

The PEIRCE LINK

A Near-Weekly Publication of the Peirce PTO

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Calendar

September

- 18 School Picture Day; Rosh Hashana
- 18 Gift Wrap Fundraiser begins
- 22 Curriculum Night, Peirce Auditorium, 7PM
- 28 Yom Kippur, NO SCHOOL
- 29 Teacher Appreciation Lunch

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

Co-Presidents' Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

We'd like to welcome all the new families and welcome back all returning families to Peirce School. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new interim principal, Ruth Chapman. We already truly appreciate her fair, thorough, and patient approach during this busy and exciting first two weeks school. We look forward to her guidance and collaboration throughout the upcoming year.

Over the summer, the co-chairs of the New Family and Incoming K committee, Trudy Goode, Ellen Marqusee, and Shawna-Slack Watkins hosted several playground socials and organized the Meet and Greet Coffee in the library the first two days of school. These events gave new families an opportunity to become familiar with the Peirce community prior and during the first days of school. Thank you to the co-chairs and to all of the participating families for making these get-togethers possible.

We still have open committees that will be looking for volunteers for upcoming school events. Please feel free to contact the co-chairs of any PTO committees that may interest you or contact one of the PTO co-presidents for more information. One of the significant reasons why the Peirce School is such a great place is due to the support of the parents and faculty. Please feel to inquire about becoming involved.

We'd also like to extend a big thanks to Cherise Bransfield, Heather Maffie, and Kajy Vicinelli for organizing a fun and successful Back to School Picnic this week — thankfully the rain held off.

Due to the stellar efforts of last year's 5th grade graduating Class of 2009 along with the fundraising committee, the Class of 2009 raised sufficient funds to supplement their 5th grade activities, with additional funds leftover. As a result of their fundraising surplus, the Class of 2009 would like to present the PTO with a gift to the school to be announced next month. Thank you Class of 2009 and to the 5th grade committee co-chairs Robin Davis and Dana Davis and the 5th grade teachers Jenna Ceddia, Kelly Champagne, and Leslie Blanchard Negri. Well done, everyone!

Remember to book the babysitter this Tuesday night September 22 for Curriculum Night. The principal, Ruth Chapman, will first greet the parents in the school auditorium after which the parents will visit their child's classroom where the teacher will discuss the planned curriculum, as well as visit the gymnasium to meet the faculty specialists. A table will be located in the gymnasium with more information about the PTO's role and scheduled events for the year. We wish all Peirce families a happy and successful school year.

Janet Clay, Jody Klein and Penny Macht

School News

WORD OF THE WEEK – Bibliography (noun): a list of writings on a subject.

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.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY FOR PEIRCE ACTIVITIES/EVENTS - Please note that any posters, email blasts, flyers, or other printed communications to the Peirce Community need to be reviewed and cleared by the Principal's office before distribution. This is to ensure that all messages to our students are appropriate. Also, before posting any notices on the doors and/or in the halls, as a courtesy, please check with the Principal's Office first.

PEIRCE PRESS - Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 23 from 3-4:15PM. The Peirce Press is open to students in all grades; students in K-2 must be accompanied by a parent or childcare provider at all meetings. Participating in the Peirce Press is a fun way to develop journalistic skills, to investigate going-ons at Peirce and in the larger community, and to learn what is involved in publishing a newspaper. Please see the complete announcement and permission form at the end of the Peirce Link.

PEIRCE SCHOOL DIRECTORY – In order to confirm accuracy and expedite printing of the Peirce School directory, please return your child's verified class list to the box outside the school office labeled "Peirce School Directory" by **Monday, September 21**. You should have received this form in your child's folder recently. If you have any further questions please contact Archana Szpak at archanaszpak@comcast.net.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast has been changed to Tuesday, September 29. Parents of second and fifth grade students will be asked to donate paper goods and food items for this event. Thank you in advance for your donations and support.

HEALTH SCREENINGS - In the next few months the following mandated school health services will take place:

Heights and Weights	Grades: K, 1, 4
Hearing Screening	Grades: K, 1, 2, 3
Vision Screening	Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Becky Brooker, School Nurse, 617-559-9636.

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 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) or Mia Wenjen (617-332- 8135, 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 or 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 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.

Community News

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. For help with the process or to request computer-fillable proposal forms, contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or 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. 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 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.

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 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 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 to download an application or email 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.

ALL NEWTON MUSIC SCHOOL - Lessons and classes have begun but there is still time to enroll. ANMS offers lessons on most instruments. There are still openings in a few classes. You may begin lessons at any time. Late start lessons and classes will be prorated. You may check online at www.allnewtonmusicsschool.com or call the Registrar Joseph LeBarron at 617-527-4553 with questions.

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.

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.allnewtonmusicschool.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

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 * 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/Break Dance 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. Don't forget to ask Miss Deb about having your birthday party at All That Jazz, 232 California Street.

STUDENT MUSICIANS SOUGHT - The Paul Green School of Rock Music (<http://www.schoolofrock.com/boston>) is looking for student musicians to cast in its upcoming Aerosmith, David Bowie, and Frank Zappa shows. Weekly rehearsals start in October and shows will manifest in January in major local rock music venues. Guitarists, keyboardists, bassists, drummers, and vocalists ages 6-18 welcome. Call 617-923-3434 to find out more.

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 7:15PM, before the program. The Education Center, 100 Washington Street, Room 210. Information: www.newtonpac.org or email 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. September 18-20: Women's Tennis Fall Classic. Free admission to all tennis matches. September 25th, 7:00 PM: 3rd Annual Friday Night Lights, Harvard Football vs. Brown, Harvard Stadium.

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 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 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

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

NEWTON GIRL SCOUTS - Drop-in registration for new members on Thursday, September 24 between 2 and 8PM at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton Centre. 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.

Classifieds

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.

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, or contact Betsy Sellers and Emily Rome by e-mailing briosostrings@gmail.com or calling (617) 680-2512.

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, 315-271-7115.

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 Arking at 617-875-6870 or aliciakeat@aol.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.

ACTIVEMINDS TUTORING - Your source for in-home tutoring. Effective, Personalized and Convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation (MCAS, SAT, SSAT...). Sign your child up for academic success and receive a free lesson! Call: 617-663-5700 during business hours, or 617-227-2225 Eve/Wknds. Please visit our web site at www.activemindstutoring.com.

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

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.

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 or 617-527-4942 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

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 to find out more.

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

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

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.com or 617-223-1050.

HUGE CHILDREN'S TAG SALE – The West Suburban Chapter of the Mass. Mothers of Twins Assoc invites you to their Fall Tag Sale on Saturday Sept. 26 from 10-1 at the Congregational Church of Needham, 1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham. Over 20,000 items for sale at super low prices, including gently used children's clothing, winter outerwear, strollers, baby equipment, cribs, toys, books, DVDs, Halloween costumes & more! Cash only. For more information, visit www.wscmmota.org.

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, ie, 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: _____