

# The PEIRCE LINK

A Near-Weekly Publication of the Peirce PTO

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## Calendar

### September

- 16 Back to School Picnic, Peirce Playground, 5:30PM
- 18 School Picture Day; Rosh Hashana
- 18 Gift Wrap Fundraiser begins
- 22 Curriculum Night, Peirce Auditorium, 7PM
- 28 Yom Kippur, NO SCHOOL

### October

- 4 Family Picture Day
- 12 Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL
- 17 Mystery Progressive Dinner
- 22 Early Dismissal at 12:30PM
- 22,23,24 Book Fair, Peirce Gym
- 31 Family Picture Day

## Principal's Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

Welcome to Peirce School! The faculty and I are delighted you are here for what promises to be an exciting year. Each September is a new beginning, a fresh start, a hopeful time. Students often begin by wondering quietly, "Will my teacher like me?" which later turns to "Does my teacher know me?" The faculty and I share similar feelings and questions!

As you read this, you will know that our 329 children (15 classrooms) have completed their first days at Peirce School. Smiling faces and happy voices will have filled the halls as children quickly began to swing into their studies in the classrooms with their new teachers, to play on our beautiful playgrounds, and to work with special subject teachers and support staff. As our students come home, I hope that they will share with you the joys of starting school. Personally, I had the opportunity to visit each classroom and begin to learn student names and faces. I look forward to our year of learning together.

I am reminded with each new beginning how much hard work is involved in deciding that right approach to content, in gathering the supplies, in planning the projects, in setting up those first lessons which will build community and respectful classroom procedures, and in organizing the physical space of the classroom – setting beautiful artifacts next to intriguing books, displaying eye-appealing materials in that curriculum. There is a lot more behind the scenes than meets the eye. Had you been here this summer, you would have seen some of this preparatory work. I want to thank our staff for their extra efforts. I want to offer a special thank you to our senior Custodian, Bill Pepicelli, and junior custodian, Pat MacKay. Also, may I give an additional thank you to the parents, a special grandparent, and friends of Peirce School who this summer spent countless hours painting the student lockers. The lockers look beautiful. We have a two room Café downstairs which will allow us to now feed students separate from their classroom, except for kindergarten students who will remain in their classrooms for lunch.

The Peirce PTO newsletter – The Peirce Link – is an important link between home and school and will enable you to keep abreast of happenings at Peirce, as well as in the city. I urge you to read it. Coming to you have been numerous pieces of information. Some require your signature and some require a thorough reading. Please return the requested material to your child's classroom teacher immediately.

If you are buying your child's lunch or just milk from the school system, you should have received a menu this summer. You can also go on the Newton Schools' website to get information. Or, you may request a menu from the lunch manager. (Kindergarten students do not have lunch until the beginning of their long days, October 1 and October 5.) Over the course of the next few days, you may want to pack an extra snack for grades 1-5 students, just in case. Please know that there are some students in our school with life threatening food allergies. If you should receive a notice from your child's teacher and the school pertaining to this issue, I would hope this would have your sensitive cooperation about food choices.

Just a reminder: each Tuesday the elementary schools in Newton dismiss at 12:30PM. In addition, there will be six early dismissal Thursdays at 12:30PM for students. The first one is October 22. The others are: December 10, February 4, March 18, May 6 & June 17. Please check the Newton Schools calendar for all holiday dismissals. School Pictures will be taken September 18, 2009.

On a personal note, I loved seeing all those new faces this week. I hope to see you at Back-To-School Picnic Night on September 16, and at Curriculum Night on September 22. Again, we welcome you and your family to a wonderful year at Peirce School.

Sincerely,

Ruth H. Chapman, Interim Principal

## School News

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**WORD OF THE WEEK** – Accommodate (verb): To help out or reply to a request or to provide with a place to stay.

**JOIN THE PEIRCE COMMUNITY FOR OUR ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC** - Wednesday September 16 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Dinner will be "catered" by Café Nicholas, a peanut free restaurant in Newton Centre. Please return your order form WITH PAYMENT to your child's teacher or place it in the bin marked "Back-to-School Picnic" located outside the front office. All checks can be made payable to Peirce PTO. The deadline for receipt of orders is Monday, Sept. 14 at 3PM. There will be drinks to purchase at the picnic and we encourage you to bring a dessert to share! We need volunteers to help set up (4:30PM) Serve Pizza/Sell Drinks (5:30-6:30). Please let one of us know if you are able to help or if you have any questions. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there! Cherise Bransfield 617-964-1553 [crbransfield@comcast.net](mailto:crbransfield@comcast.net), Heather Maffie 617-916-2169 [heather.maffie@comcast.net](mailto:heather.maffie@comcast.net), or Kajy Vichinelli 617-467-4870 [kajyv@mac.com](mailto:kajyv@mac.com).

**ROOM PARENT SIGN UP** - We would like to have two or more parents per classroom for our Room Parents. If you are interested please contact Kathleen Kusiak 617-842-6611 or [Kathleen.Kusiak@verizon.net](mailto:Kathleen.Kusiak@verizon.net).

The responsibilities of the Room Parent include:

- communicating information from your Teacher or the PTO to the other parents in the class
- helping the teacher as each teacher requires
- helping coordinate the class in the case of an emergency.

**PEIRCE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM** - Applications for the 2009-10 school year are now available. Is your child looking for something fun to do after school next year? If you are not familiar with Peirce EDP, you may think it's only for children whose parents are working. Actually, many of the children who attend do so for the enrichment and social benefits. Did you know that you can do just one day a week if you want? The Program offers many activities both indoors and out. Thematic units, field trips, special events, a musical, and classes like skiing, woodworking, and martial arts all make PEDP a great place for kids to be! For information, stop in or call 617-332-5881.

**GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18** - Our annual Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale begins Friday, Sept. 18 and runs until Sept. 30. This year, the sale is online. Go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) and select EZ to enter your order (Peirce school number is 108572). To ensure a successful fundraiser we ask that you look at the catalog and share it with family and friends. There is a great selection for gift wrap, chocolates, gifts and other items. There are many new items in this year's catalog. Peirce PTO earns 50% on every purchase. Proceeds are used for enrichment programs, technology and classroom needs. Our hope is that everyone will participate in this fundraiser. Every student who participates gets a prize. So please look through our catalog and help support our school. For information contact Nancy Breslin (617- 795-0696, [nbreslin@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:nbreslin@bidmc.harvard.edu)) or Mia Wenjen (617-332- 8135, [mwenjen@aquent.com](mailto:mwenjen@aquent.com)).

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MYSTERY DINNER** - Save the date and book a sitter for the Peirce Mystery Dinner, Saturday, October 17. Get ready for an evening of drinks, dinner, and dessert with fellow Peirce parents to raise money for your child's education - elementary, my dear Watson! Interested in hosting a meal or sponsoring cocktails: contact [cynthiawillen@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiawillen@comcast.net) or [jmarcus1@mac.com](mailto:jmarcus1@mac.com)

**FAMILY PICTURE DAY** - The Peirce PTO and Coffee Pond Productions are pleased to offer you an opportunity to have family pictures taken in a beautiful park setting. This fundraiser is a great opportunity for you to obtain wonderful family portraits while supporting your school. The available dates are October 4, or October 31 (rain dates are November 1 or November 8). The photos will be taken at Auburndale Cove. The cost of the photo shoot is \$70 (valued at \$200) per family. Half of this fee (\$35) is paid to the Peirce PTO, and the other half is to be paid to Coffee Pond at the time of the picture sitting. Once you have written the \$35 check to the Peirce PTO you can contact Coffee Pond directly to schedule a sitting at 508-907-6633 ext. 0. Your checks to the Peirce PTO can be dropped off in a box marked "Family Picture Day" near the school office. Please contact Heather Maffie at [heather.maffie@comcast.net](mailto:heather.maffie@comcast.net) with any questions about this event.

**LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PARENT COORDINATOR** - Statistics show that today's children are more sedentary than ever before, with obesity and its associated health risks on the rise. The City of Newton has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from WalkBoston, which has selected Newton as one of four communities to receive a Community Safe Routes to School grant. We're looking for a Peirce parent volunteer to represent our school in this community initiative designed to increase walking, reduce traffic, and make the walk to Peirce school safe, fun and educational for children and families. Forty years ago, approximately 50 percent of children walked or biked to school. Today, fewer than 15 percent of children walk or bike to school. With the awarding of the Community Safe Routes to School grant, we can work together to reverse this trend to make our community a safe, more environmentally friendly, and healthier place to live. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact one of the PTO co-presidents: Janet Clay, Jody Klein, or Penny Macht.

**NEWTON COMMUNITY ED CLASSES AT PEIRCE** - Registration is now underway for fall classes with Newton Community Education. Coming up at Peirce we have Mad Science on Mondays, Manga (Japanese Cartooning) on Tuesdays, NEW Girls Science Club and Chess on Thursdays, and Drama and The Stockmarket Game on Fridays. Check out our family programs this fall (they include two kayak trips, Family Night Under the Stars, the returning favorite Chocolate Connection, Stargazing, and more), and our classes for older elementary schoolers, like Fencing at Bigelow; Robotics, Bio Lab, or Sewing at South; Archery at Day; Babysitting; and lots more. For younger kids as well as for soccer moms we have Saturday soccer, and for middle school siblings we have lots going on after school too. In addition we have a wide variety of classes at schools throughout Newton, and we welcome kids from all schools at all of our classes. For more information or to register, call our office at 617-559-6999 or visit our website at [www.newtoncommunityed.org](http://www.newtoncommunityed.org).

## Community News

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**NEWTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING DEADLINE** - Newton's CPC has canceled its regular September 2009 meeting, but the proposal deadline remains 4PM on Friday, October 16. Instructions are online at [www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa/program.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa/program.htm). For help with the process or to request computer-fillable proposal forms, contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) by 14 September 2009.

**BOWEN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** - September 30, 7-8PM. Come learn about our nurturing community of children and families. Serving the Newtonville area for over 50 years, Bowen embraces the whole child with a developmentally appropriate, rich curriculum in an exciting environment. We welcome children who are 2.9 years to 5+ years of age. 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. We are located at 96 Otis Street, off Lowell and near Newton North High School. For more information about our school, please call 617-332-3923 or visit our website at [www.bowencoop.org](http://www.bowencoop.org). Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year begins October 1.

**NAVIGATING THE ROCKY ROAD OF ADOLESCENCE** - Join other parents of teens and a professional facilitator to explore the many changes that occur during adolescence, and how they affect relationships at home and school. Discuss relevant topics such as promoting healthy choices, setting realistic limits and appropriate consequences, understanding when and how to negotiate, dealing with changes and crises (e.g., divorce), identifying risk factors for anxiety and depression, handling experimentation with sex, alcohol, drugs, and learning to "let go" while maintaining family connections. A free parenting group is enrolling now; meeting for four sessions from 7:00 - 8:30PM, Thursdays (9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8) at WarmLines, 225 Nevada St., Newton Cultural Center in Newtonville. Free parking; pre-registration required: [www.warmlines.org](http://www.warmlines.org) or 617-244-INFO. Led by Joani Geltman, MSW, a specialist in Child Development, and therapist, parenting coach and consultant for over 25 years. Joani serves on the faculties of Lesley University and Curry College. She has been a parenting columnist for the TAB newspapers, has produced and hosted the "Who's Listening?" parent-teen talk forum, and is a featured parenting expert on MYTV.

**AUTHOR TO SPEAK ABOUT BULLYING** - Several years ago Rachel Simmons packed the Brown Middle School auditorium as she introduced Newton parents to *Odd Girl Out*, her book about aggression in girls. Newton South is co-sponsoring a talk about her new book, *The Curse of the Good Girl: Raising Authentic Girls with Courage and Confidence*. Join Rachel Simmons for a fun, back-to-school workshop on confident self expression. Rachel will teach girls (grade 5 and up are invited) powerful tools to get the most out of friendships; express themselves with confidence; and deal with conflict effectively. Adults will learn strategies to help girls access and express their authentic selves. Join us for an extended Q & A session plus a book signing! Tuesday, September 29, 6:00PM, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, Rabb Lecture Hall, 700 Boylston Street. The Founder of the Girls Leadership Institute, Rachel works internationally with girls, parents, and school professionals to develop strategies to address bullying and empower girls. For more information, visit [www.rachelsimmons.com](http://www.rachelsimmons.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Preliminary elections are coming up September 15, with several hotly contested local races. Don't forget to vote! Answers to a Candidates' Survey are available on line at [www.stand.org/ma/2009NewtonCandidateSurvey](http://www.stand.org/ma/2009NewtonCandidateSurvey). The survey was conducted by a local children's advocacy group "Stand for Children". For more information about this group, go to [www.stand.org/ma/newton](http://www.stand.org/ma/newton) or call 617-803-1559. The two races in Tuesday's election are for Mayor and for Ward 8 School Committee.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NOW ACCEPTING SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATIONS** – Membership to the Club is just \$125 per family and includes all children ages 6-18. Daily afterschool programming in sports, education, recreation, and art are all included for this one fee, in addition to Teen Programs and Intramural Basketball. Financial Aid is available for those in need. Kids Corp is available for parents of children in grades 1-5 who desire additional supervision and support. Go to the "applications section" at [www.newtonbgc.com](http://www.newtonbgc.com) for more information.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 5K ROAD RACE** – Run, walk, or crawl in support of the John M. Barry Boys and Girls Club of Newton. The Club Crawl 5K road race will take place Sunday, September 27, at 10AM, rain or shine at the Club, located at 675 Watertown St. in Newton. The professionally-timed, flat course winds through the neighborhood of West Newton. Medals and awards will be given for top three male and female runners in each 10-year age group. The registration fee is \$18 before September 24, and \$20 day of and includes a free shirt. To register go to [www.coolrunning.com/major/09/clubcrawl](http://www.coolrunning.com/major/09/clubcrawl) or contact 617-630-2066.

**CelebrateNewton!** is accepting applications for the eighth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival. This juried craft show to be held December 6 at Newton South High School from 10AM – 4PM. The day will feature 60+ artisans with ties to Newton. The artisans in the show are Newton residents, teachers, parents, students and more. There will be live music, children's activities and food. This Citywide PTO-sponsored fair raises money for ALL Newton schools. Visit our website: [www.celebratenewton.com](http://www.celebratenewton.com) to download an application or email [denjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:denjoseph@comcast.net). You may also call 617-243-0261 and speak with Denise Joseph, for an application. Final date for submission is October 1. Please know that at this point the jewelry category is full and other crafts are encouraged to submit.

**SUZUKI PREP CLASS** - The Suzuki School of Newton invites you to a free trial lesson of their Suzuki Prep class. This class is for children ages 2-4, accompanied by an adult. Please come Friday, September 11 or Saturday, September 12 at 1PM. Please call 617-964-4522 or stop by for more information. We are located in the Newton Cultural Center, at 225 Nevada St. in Newton.

**ACTING OUT CAN BE FUN** - The Freelance Players, Inc., a musical theater organization for young people founded in 1973, is holding open auditions for its fall season the week of September 14, by appointment. The Freelance Troupes are for children ages 8-12 with little or no experience. The Freelance Players is for young people ages 12-16. Each company rehearses in the afternoon and meets on several Saturdays during the season: Mondays – Charles River Troupe, Charles River School, Dover; Wednesdays - Freelance Players, Driscoll School, Brookline; Fridays - Driscoll School, Brookline; Fridays - Needham Troupe, Presbyterian Church, Needham. Each company produces an original musical during the season. Physical and vocal techniques, drama improvisation, dance, and singing are part of the rehearsal process. Theater professionals staff the companies. The programs are tuition based. Some financial assistance is available. To schedule an audition or for more information call 617-232-1175 or visit [www.freelanceplayers.org](http://www.freelanceplayers.org).

**MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY** - Kids Wanted! Let's put on a show! Join this troupe and learn to sing and act. Feel comfortable on stage singing, dancing and acting. "Willy Wonka", Junior, to be performed on stage and in costume at the Turtle Lane Playhouse in June 2010. A great opportunity for boys and girls ages 9-14 to perform in a professional theater space. Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00PM. Tuition is \$625 for 30 sessions. Laura Backley, Director. Go to <http://www.allnewtonmusicsschool.com/> for more information.

**BROADWAY CABARET WORKSHOP** - This is an exciting introduction to the musical theater world. The workshop emphasizes proper singing technique, stage presence, and develops performer self-confidence. The performance of Disney's "The Aristocats"-Kids, will be a fully staged and costumed production. A great experience for kids ages 7-10. Thursdays from 6:00-6:45PM. Tuition is \$550 for 30 sessions. Laura Backley, Coach. Go to <http://www.allnewtonmusicschool.com/> for more information.

**DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Train Tour stops at Boston's South Station September 25-27, offering visitors an exclusive Disney Digital 3D peek of selected scenes from the film as well as a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the making of the movie — with artifacts and character designs housed in real train cars. The fun family event is free. For additional information please visit [www.christmascaroltraintour.com](http://www.christmascaroltraintour.com)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and runs through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's Basketball will be held from 6-7:30PM at Brown Middle School on Tuesday October 13 and 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eteamz.com/NewtonTravelBB)

**JOANNE LANGIONE DANCE CENTER** - Fall Registration Open House Saturday Sept 12: 10AM -4PM. Come meet the Faculty, see our spacious studios, and take a Free Demo Class! Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop Classes: Enjoy refreshments and a take home treat! [www.jldancecenter.com](http://www.jldancecenter.com) \* 617-969-8724 \* 35 Border St W. Newton.

**ALLTHAT JAZZ DANCE STUDIO** - is still accepting registration for this school year. We offer classes in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Funky Jazz, Musical Theater Dance, and Modern for ages 2-adult. New this year: Ballroom Dance Class on Sundays from 5-6 (6th grade and up), Boys and Girls Hip Hop/BreakDance on Sundays from 4-5 (1st-3rd grade), as well as Sunday, a six-week long workshops in everything! Classes are taught either by the Director, Miss Deb Lifson Vogel, or other experienced teachers who believe in challenging students but doing so in a fun and safe environment. Please call Deb at 617-641-0784 or check out our web site at [www.allthatjazznewton.com](http://www.allthatjazznewton.com). Don't forget to ask Miss Deb about having your birthday party at All That Jazz, 232 California Street.

**NEWTON SPECIAL EDUCATION** - A guide to programs for Preschool to Grade 12: Judy Levin-Charns, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. of Student Services will present and discuss the 2009-2010 program guide for special education. Staff in leadership roles for the programs will lead the discussion. Two Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00PM: Sept. 21 for middle and high school families, October 5 for preschool and elementary families. Open to all. Refreshments offered at 7:15, before the program. The Education Center, 100 Washington Street, Room 210. Information: [www.newtonpac.org](http://www.newtonpac.org) or email [info@newtonpac.org](mailto:info@newtonpac.org).

**HARVARD CRIMSON FANS** - KIDS (12 & under) ENTER FREE to all home football games! In addition, Harvard Athletics is also introducing an all new Crimson Kids Club! Membership costs only \$15 per child (12 & under) with a \$45 maximum fee per family. Crimson Kids Club members will receive exclusive items throughout the year, such as an official 2009 t-shirt and membership card, free youth tickets to winter sports, an interactive webpage & more. For more information go to [http://www.gocrimson.com/information/fanzone/kids\\_club/signup](http://www.gocrimson.com/information/fanzone/kids_club/signup)

**HARVARD YOUTH SOCCER DAY** – Men's Soccer vs. Army game at 1:00PM at Ohiri Field, Sunday, September 13. Admission is free. Would you like your youth team (8<sup>th</sup> grade and below) to play at halftime? Contact Vallerie Rose at [dhapromo@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:dhapromo@fas.harvard.edu) or 617-495-9810.

## Classifieds

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**SIGN UP FOR VIOLIN AND VIOLA LESSONS AT BRIOSO STRINGS** - We are conservatory-trained, experienced teachers of violin and viola offering instruction to students from kindergarten through high school, sharing our life-long love of music in an encouraging environment. Our modified Suzuki program includes private lessons, group classes, and exciting performing opportunities. We are accepting new students of all levels for lessons beginning in the summer or next

fall. For more information, please visit [www.briosostrings.com](http://www.briosostrings.com), or contact Betsy Sellers and Emily Rome by e-mailing [briosostrings@gmail.com](mailto:briosostrings@gmail.com) or calling (617) 680-2512.

**KIDS' KARATE** - Free trial class. Free Uniform for those who enroll. For girls and boys, entry ages first thru fifth grades. Friday, September 18, 4:45-5:45PM; or Saturday, September 19, 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 more information, please leave message at (617) 527-8052 or see [www.kids-karate.org](http://www.kids-karate.org)

**PRIVATE TUTOR** - Experienced, in-home tutor available specializing in academic coaching, homework help and standardized test prep. Great references available and recommended by Peirce family. E-mail or call Christie Francis: [cfrancis03@gmail.com](mailto:cfrancis03@gmail.com), (315) 271-7115.

**YARD SALE OF THE DECADE** - Saturday October 3 and Sunday October 4 from 9AM to 4PM. Linder Terrace, Newton Corner. Toys, kids' clothes, adult clothes, jewelry, books, furniture, art, and much, much more. Plus family fun activities. Rain or shine. Proceeds to benefit environmental programs of Green Decade/Newton. For more information go to [www.greendecade.org](http://www.greendecade.org)

**NEED A NIGHT OUT?** - Experienced babysitter looking for weekend work. Peirce graduate, now high school junior (with car!) Loves children and also music, cooking and games. Please contact Lizzy Paul. Home: 617-527-2315. Cell: 617-314-3849. YMCA Certified.

**GIANT MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE** - 133/143 Homer St. Newton Center ( Manor House Road). Everything must go! Clothes, luggage, furniture, dishes, books, toys, collectibles and more. Sat 9/12 and Sun 9/13 from 9-2.

**KEYS FOR KIDS PIANO LESSONS** - Small groups organized by age (4-11). Outstanding methodology. Experienced, certified instructor. Proven success. Keys for Kids goes beyond ordinary piano lessons: it teaches well-rounded musicianship. Register now. Free Demonstration Class 9/22. Contact Marina Gorny: [MDGorny@comcast.net](mailto:MDGorny@comcast.net) or (617)527-4942 [www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com](http://www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com)

**PIANO LESSONS** - Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sightreading from a Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 25+ years teaching experience. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, caring instructor. Beginners welcome. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617.566.9704, email: [piano566@comcast.net](mailto:piano566@comcast.net)

**PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS** – Learn how to play the piano! Private lessons available for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Half hour, forty-five minute, or hour lessons available. Skill level – beginners to intermediates. Located in Newton Center, near City Hall. Piano instructor Kathy Raiz has 25 years of piano experience, and 6 years of teaching experience. Call Kathy at 617-584-2153, or e-mail at [kraiz@raizlabs.com](mailto:kraiz@raizlabs.com) to find out more.

**ELB MUSIC STUDIO IS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS** - New England Conservatory graduate with 25 years of teaching experience. Young beginners as well as advanced students are welcome. Performance opportunities. Convenient location: Kenrick Street, Brighton/Newton line with parking. phone 617 782 9938, e mail: [elbmusic@gmail.com](mailto:elbmusic@gmail.com)

**KUMON MATH AND READING** - in Auburndale, an after-school and Sat. program, is offering a \$15 discount until October 31 off enrollment in either its' Reading, Math or Junior Kumon programs. Please call Drs. Winston or Jane Chiong at 617-244-9540 to schedule free testing.

**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](mailto:newtonpeirce@yahoo.com)*

*Submission deadlines are Wednesdays, by 5:30pm.*

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

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

Wednesday, September 16th

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Have dinner from Café Nicholas delivered to the Peirce Playground. Enjoy supper with friends and support the PTO!

- ❖ Return this order form WITH PAYMENT to your child’s teacher or place it in the bin marked “Back-to-School Picnic” located outside the front office.
- ❖ Please make checks payable to Peirce PTO.
- ❖ Deadline for receipt of orders is Monday, Sept. 14th at 3pm.
- ❖ Drinks will be available for purchase at the picnic.
- ❖ Bring your blanket and a dessert to share.

Questions? Call Cherise Bransfield 617-964-1553, Heather Maffei 617-916-2169 or Kajy Vichinelli 617-467-4870

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***Please detach and return w/payment to classroom teacher or “Back-to-School Picnic” bin located outside the front office.***

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese pizza	(#) _____ @ \$11 each = _____
Pepperoni Pizza	(#) _____ @ \$12 each = _____
Chicken Caesar Salad	(#) _____ @ \$6 each = _____
Caesar Salad Wrap	(#) _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Roast Turkey Sub	(#) _____ @ \$7 each = _____
Meatball Sub	(#) _____ @ \$7 each = _____

**TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_