

The PEIRCE LINK

A Near-Weekly Publication of the Peirce
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Co-Presidents' Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

We'd like to extend a big thanks to the Book Fair co-chairs Julie Goldman, Audrey Lampert and Stella Lee for a fun and successful Book Fair on October 22nd and 23rd. The co-chairs chose Scholastic as their vendor this year and netted \$11,253.59 in sales resulting in a commission of over \$3,000 for the Peirce School. Impressive! The co-chairs asked us to give a special thanks to new Peirce parents Nathalie Cao Andreae and Vicki Spetter who were instrumental in helping run the book fair this year. Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers, students and faculty who supported the event and to Mr. Nye for sharing his gymnasium with us. Proceeds from this event will help to update the book selection in our school library. Happy reading!

The 5th Grade teachers are pleased to announce that it will no longer be necessary to view presentations in the auditorium on a ripped projector screen! The 5th Grade Class of 2009 and their teachers would like to present a gift of a new projector screen to the Peirce School for our auditorium complements of the well-managed 5th grade activities conducted last year. Thank you Class of 2009 and to the wonderful 5th grade teachers Leslie Blanchard Negri, Jenna Ceddia and Kelly Champagne!

Hopefully, you were not too "crazy busy" on Monday night to miss the inspiring PTO program speaker Dr. Edward Hallowell who presented strategies for handling your fast-paced life and childhood roots to adult happiness. Several Peirce parents managed to put down their Blackberries for one evening and join the collaborative PTO efforts of the Peirce, Mason Rice, Angier, Ward and Zervas communities.

Interim Principal Ruth Chapman is happy to announce that Peirce will be assigned an additional part-time aide in the lunch room to assist the lunch manager during the lunch period. The aide will be available to help provide lunches to students in a more timely manner.

Lastly, 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. This notice is your first chance to voice an opinion.

Attached at the end of the Peirce Link please find a form that was drafted by the search firm hired by the School Committee for the new superintendent position. The firm will be the direct contact with all who apply for the position. I would ask that you take a moment to please either fill out the form or draft a sentence or two or three that responds to the

questions asked. All responses can be either emailed to Laura Holt at lholt@comcast.net or snail mailed to Laura Holt, 35 Vineyard Road, Newton MA 02459 by Wednesday, November 4th.

Thank you everyone for your support of the PTO and we hope you enjoy a very Happy Halloween weekend. BOO!

Jody Klein, Janet Clay and Penny Macht

School News

WORD OF THE WEEK – Hoard (verb)-To collect and store things OR To buy up a lot of supplies because you think there will be a shortage.

BOOK FAIR THANKS - The Book Fair committee members would like to acknowledge the hard work of all our volunteers, helpers and readers. We especially appreciate the assistance of the Peirce administration and PTO leadership in making this a fabulous Book Fair. To everyone who came to the Book Fair, and to all who helped make it a great experience, a big thank you! Keep on reading, and we'll see you at the next Fair!

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE - The 5th Grade is sponsoring a bake sale on Election Day, November 3, from 8AM-3PM. We are looking for baked goods and volunteers to staff the tables. Share your favorite baked goods. Please drop items outside of the office on Monday, November 2, or at the table throughout the day on Tuesday. Please email Nancy Brown at brownnt@verizon.net, or call (617) 244-2595 to sign up for a 1 hour timeslot! Proceeds go to sponsor the 5th Grade graduation.

LOVE THE TASTE OF HOME BAKED COOKIES? Peirce EDP is running their Classic Cookie Dough fundraiser right now! Order yours today! The ready-to-bake dough--in ten tantalizing flavors--comes frozen (preportioned or in three-pound tubs). Also available are two brownie flavors. Dough keeps 1 year in the freezer or 3 months in the refrigerator. Perfect for holiday baking, bake sales, or for cookies or brownies fresh from the oven in just minutes whenever you feel like it! This year, the program also includes gourmet coffees, cocoa, and candles! What a great gift! Last year, this sale was a HUGE success with a lot of positive feedback. We hope you'll try it this year and support a terrific after school program at the same time. An order form is attached to this Pink Link. Please return it with your payment to Peirce EDP or put it in the folder on our bulletin board across from the gym by November 6.

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> .

SAVE THE DATE FOR 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.

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.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE - A new life saving tool is now in place in all 22 Newton Public School buildings. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) were recently purchased by the school department and installed in the elementary school buildings and at the Education Center. Middle and High Schools have had AEDs for eight years. An AED is used when someone collapses because of a heart problem. It is a machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart when it isn't beating correctly. The earlier a person receives a shock from an AED, the more likely he or she is to survive a heart attack or other heart problem. The school-based AEDs are in a cabinet hanging on the wall in a public place, often at the school entrance or near the front office. Anyone who is trained to use an AED can use it. The school nurse in each building is trained to use the AED and is assembling a team of teachers and other staff to respond in an emergency. In the past eight years, two people in Newton school buildings have been saved because of the AED program. Often it is adults who are working or visiting a school who need an AED. It is a tool we hope doesn't have to be used, but it is important to have in case anyone needs it. Your school nurse can answer any questions about the AED.

Community News

CRADLES-TO-CRAYONS CITY-WIDE DRIVE AND FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY– During the week of November 2-6, Cradles to Crayons will be collecting donations of new and gently-used children's clothing/shoes (especially winter coats, shoes, and boots), books and baby equipment for kids in need in Massachusetts. From their mission statement: "Cradles to Crayons (C2C) is an innovative Quincy-based nonprofit organization that equips homeless and in-need children with the basic essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn and valued." C2C provides a great way for our children to directly help other children. For more information on what is accepted for donation, go to <http://boston.cradlestocrayons.org>. On **November 7** families are welcomed to volunteer for the "**Newton Community Time To Give Day**" where they can help sort items, package clothing, etc. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 258 Concord St., Newton Lower Falls from 9AM-12PM (or any time in between). Donations may also be dropped off at St. Mary's Episcopal after Sunday, November 1. For information on where to place donations at St. Mary's, please contact Lisa Gianelly at 617-552-5111 or memphis2001@earthlink.net. For more information about the city-wide drive, contact Amy Silberstein at 617-964-8344 or amyjim45@comcast.net to volunteer.

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.

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.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD TRASH BARRELS AND RECYCLING BINS – For \$10 per household, old trash barrels and recycling bins will be picked up and recycled (maximum 3 per household), with proceeds going to Christopher's Haven, an outpatient facility for children undergoing brain cancer treatment at MGH. Leave old trash barrels at the end of your driveway with an envelope taped to the outside, with a \$10 check payable to Christopher's Haven. To schedule a pick-up, contact barrelpickup@yahoo.com and include your address, village, and number of barrels or bins. Auburndale and West Newton pick-ups will be on November 21 between 9AM and 5PM.

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - November 10 7-9PM at the Brae Burn Country Club. The community is invited. Guest speaker will be Governor Deval Patrick. Leadership awards to be presented, and curriculum team members honored. For more information or tickets: www.UnderstandingOurDifferences.org or 617-559-6075.

GO GREEN WITH NEWTON ECO TEAM PROJECT - a community-wide energy conservation program that teaches, step-by-step, how to substantially reduce your carbon output in just a month's time. Small groups meet to learn ways to save money and energy. Please visit our website: www.newtonecotteams.org or contact Bonnie Glickman: bglickman@mindspring.com or Jay Walter: entasis@rcn.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JEWISH STUDIES PRESENTS FREE LECTURE - entitled "Essential Judaism" by Rabbi David Kudan, Sunday November 1, from 10AM to Noon at Oak Hill Middle School. Rabbi Kudan will explore some key concepts and ideas that have allowed Judaism to thrive throughout the centuries, creating itself anew from age to age. The event is free and open to the entire adult community. For more information, contact info@sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org.

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.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND BENEFIT THE NEW ART CENTER - Eliminate clutter and help your community art center at the same time. New Art Center is soliciting donations of furniture, household items, appliances, adult and children's clothing, toys, videos, sports equipment, antiques, rugs, jewelry, art, and more for our giant indoor Rummage Sale, Sunday, November 1, 9AM to 4PM, 61 Washington Park, Newtonville. Proceeds will support the New Art Center's art classes, exhibitions and community programs, and enable much-needed improvements to our building. More information, including drop-off information for donations, at www.nacrummagesale.squarespace.com.

GREAT PRICES ON SPORTS EQUIPMENT - Lower Falls Community Center will hold a used sports equipment sale on Tuesday, November 3, from 2:30-5:30PM. Baked goods and some crafts will also be on sale. If you would like to donate lightly used gear, please drop it off before 6:00 PM on Nov 2, or on Tuesday, Nov 3, before 2PM. The center is located at 545 Grove Street in Newton Lower Falls. Please call (617) 332-7327 if you have questions. Proceeds will go to building repairs and improvements.

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 - New proposals public hearing, November 18, 6PM, City Hall Cafeteria. A copy of each new proposal is available at the Newton Free Library on Homer Street. Ask the reference librarians for help in finding this material, which cannot be checked out but may be copied on the library's public photocopiers. With the exact order to be determined, the proposals being presented are: Angino Farm Barn Rehabilitation (\$568,000); City Archives - Combined (\$36,545); City Hall Historic Art (\$5,200); Historic Preservation Guidelines (\$55,000); Museum Collections Storage (\$30,000); Veteran House (community housing at 2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, \$360,000). Proposals will also be posted online before the November public hearing. The program webpage is at www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa. For details, contact Alice Ingerson at alingerson@newtonma.gov, 617.796.1144.

JEWISH MUSIC CONCERT - Jewish recording artist Sam Glaser will be appearing in a 1:30PM concert at Temple Reyim in Newton on Sunday, November 8. Tickets are \$18, \$14 for seniors. Group rates and sponsorships are available. Contact the Temple Reyim office at 617-527-2410 for tickets.

Classifieds

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.

ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT - Next Level Up Home Tutors. A highly personalized approach to in-home tutoring. Excellent clientele service. Our professional tutors are knowledgeable, patient, and trustworthy. We can assist any elementary, middle, or high school student in any subject. Visit our website: www.nextleveluptutoring.com. Call or email for a quick response at (781) 540-1123 or info@nextleveluptutoring.com

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

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

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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PEDP COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

COOKIE DOUGH TUBS	# TUBS @ \$14.00 EACH	TOTAL
Classic Chocolate Chip	_____	\$ _____
Oatmeal Raisin	_____	\$ _____
Peanut Butter w/ Reese's® PB chips	_____	\$ _____
Classic M & M®	_____	\$ _____
Southern Sugar Cookie	_____	\$ _____
Triple Chocolate Chip	_____	\$ _____
Snickerdoodle	_____	\$ _____
Made with Heath® Bar	_____	\$ _____
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut	_____	\$ _____
Pecan Coconut Delight	_____	\$ _____

PREPORTIONED COOKIE DOUGH	# BOXES @ \$15.00 EACH	
Classic Chocolate Chip	_____	\$ _____
Oatmeal Raisin	_____	\$ _____
Peanut Butter w/ Reese's® PB chips	_____	\$ _____
Triple Chocolate Chip	_____	\$ _____
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut	_____	\$ _____

BROWNIE DOUGH	# BOXES @ \$15.00 EACH	
Chocolate Fudge Brownie	_____	\$ _____
Chocolate Pecan Brownie	_____	\$ _____

SPECIALTY COFFEES/COCOA	# BAGS @ \$14.00 EACH	
Classic Colombian	_____	\$ _____
Southern Vanilla	_____	\$ _____
Hazelnut Delight	_____	\$ _____
White Chocolate Royale	_____	\$ _____
Bakery Blend	_____	\$ _____
Belgian Chocolate Mousse Cocoa	_____	\$ _____

PREMIUM SCENTED CANDLES	@ \$18.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ Cinnamon Swirl _____ Sweet Surprise _____ Baked Apple Crisp		
_____ French Vanilla _____ Pumpkin Spice		

PUSH BUTTON COOKIE DOUGH SCOOP _____ **@ \$10 EACH** \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Put form with payment (checks payable to Peirce EDP) in the folder on the PEDP bulletin board across from the gym or drop off at the Program by Friday, November 6th. Delivery is Tuesday, November 17th. You may pick up your orders at EDP that day between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Note: Each 3-lb. tub makes 6-8 dozen cookies; each 3-lb. pre-portioned box contains 48 one-ounce cookies. Coffee comes in 12-ounce bags; cocoa comes in 11-ounce canisters. Candles are 16 oz.

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 one's 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.**

Submit an Advertisement to the PEIRCE PRESS

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!

Deadline for submissions is November 25th, 2009

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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*Please submit your Ad Copy by **ONE** of the following options:*

- 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

If you would prefer to make a simple donation to the Peirce Press, we will acknowledge your gift in the pages of the Peirce Press!

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.

4. Please share any additional thoughts below or on an additional sheet of paper.

5. Do you know someone you feel would be a good candidate for the superintendent's position? If so, please write his/her name and address or phone number here or send it to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. At the address or phone number listed below, or via email to office@hyasearch.com

Thank you for your comments. Please bring this completed form to your interview session, drop in the box at the main office of any of the schools, or return it by **December 3, 2009** by e mail, fax or mail to:

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