mondays from 4:00 – 4:45PM. The theater class will be full of games, plays and fun. Drama David, a teacher for the past 16 years, offers a class where students of varying needs can feel successful and confident on stage. The class will focus on movement, projection, reactions and stage cues. Using several different techniques, Drama David will help bring voices out of the children. If interested, you can call the school at 617-527-4553 or go on the website at www.allnewtonmusic.com. If you have any questions, you can e-mail David Gaita at david_gaita@newton.k12.ma.us.

RAISING HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL AND MORAL CHILDREN - A Lecture with Richard Weissbourd, author of *The Parents We Mean To Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development*. Wednesday, October 28. Mount Ida College, 777 Dedham St., Newton, Carlson Hall Auditorium, 6 to 7:30PM. To register please contact Marlene Greenstein at 617.928.4530 or mgreenstein@mountida.edu.

PUMPKIN PATCH - The United Parish of Auburndale is hosting its third annual Pumpkin Patch, from through October 31. Pumpkins large and small, gourds and baked goods will be for sale. The proceeds help the UPA support a number of programs in the New England area. Don't miss this fun family outing! Pumpkin Patch hours are: M-F, 10AM-6PM; Sat, 9AM-5PM; and Sun, 11AM-6PM. The UPA is located at the corner of Woodland Road and Grove Street near Williams Elementary in Auburndale. For more information, please contact the UPA at 617-964-8516.

HALLOWEEN CONCERT- Winsor Music will present a Halloween concert on Saturday, October 31 at 2PM (repeated at 4PM) at St. Paul's Church, 15 St. Paul St., Brookline. The two programs will feature pieces played on the theremin (an eerie-sounding electronic instrument) with piano accompaniment. We DARE you to write a Halloween story! Kids, let your imaginations run wild! Your story should be between 5 and 10 minutes long, and appropriate for all ages. The winning story will be read at the concert and accompanied by sound effects from the spooky theremin and the black keys of the piano. Email your story to info@winsormusic.org. Adults \$10 Children are FREE.

ART CLASSES – Children’s art classes at the New Art Center starting now and in November! Many classes still have openings for the Early Fall Term (late September through end of October), and for the Late Fall Term (first week of November through mid-December). Visit our website to register for classes, call us, or stop by the New Art Center in Newtonville! Classes for children include Ceramics, Draw Fantasy & Manga, Artistic Architects, Play-n-Clay Clay Creatures, Adventures in Art, and Young Artists. We also offer a Saturday Drop-In Art Class for grades K-5 from 10 to 1:00PM with a different project each week. Check the New Art Center’s many classes for Teens and Adults. For more information or to register, visit our website www.NewArtCenter.org, or call 617-964-3424.

NEWTON GIRLS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NGBA) - Registration is underway for the upcoming Newton Girls Basketball season. Second graders through high school. Recreational league for Newton girls, beginners and experienced players alike! Games on Saturdays for all grades, December 5 through mid-March; Grades 3-8 practice for 1-hour on one evening during the week (Mon-Thurs). No weekday practices for Grade 2 and High School. Registrations are due by Tuesday, October 20, for Grades 2-8, and Monday, November 30, for High School. Late fee applies after those dates. Scholarships are available based on need; please see the website for details. Pre-season clinics for grades 3-6 will take place on Sunday, October 25, and Sunday, November 22. To register or for more information, please visit our website at www.ngba.net.

BASKETBALL OPP FOR GRADE 4 GIRLS - Newton Metrowest Basketball is a program that has developed most of the players currently playing at our two high schools. We stress skill development, sportsmanship and fun in a slightly more intensive (but very manageable!) structure than NGBA. The Newton travel basketball program begins in 4th grade and runs through 8th grade. Newton places one team in each age group in the Metrowest Basketball League, which is made up of about 35 area towns. Because we only place only one (occasionally two) teams in each age group, we select the top players in each age group. Tryouts for 4th Grade Girl’s Basketball will be held from 6-7:30PM at Brown Middle School on Tuesday October 20. Girls who would like to tryout should plan to attend both sessions. Teams start practicing in November. Every effort is made to encourage girls to play fall/spring soccer and other sports. Games are on Sundays from early December through early March. Teams generally practice twice per week. In 4th grade, it is possible for very committed girls to also play in the NGBA program, although many girls and their parents decide to play only in the travel program. In 4th grade we look more for interested athletes than polished basketball players. Learn more about the Metrowest Basketball League at <http://www.metrowestball.com/> or at www.eteamz.com/NewtonTravelBB

A STEP AHEAD BASKETBALL - This fall "A Step Ahead" is offering variety of after-school and weekend classes for boys and girls ages 7-17 in Newton. For more information please visit www.asahoops.com or contact Coach Smith at 617-909-5990 / Coachb@asahoops.com

NAA BASKETBALL -On-line Registration is now open for the 2009-10 NAA basketball season. The NAA is a nonprofit volunteer-run organization that organizes and administers basketball leagues in Newton for boys who live in Newton or attend school in Newton. Our leagues are for players from the third grade through high school. To register, or to find out more about the league, please visit our website at www.NAAbasketball.org. Registration deadline is October 20.

NEWTON GIRL SCOUTS - Girl Scouting is open to girls in grades K-12 and adult volunteers. Parent or guardian signature required for registration. For more information, contact Newton Girl Scouts at newtongs@gmail.com or leave message at 617-671-1223.

CUB SCOUTS AT TEMPLE REYIM - Open To All. Cub Scout Pack 247 is looking for more boys to join in the fun! Camp-outs, rocket launching, Pinewood Derby races, and Paw Sox overnights are just some of our exciting events. We are affiliated with the Knox Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, and chartered by Temple Reyim, located at 1860 Washington Street in Newton. Our pack is open to all boys in grades one through five, regardless of religious affiliation. Our first meeting will be Sunday October 18, at 4:30PM at Temple Reyim. Please see www.reyim.org/cubscouts for additional information, or email Stu at glovesaker@aol.com

ENERGY FITNESS & GYMNASTICS - High-quality gymnastics instruction in a non-competitive environment with low student-to-teacher ratios. Free cardio workouts for parents while children attend classes. Personal training for teens and adults. Birthday parties. Free trial classes. Two complimentary personal training sessions and one free nutritional consultation. E-mail frontdesk@energyfitnessgym.com for more information or visit www.energyfitnessgym.com for more info.

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PIANO INSTRUCTION - Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 30 years teaching experience has several openings in studio. Beginners Welcome. Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sight-reading from a patient, caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617.566.9704, email: piano566@comcast.net

AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - Experienced, mature babysitter who is also teacher at Temple Shalom preschool is available for afterschool hours from 3 PM as well as some nights and weekends. Peirce family references are available. Please call Nurilia at 617-401-1910

RELIABLE BABYSITTERS AVAILABLE - Two Peirce graduates available for weekend babysitting. Jake, a Junior, is 16 and Grace, 8th grader is 14. Both enjoy kids very much...lots of cousins. Call or email Lauren Rubin at 617-527-1177 or lrubin@me.com.

PEIRCE PARENT BOARDS DOGS - When you are away on vacation or away for just the day, give your dog a fun time, too! Your puppy/dog will be well cared for; fed, walked, pampered, played with, and in general, will be having fun! I am a Peirce parent; we have two kids; 17 and 10 years old. We have had our own dogs before and now we are opening our hearts and home to pet sitting. We have been doing this service for the last few years and it works very well for the dogs and for our kids, too! Spaces fill quickly, so please schedule your time ASAP. Reasonable rates. EMagids@aol.com or 617-527-6654

KNIT ONE....CHAT TOO - Adults, children, mother/child knitting groups/lessons. Offered both during the day, after school and at night. Please contact Margot Rendall for specifics at capemargot@aol.com or 617-965-9857.

RETIRED MIDDLE SCHOOL SPED TEACHER SEEKS AFTER SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TUTORING- As a Special Education Teacher with thirty years experience modifying curriculum and making accommodations for struggling Mathematics students, I know the value of one-to-one tutoring where my experience with teaching the basics, along with state standards, can make a difference for your child. My best asset is the ability to connect with each student, establishing trust and rapport, opening the door to learning. I look forward to assisting you with the educational and life success of your child. Bruce C. Ditata 508-2879395 ditatabruce@yahoo.com

JEWISH AND HEBREW EDUCATION - Are you looking for a unique creative Jewish educational camp-like experience for your children after school? Keshet Newton provides excellence in Jewish and Hebrew education on weekday afternoons (Tuesday's our program begins at 12:30PM after early release). In a joy-filled, camp-like environment, we explore Jewish knowledge and cultivate a sense of community as our children grow to become proud, educated Jews. Limited spaces are available. For more information and a tour please contact Dan Brosgol at (617) 244-5390 or check our website www.keshetnewton.org

CAMBRIDGE FENCING CENTER - Newly-opened fencing club has been designed to create opportunities for men, women, and children of all ages to learn an excellent Olympic sport. Fencing classes, practices and individual lessons will be led by a renowned set of coaches with international experience including the Head Coaches of MIT and Harvard University. The club is a registered member of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) and fully committed to providing world class instruction and excellent service. Please look at our website www.cambridgefencingcenter.com or e-mail us at cambridgefencingcenter@yahoo.com for more info and start your adventure with this fascinating activity today!

CHINESE TUTOR - In-Home tutoring from an experienced Chinese (Mandarin) teacher. Effective--Personalized--Convenient. Stella has created a unique and creative way to teach a second language. E-mail her at stellapan@comcast.net or call 617-244-3827. Excellent references.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Have current family portraiture taken at your home or at my photography studio, conveniently located in Newton near Homer Street. Please keep my photography services in mind for all your Bar Mitzvah needs. Call for an appointment today for your professional photo session. Visit the website <http://www.donnastangerphotography.com>.

SEEKING RENTAL - Single mom with two-year-old son seeks affordable rental housing in Metrowest area. One or two-bedroom apartment (or shared house with separate entrance) located near Rte. 128 would be ideal. Excellent references (including some from members of Peirce School community!) and employment history. Please contact merylkessler@comcast.net.

KIDS' KARATE - Free trial class and free uniform for those who enroll. Entry ages 1st through 5th grades, boys and girls. Friday, Nov. 6, 4:45-5:45PM, or Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00-11:00AM. Cost per 7-Week Session: \$79 for once-a-week, or \$99 for twice-a-week. Renting beautiful space at Trinity High School, Newton. For information package, please leave message at (617) 527-8052 or see kids-karate.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Parent-Child Home Programs of Newton Community Service Center is looking for volunteers to provide home visits to low income families with toddler children. Home visitors bring free literacy tools (books and toys) to the families and model ways to increase positive verbal interactions in the home. Training and weekly supervision is provided. Commitment is for 6 hr/week during the school year. Please contact Debbie Brush at 617-969-5906 ext 113 or at dbrush@ncscweb.org

FLUTE TEACHER - Nurturing, goal oriented FLUTE TEACHER welcomes new students of all ages and levels. First lesson is complimentary. Barbara@newtonfluteteacher.com or call Barbara Nakazawa (617) 527-4413.

TUTOR - Retired Newton teacher with K-8 certification available for tutoring. My classroom experience includes grades 2-6. I am familiar with the Newton curriculum and can focus on content areas as well as MCAS preparation and organization skills. References will be supplied upon request. If interested, please contact Judy Caragher: j-caragher@comcast.net. I can also be reached at 508 359 2010.

ART CLASSES - Beginner and intermediate students. Learn in my sunny private studio located in Newton Centre. No more than 5 students per class. For inquiries or enrollment please contact Judy Brickman at 617-964-0544 or jrb322@gamil.com. Peirce family references upon request.

PRIVATE TUTOR - Newton Public School teacher with Masters in Elementary Education and 9 years teaching experience. Available this year to tutor students in grades K-6 in all subject areas (reading, writing, math, etc.), be it for extra help, for enrichment work, or for general homework assistance. Email or call Alicia Arkin at 617-875-6870 or aliciakeat@aol.com. www.activemindstutoring.com.

BOSTON PARENTING CONSULTING – BPC specializes in the in-home consulting of families with preschool aged to high school aged children. Issues may include behavior management, discipline, and positive parenting. BPC provides support to mothers, fathers, and others who are involved in the parenting of children. The philosophy of BPC is that parenting is the most difficult, and often the least appreciated and undervalued, job there is. As such, many caregivers want and need support to be sure they are doing the best job possible or help when additional resources are needed. Please check out my website or call for further information: www.parentingconsulting.com or 617-965-9121.

EXERCISE BOOT CAMP - Get in the best shape of your life and have fun doing it! Workouts That Work Boot Camps will use kettlebells, ropes, bands and more to get the heart pumping in the fat calories burning. Two Week Free Trial for first time boot campers only! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am at Lincoln Park (Waban Center). Email or call to reserve your spot today! Jen@workoutsthatworkbootcamps or 617-223-1050.

WEST NEWTON HILL HOUSE FOR RENT - 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage, completely renovated, new kitchen and new appliances, hardwood floors throughout, large backyard, walking distance to Peirce. Please contact Laurent at 617-851-1350.

PEIRCE LINK SUBMISSIONS – *Please be sure to follow these simple guidelines when submitting an item for THE PEIRCE LINK. They will save the weekly editors a lot of time when formatting the newsletter. Basic Guidelines: Put all copy in ARIAL 10 PT.; CAP and BOLDFACE the titles of each item; Single space each item. Also, because the editors change from week to week, and because we receive a large volume of submissions, you need to resubmit your item each week. Otherwise, we can't guarantee it will be included. Thanks!*

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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Extra! Extra! Calling all Peirce Press Reporters !

Dear Parents and Students,

The **Peirce Press** will open its newsroom **Wednesday September 23rd from 3-4:15pm**. We are looking forward to a very exciting fall semester. In October, we will be taking a field trip to visit the **Daytime**, where editor Linda Kincaid will tell us about the cogs and workings of the paper that some of our **Peirce Press** reporters may be writing for next year! Also, thanks to the generosity and interest of art teacher Mrs. Lisa Erdekian, the **Peirce Press** photographers will have digital cameras made available to them through the art department, along with special instruction in their use by Mrs. E.

As in the past, the **Peirce Press** is open to students in all grades. Students in Kindergarten through Second grades **must** have a parent or caregiver who can always attend weekly meetings with them. Exceptionally, students who are not able to attend Wednesday meetings may be "off-site" reporters, but are responsible for typing and e-mailing their articles to their assigned editor/advisor.

Working with parent volunteers, students will be responsible for creating and managing all aspects of the publication process: choosing story topics, writing articles, making decisions about editorials, drawing illustrations, writing headlines, writing movie and book reviews, taking photos, really whatever they're interested in. Our hope is that this experience will offer the students the chance to express themselves, to develop their reportorial skills and to have fun.

We would very much appreciate parent volunteers at the weekly meetings, so please indicate below if you're interested. Furthermore, if you or your children have story ideas, please let us know! The Peirce Press doesn't want to miss any great scoops!

If you are interested in joining The Peirce Press, please complete and sign the attached permission form; you may either return it by email to brita.lundberg@rcn.com or put completed permission forms in the box marked "Peirce Press" across from the main office.

Please come to our meeting on the 23rd with one or two stories that you might like to cover for the December 2009 issue.

See you in the newsroom!

Brita Lundberg and Julie Amouyal
Parent Editors

Permission Form for Peirce Press

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Newsroom Rules

All reporters will:

1. Come prepared to participate. Courteous and professional newsroom behavior is required at all times.
2. Clean up at the end of meetings: all reporters will help tidy the newsroom and put all chairs on the tables.
3. Be courteous to the faculty, students and parents whom you interview.

I have read and agree to abide by the newsroom rules.

Child's signature: _____

Parent name (s): _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

Parent volunteer? Yes Interests: _____

Permission for Photography:

I do _____ do not _____ give permission for a photograph of my child to be used in the **Peirce Press**. A student's name will be placed with the student's picture if they are being given special recognition, i.e., as a participant in a student activity.

K-2 only: I agree to accompany or have a childcare provider available to my child to assist them in the newsroom.

Parents are responsible for on-time pick-up or for making alternate arrangements for pick-up.

Parent signature: _____