

# The PEIRCE LINK

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## Calendar

### September

28 Yom Kippur, NO SCHOOL

29 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

### October

1 Fifth Grade Coffee

2 Principal's Coffee. 8:30AM

4 Family Picture Day

12 Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL

17 Mystery Progressive Dinner

22 Early Dismissal at 12:30PM

22 & 23 Book Fair, Peirce Gym

31 Family Picture Day

## Principal's Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

I was delighted to see so many of you during our Curriculum Night Tuesday evening. I hope the communication begun during this evening, along with our conferences which occur October 26 – November 20, will continue and grow throughout the school year. I know you appreciated the time, planning, and thought which teachers gave to their evening presentations. After a day of teaching, they spent an evening with you talking about “kids, teaching, and learning.” I certainly appreciated all the care that was given for the evening. Home and school are a team in educating our children; we need each other. No more awesome responsibility can be undertaken than to train a child. None of us has a total grasp in every situation of all the complexities of a child's physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual development. Although we cannot relate to children perfectly, we can try to do our best to help children “find out how good they can be.”

During the first weeks of every new school year, the faculty and I share some of the expectations in place at Peirce that help insure a safe and respectful environment for all of our children. After teachers had set the tone in their classrooms, we came together as a school community today in a K-5 Town Meeting. In addition, it is important to share the following with any care-givers and/or grandparents who may transport your children to and from Peirce:

- School opens at 8:20AM. Once it is 8:35 students should be in their classrooms having begun their work. After 8:35, students are tardy and need to sign in.
- At 9:00AM, all doors are locked except for the front door.
- Make certain the emergency yellow sheets are up-to-date with current phone numbers.
- Make after school plans with your child before he/she comes to school. We are always happy to accommodate emergency changes.
- If for any reason your child is being dismissed early, come to the office first, sign your child out, and we will call for you child to come to the office to meet you.
- If you are traveling out of town, please tell the office and your child's teacher who is authorized to make decisions in the event of an emergency.

In order to provide the best possible education for our children we need to foster strong ties between home and school. In that spirit, I will have my first Principal Coffee on Friday, October 2, 8:30AM to discuss MCAS tests. This week I began to review results, pose questions, compare scores with actual test items, look at possible trends, and chart open ended questions. This research will begin first with our Peirce Literacy Specialist, then with our Data Team, and then with the

entire faculty. Our work will be deliberate, thoughtful, and respectful. Obviously, individual families will have specific questions about their child's performance. I welcome your inquiries.

I feel we are off to a splendid start in September.

Sincerely,  
Ruth H. Chapman, Principal

## School News

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**WORD OF THE WEEK** – Catalog (noun): a book or pamphlet listing things you can buy from a company or a list of all the books in a library.

**5th GRADE PARENTS' COFFEE** - Please join us Thursday, October 1, at 4 Windermere Road after drop off. Each year, the 5th Graders take part in several fundraising and celebratory events and activities organized by parent volunteers and the 5th Grade teachers. Throughout their time at Peirce, the students have come to look forward to the graduation ceremony and party, the yearbook and class t-shirt, as well as leaving their mark on Peirce with the class gift and tiles. These activities are supported through fundraising events held throughout the year and we need your help. Please come for coffee and find out more about our 5th Graders' "Senior Year" at Peirce. If you would like to volunteer please contact Alexa Dulchinos at [alexamd@aol.com](mailto:alexamd@aol.com), Nancy Brown at [brownnt@verizon.net](mailto:brownnt@verizon.net) or Susannah Kinsella at [skinsella@comcast.net](mailto:skinsella@comcast.net).

**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 – 6:00PM 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](mailto:vspetter@earthlink.net)) or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM** - Mark your calendars and get your walking shoes ready! On Wednesday October 7, 3 million school children from around the world are joining together to walk to school in the 13th annual International Walk to School Day. Did you know that children who walk to school are better prepared to learn when they arrive? When you were young, you most likely walked to school. Maybe you took the bus. Very few children a generation ago were driven to school. Today, too many children are driven to and from school. This is impacting the feeling of community at our neighborhood schools and creating dangerous traffic situations near the schools. Please consider joining your Peirce neighbors on October 7 and walk with your children to school. You may learn that it isn't that hard or that far after all. You can show how important it is that we build and maintain walkable neighborhoods. You can make a statement about the importance of more exercise for our children, and best of all you can have fun! If you would like more information, or if you have ideas you would like to share, please contact the Peirce School coordinator for the Newton Safe Routes to School program, Paula Gannon at [psgannon@comcast.net](mailto:psgannon@comcast.net) or at 617-694-1973.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Interested in volunteering in the library? Volunteers are crucial to our library program. They help keep our shelves in order, put books away, help students check books out and more. If you are interested in volunteering, attend the library volunteer training on Tuesday, September 29 in the library. The meeting will begin after drop off and will take about 30 minutes. Questions? Ask Jamie Lightfoot.

**ROOM PARENT SIGN UP FOR RANDOLPH, MITCHELL, BROOKS** – We still need room parents for the Randolph, Mitchell, and Brooks classrooms. We would like to have two or more parents per classroom. 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.

**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.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** - 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.

**GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER EXTENDED** - Our annual Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale is EXTENDING for one more WEEK UNTIL OCT. 9!!! 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. Please feel free to email this blurb to out-of-town friends and family as they can order online and have their order shipped directly to them. 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)). Thank you for supporting our school.

**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.

**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).

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT POLICY STATEMENT** – Please see Newton's Out-of-District Policy Statement attached at the end of this newsletter.

## Community News

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**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 3 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](mailto:gsommer@ncscweb.org).

**MAYORAL ACCOUNTABILITY NIGHT** - Newton Congregations and the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization Mayoral Accountability Night with final candidates Ruth Balser and Setti Warren. Wednesday October 14, 7-9PM, Temple Beth Avodah, 45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton. Greater Boston Interfaith Organization member churches and synagogues in Newton and allied Newton religious congregations will present our platform of shared issue priorities to the candidates, asking each to endorse this platform and implement it during their term of office.

**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](http://www.nobiggiebunch.com). Author readings available upon request. Reach us by email at [info@nobiggiebunch.com](mailto:info@nobiggiebunch.com).

**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](http://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, 6:00 to 7:30PM. To register please contact Marlene Greenstein at 617.928.4530 or mgreenstein@mountida.edu.

**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).

**PUMPKIN PATCH** - The United Parish of Auburndale is hosting its third annual Pumpkin Patch, from October 4 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.

**YOUTH PRO MUSICA'S OPEN REHEARSALS** - Love to Sing? Join Youth pro Musica for our 40th year with Director Robert Barney. Celebrating 40 years of excellence in choral training, YpM has appeared with many renowned groups including the American Boychoir and regional symphony orchestras. YpM recent appearances include Symphony Hall and Jordan Hall. Auditions for Boys and Girls 8-18 are in September by appointment. Come to our Open Rehearsals to learn more on September 15 and 22. For more information visit [www.youthpromusica.org](http://www.youthpromusica.org). Questions? Contact us at: (617) 666-6087.

**BOWEN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** - September 30, 7:00-8PM. 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).

**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](http://www.NewArtCenter.org), or call 617-964-3424.

**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. Join us on Sunday, September 27 as all program areas of the Club will be open to the public from noon to 3:00PM. Receive a \$25 discount on a Full Year Membership when you register today. Games, Activities, Prizes, Contests, fun for the whole family. Come see what the Club is all about! You could win a free bicycle!

**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.

**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.allnewtonmusicschool.com](http://www.allnewtonmusicschool.com) or call the Registrar Joseph LeBarron at 617-527-4553 with questions.

**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](http://www.christmascaroltraintour.com)

**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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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](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). September 25th, 7:00 PM: 3rd Annual Friday Night Lights, Harvard Football vs. Brown, Harvard Stadium.

**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](http://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 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.metrowestbball.com/> or at [www.eteamz.com/NewtonTravelBB](http://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](http://www.asahoops.com) or contact Coach Smith at 617-909-5990 / [Coachb@asahoops.com](mailto:Coachb@asahoops.com)

**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](mailto:newtongs@gmail.com) or leave message at 617-671-1223.

**CUB SCOUT OPEN HOUSE** - Open House for Cub Scout Pack 370 on Thursday, September 24, from 7-8PM at Second Church, 60 Highland Street, West Newton in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Robert Lakomski, [robertlakomski@yahoo.com](mailto:robertlakomski@yahoo.com), 617-795-5956.

**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](mailto:frontdesk@energyfitnessgym.com) for more information or visit [www.energyfitnessgym.com](http://www.energyfitnessgym.com) for more info.

## Classifieds

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

**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.

**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](mailto:aliciakeat@aol.com).

**LICE REMOVAL** - Lice Aunties is an in-home, non toxic, all mom, lice removal business based in Newton. Thousands of heads checked with affection and a sense of humor. [www.liceaunties.com](http://www.liceaunties.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](http://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](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.

**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. Contact Marina Gorny: [MDGorny@comcast.net](mailto:MDGorny@comcast.net) or

617-527-4942 [www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com](http://www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.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](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.

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**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)

**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](http://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](mailto:Jen@workoutsthatworkbootcamps) 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 10-1PM 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](http://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](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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## **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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Out-of-District Policy Statement for School Publications

Out-of-District placements for students who wish to attend a school in Newton other than his/her district school are limited. Such placements are made on a space available basis only. Newton families, as well as members of Units A, B, C, D, E, NESAs, Custodians and Boston parents of students in the METCO Program, should call the Elementary Education Office (grades K – 5) at 617-559-6105 or the Deputy Superintendent's Office (grades 6 – 12) at 617-559-6115 for information. Students who receive acceptance for Out-of-District placement must remain in the school selected for the duration of the school year.

Applications for the following school year must be submitted on forms which will be available beginning November 2 in the Elementary Education Office (grades K – 5), Room 218, or the Deputy Superintendent's Office (grades 6 – 12), Room 214, at the Education Center.

If necessary, a lottery will be implemented to determine the order in which placements will be made. Completed applications, signed by the in-district principal, can be submitted no earlier than January 4, 2010 and no later than March 31, 2010. Applications submitted after March 31, 2010 will not be included in the lottery.

Class size in a given grade, in a given year, in a specific school, may preclude any placements including siblings.

Parents will be responsible for transportation.

Tuition Free Enrollment is limited to the per pupil cost of regular education.

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