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Calendar

January	8 CAP parent informational meeting, Grades K, 2 & 5, 8:35-10AM in the Peirce Art Room
February	22-26 Principal finalists will visit schools
<p>Note: The delivery day for Peirce Link has changed to Thursdays at 6:00PM as of January 2010. The new deadline for notices is TUESDAY at 5:30PM.</p>	

Principal's Letter

Dear Peirce Families,

I begin this letter on a somber note. As you are aware, we have lost a special member of our Peirce community. Joseph Heilbron was a fifth grader, who liked being a student at Peirce, enjoyed sports, and loved walking to school everyday. He will be dearly missed. We expect to look at the year ahead with hope and optimism, and may find this harder to do. Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt sorrow goes out to the Heilbron family during this very difficult time.

Now, as we embark on 2010, January is a very busy month for us, and includes C.A.P.P. (Child Assault Prevention Program). Each year, kindergarten, grade 2 and grade 5 students participate in the program. A parent informational meeting will be held Friday, January 8, at 8:30AM in the Peirce Art Room. (Angier parents will join us.) This is an important meeting for you to attend, particularly if you are new to the program. We need your permission for your child to participate. Please see the chart below for the schedule.

The winter term is an especially productive time for us. It is a time to renew a student's commitment to "find out how good she/he can be." Students are expected to refine their skills and expand their thinking. Teachers are purposeful in their lesson preparations to be certain that students remain engaged and challenged. Teachers review the work of each student and write thoughtful progress reports. These reports go home to parents on January 29.

Before the holidays, the faculty and I were treated to a delicious luncheon on December 22. Many kind thanks for the rare occasion when we could share a meal and enjoy each other's company.

Finally, January is an excellent time to renew your commitment to volunteer or help with an event. Your involvement will not only benefit the school, but your child(ren), who notice what we promise and do.

Best wishes for a hopeful, healthy and happy 2010.

Sincerely,
Ruth H. Chapman, Interim Principal

The schedule for C.A.P.P. is as follows:

Kindergarten

Monday, January 11 Part I (45 mins.)
Monday, January 25 Part II (45 mins.)

Grade 2

Farinon
Thursday, January 14 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

Sullivan
Friday, January 15 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

Brooks
Friday, January 22 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

Grade 5

Champagne
Wednesday, January 20 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

Negri
Thursday, January 28 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

Ceddia
Monday, February 1 (Parts I & II) (90 mins.)

The program for grades 2 and 5 will last 90 minutes, while the Kindergarten program will consist of two 45-minute sessions.

School News

WORD OF THE WEEK – Rapture (noun): Great happiness, joy, or delight.

COMING SOON: THE 2010 PEIRCE AUCTION AND CASINO NIGHT - February 6, 6:30-10:30PM at the Neighborhood Club. Thank-you to all who have contributed. We are still looking for various items including American Express points and frequent flying miles. This year, there will be an online auction starting January 25 and ending February 5. Most items listed on the online auction will be SOLD prior to our live event. On February 6, join the rest of the Peirce Community for Casino Night our Winning Event!! That night we will be auctioning off some very special items including:

- **Your Child's Classroom Art Project**
- **Opening Day Tickets to the Red Sox**
- **And other fabulous items such as sports tickets, dinners, & vacation homes**

Ever Been on a Real Live Cattle Drive? Yup, you can win that too!

Remember, you can help sponsor this event with your donation or by helping to underwrite a portion of the event costs. Please call us today, we cannot do this without you! You can reach Donna or Mia at donnagiovannini@gmail.com or MWenjen@aquent.com.

NEWTON COMMUNITY ED CLASSES AT PEIRCE - Registration is now underway for winter classes with Newton Community Education. Coming up at Peirce we have **Mad Science** on Mondays, and **Chess** and **Girls Chemistry** on Thursdays. Check out our winter Saturday programs for families and just for kids: they include **Chocolate with a Twist**, **Slippery Science**, **Math Mania Weekend Adventure**, **Indoor Soccer**, **Adult-Child Pottery**, and more. We have lots of classes for older elementary and middle schoolers too, like **Web Design**, **Game Design**, **Karate**, **Robotics**, **Sewing**, and more, plus two new programs for pre-schoolers: **Create a Fairy Tale** and **Basketball**. If you're looking for something for your kids to do during February or April vacation, consider **Digging the Egyptians**, **Basic Engineering**, **Create a TV Show**, **Splat Paint**, or the ever popular **Domino Physics** and **Marble Machine Madness**. In addition we have a wide variety of classes at other elementary schools, 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

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM - Frequent hand washing helps prevent everything from the common cold or stomach bug to influenza, including H1N1 flu. School nurses have been teaching good hand hygiene at school. Parents can help by reinforcing these important messages at home.

- Wash your hands by rubbing them vigorously with soap and water for 20 seconds. Kids can practice this timing by singing "Happy Birthday" twice.
- When soap and water are not available, use waterless hand sanitizer. Squirt into your hands and rub them together until it is dry. Sanitizer should not be used when hands are visibly dirty. Hand washing should occur then.
- Wash your hands often, especially after using the restroom and before eating.
- Practice coughing or sneezing into your sleeve (elbow or upper arm) instead of your hands. This prevents spreading those germs when we touch things with our hands.
- Avoid touching your face to prevent introducing germs into your body through your nose and mouth.

For more information about hand washing, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HandWashing/>

WINTER & SPRING GRADES 4 & 5 CONCERT DATES – Mark your calendars now. The date for the Winter Concert (Grades 4 & 5) is February 3 (10:00AM and 7:30PM) with a snow date of February 10. The date for the Spring Concert (Grades 4 & 5) is June 10 (10:00AM and 7:30PM).

NEWTON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER – Help earn money to support building 21st century classrooms while you shop online. Shop at the websites you know and trust. Pay the same price you normally would and eScrip will contribute up to 16% of your purchase to the Newton Schools Foundation. All you need to do is register and download "Autoearn" to accrue donations automatically. Log onto www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org and click on the eScrip Online Mall logo. Go to "sign up" and follow the instructions. Designate Newton Schools Foundation to receive your contributions by entering Group ID 500023242 or enter "Newton Schools Foundation", Download, "Autoearn" to accrue contributions automatically.

PEIRCE LINK DEADLINE CHANGE - In an effort to consolidate and facilitate the communications process to our Peirce community, Peirce Link will now be delivered each **Thursday** of the week, instead of every Friday. We expect the earlier weekly delivery date will allow for more timely notification of information and higher readership as we realize that many families are busy with extracurricular activities and/or are traveling on the weekends.

Community News

HELP KEEP SIDEWALKS SAFE DURING WINTER - Many people in our community depend on being able to walk year round, including children walking to school or the bus, neighbors who can't drive and mail carriers. If you need help keeping your sidewalk clear, here is a list of volunteers and commercial contractors who can help you: www.newtonma.gov/show or call 617-796-1000. Optionally, go to: <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/DPW/winter.htm#CITY%20ORDINANCES> for flyer. Rather do it yourself? Then, please: Shovel your sidewalk to the bare pavement. Clear a three to four foot wide path. Chop or melt ice. Help --- or get your kids to help -- neighbors who can't shovel because they are elderly or disabled. Please don't push snow from driveways or walks onto the sidewalk...it's a \$25 fine! Questions? Contact Lucia Dolan: luciadolan@rcn.com. (A reminder from: The Bike/Pedestrian Task Force, Newton Safe Routes to School Task Force, League of Women Voters, and PTO Council).

ATTENTION ABSENTEE VOTERS - Absentee ballot applications for "all elections this year" end Dec. 31, 2009, so new absentee ballot applications have to be filed to vote absentee in the Jan. 19 U.S. Senate election. Applications can be downloaded from <http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/eifeiv/howabs.htm>. For those voters who would like to go to City Hall and vote absentee at the Election Commission counter, the Election Commission does not know what date it will have absentee ballots available. Typically absentee ballots arrive two to three weeks before an election. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Fri., Jan. 15 at 5PM. The Deadline to [Register to Vote](#) in the January 19, Senate Race was Dec. 30.

BOSTON COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME - Come and cheer on the Boston College Women's Basketball team as they take on the Miami Hurricanes on Sunday, January 31 at 2PM. Please provide number of student and adult tickets you would like. Email information to Elizabeth Reilly at reillyliza@gmail.com by Sunday, January 24. Tickets will be distributed at Peirce School the week of January 25. Tickets are free and compliments of the Peirce PTO in thanks for your continued support. Go Eagles!!!

42nd ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NEWTON COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - Monday, January 18, 10:00AM. Our Lady Help of Christians, 573 Washington Street, Newton. Honored Guest: Mayor Setti Warren. Reflections by Newton School Students from Bigelow, F.A. Day and Newton North HS. Musical Selections by: Newton All City Honors Chorus, Newton South High School's Harambee Gospel Choir, Myrtle Baptist Church's The Love Tones. Please bring non-perishable food items, which are being collected for Newton's food pantries

SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM AT THE JCC - Wide World of Sports with Peter Sylvester. Monday, January 18, 9AM-3PM. Grades K-5. Kids will have fun playing team sports and other cooperative games like Wiffle Ball, Kickball and Capture the Flag. Members \$75, Nonmembers \$90. Register online at jccgb.org/vacations or call Ellen at 617-558-6456 for more information.

AFRICAN DANCE PARTY - Fight the winter blues. Come enjoy the high energy sounds of Mamadou. Appetizers and spectacular auction. Friday, January 22, 7:30-11:30PM. Dancing, food and amazing auction will be featured at the African dance party benefiting Nurturing Minds, a nonprofit organization that provides financial and technical support to programs improving education for girls in Tanzania. At the Harry Parker Boathouse, 20 Nonantum Street, Brighton. Proceeds from the event will help to support the SEGA School funded by Nurturing Minds. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

APRIL VACATION CAMP - The Paul Green School of Rock (<http://www.schoolofrock.com/boston>) has begun accepting registrations for our 2010 April Break Rock Star Boot Camp (4/19-4/23). This day camp runs 9:00AM to 3:00PM w/ the option for early drop-off/late pickup at no extra charge, and is open to student musicians ages 6-17 who play bass, guitar, piano, drums, or sing. Please call 617-923-3434 for details.

STEP-BY-STEP DANCE STUDIO ANNUAL WINTER SHOW AND FUNDRAISER - Saturday, January 23, 6-11:30PM at the American Legion Post 440 in Newton, to support the Steven T. Hill Stroke Foundation. The group's fundraising goal is \$20,000. The evening will include a buffet dinner, dance performance, raffle and Silent Auction, as well as a DJ and dancing! For information about Steven Hill,

the victim of a stroke at 32, please see www.STHstrokefoundation.org. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 18, and can be purchased through the studio at 781-891-5678, or through Donna Tartaglino-Fahey at dtartaglinofahey@hotmail.com. The dance studio is currently accepting raffle and silent auction items. 50-50 raffle tickets are also on sale.

CHILDRENS' AUDITIONS OF THE MUSICAL OLIVER - At The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain, January 9 and 10. The Footlight Club is the oldest community theater in the United States. Production dates are April 2,3,9,10,11,16 &17. We are looking for boys and girls age 9 – 14. For more information, go to www.footlight.org.

NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN CABARET - Presented by the highly acclaimed Theatre Ink and student directed by Caleb Bromberg, Maddie Ceitlin, Pamela Chen and Sonya Douglas. Freshman Cabaret is a collection of songs, scenes and dances highlighting this year's outstanding freshman talent. Freshman Cabaret does not conflict with any other Theatre Ink production. January 7 and 8 at 7:30PMLasker Auditorium at NNHS, 360 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville. Tickets \$5 at www.theatreink.net or 617-559-6406.

NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL "WAKE UP THE GENERATION" - Presented by the Musical Theatre Cabaret Troupe at Theatre Ink and student directed by Kelly McIntyre, John Paul Roby, and Hayley Travers. Don't miss Theatre Ink's newest innovation, Musical Theatre Cabaret Troupe's "Wake Up The Generation". The troupe consists of freshman-seniors and you will be delighted with full troupe numbers along with small group and solo performances. All music is accompanied by students. January 14 at 7:30PM, Lasker Auditorium at NNHS, 360 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville. Tickets \$5 at www.theatreink.net or 617-559-6406.

5th ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT & FESTIVAL FEATURING WAYNE POTASH - Live music, activities, crafts, a bake sale, and fantastic raffle prizes. Saturday, February 6, 10AM-12PM, Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newton. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For tickets, contact Sarah Sian at tickets@burrcoop.org or 617-388-3132. All proceeds to benefit Burr Cooperative Nursery School, a non-profit organization.

MUSIC FROM AND FOR CHILDHOOD - Sunday, January 10 at 3PM at the Rashi Auditorium, 15 Walnut Park, Newton. The Newton Symphony is joined by students from the Newton All City Orchestra. The program includes music from and for childhood, including music from Fantasia and Fantasia 2000 and favorites by Leroy Anderson and John Philip Souza. Children will receive a free gift. Following the performance there will be an instrument petting zoo and the opportunity to meet the conductor, soloists and members of the orchestras over refreshments. Tickets available at www.newtonsymphony.org or 617-965-2555. \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, family cap of \$25.

BASEBALL @ BC IN THE BUBBLE – winter camps for kids ages 6 to 12. Practice fielding, hitting & pitching and play some games. "PARENTS' NIGHT OUT CLINICS" (2/6 & 2/13): get a night out for dinner or Valentine's Day while your kids have a blast playing Bubble-Ball (6 - 9PM both nights). For more info go to www.bceagles.com/baseballcamps or call 617-552-1132.

BC WINTER SOFTBALL CLINICS FOR GIRLS AGES 5-18 - Pitching/Catching, January 15, 7-9PM. All Skills, January 16-17, 9AM-12PM. All sessions to be held in the "Bubble" at Alumni Stadium. More info at www.bceagles.com/camps or questions to karwoski@bc.edu 617-552-3998.

COACH EDUCATION: COACHING THE YOUTH SOCCER PLAYER - January 10, 1-6PM. Join the former Director of Coaching from the Irish Football Association and former Northern Ireland U-21 manager, Roy Millar, for a coaching symposium at the Newton South Recreation Complex. Includes practical seminars and lectures on how to effectively coach soccer to the youth player. Also in attendance will be women's D1 Holy Cross coach, Darren Gallagher, who will be running a practical session. For registration: masspremieroccer@mpsbr.com.

BASEBALL CLINICS FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS - February 6 and 13. Sign up for one or both sessions at \$50/session. Experienced Staff including Mik Aoki, Head Baseball Coach at BC. All phases of the game covered. All the kids will play in games, hone skills and have a great experience. Held at the Alumni Stadium Bubble. Questions or for more info: baseball@bc.edu or call 617-552-1132. To register your child: kaiserma@bc.edu

NEWTON YOUTH PLAYERS 2010-2011 SEASON - Get your child involved in musical theatre. "My Fair Lady" summer 2010; "Guys and Dolls" fall 2010; and "My Fair Lady," again, spring 2011. These programs fill quickly so early registration is encouraged. Rehearsals at Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street on Tuesdays 3:30-5:00PM and Thursdays 3:45-5:15PM. Classes for Grades 3-7 held Mondays 4:00-5:30PM. Children's theatre company for elementary school children grades 1-5. For further info and to register: 617-796-1540 or www.newtonyouthplayers.com.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING K AND PRE-K SOCCER - Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Soccer is now accepting registrations for our 2010 Spring Session. Children in Pre-K (4-5 years old) and students currently enrolled in Kindergarten are invited to participate. Spring session April 10 - June 12 Practice/games Saturdays 9:30-10:30AM for the K league and 10:45-11:45AM for the Pre-K league. Games at Burr School, Pine Street in Auburndale. Volunteer parent coaches are needed. No experience necessary; training provided. \$60 per child. Proceeds benefit Lincoln-Eliot & Franklin Schools' PTO programs. For forms, email gardencitysoccer@gmail.com or download from www.lepto.org or www.franklinpto.org. For more information, call L-E School parent Melanie Varady at 617-244-5773 or Franklin School parent Deb Rooney at (617) 630-8520. Registration deadline is March 12.

BOTANICAL EXPLORATIONS - A solo exhibit of watercolors of fruit, vegetables and plants by Carrie Megan will be at The Newton Free Library, Main Hall, 330 Homer Street January 5 - 28, 2010. The Opening reception will be on January 7, 2010, 7:00-8:30 PM. For information contact: www.newtonfreelibrary.net or call 617-796-1360.

Classifieds

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS - Learn how to play the piano! Private lessons available for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Skill level – beginners to intermediates. Half-hour time slots still available on Tuesdays! \$30 for a half hour lesson. Located in Newton Center, near City Hall. Piano instructor Kathy Raiz has 25 years of piano experience, six years of teaching experience and great references. Call Kathy at 617-584-2153, or e-mail at kraiz@raizlabs.com to find out more.

LOCAL NEWTON PARENT AVAILABLE FOR MATH TUTORING - Help build your child's confidence in learning math. Math can be daunting for some but never impossible to master! Experienced Math tutor for K-8 students. References and rates available upon request. Please contact Barbara at bnjoseph2000@yahoo.com or 617-861-7873.

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EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - Babysitter currently working for Peirce family is seeking additional daytime hours. Excellent references. Please contact zoeforbes@verizon.net if interested.

BABYSITTING AND DOG WALKING - Ari Appel, Peirce graduate and Newton North 9th grader offers babysitting, dog walking, and homework help services. Call or email for more information at (617) 610-2423 or arisappel@gmail.com.

HANDYMAN AL - Handyman Al can do all your electrical and household needs. Please call 617-244-5157 or go to www.therealhandymanal.com

AFFORDABLE TUTORING SERVICES IN MATH - If your child is struggling in math, or if they need to be challenged, I'd be happy to tutor them. I'm a senior at Newton South High School with excellent grades in math and a perfect score on the SAT math section. Can tutor any level from basic arithmetic to calculus. Can work with students at all different skill levels; ages 5-17 and will tutor at your home or in public place. Available weekdays after 3PM and weekends all day. Contact Ben at 617-259-0377 or at ben29@rcn.com.

ACTIVEMINDS TUTORING - Effective, Personalized and Convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation (MCAS, SSAT, ISEE, SAT...). 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.

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

ALL THAT JAZZ DANCE STUDIO - Start the new year right! New classes for kids and adults forming in January. Boys and Girls age 6-8 BreakDance/Hip Hop on Sundays 4-5PM. Creative Movement/Tap for age 2-4 Tuesdays 4-5PM. Adult Hip Hop Fridays 12:30-1:30. For age 12 and up - Lyrical Hip Hop workshop Sundays 3-4PM. Age 8-11 Tap Workshop Sundays 2-3PM. Boys and Girls age 6-8 BreakDance/Hip Hop on Sundays 4-5PM. Creative Movement/Tap for age 2-4 Tuesdays 4-5PM. Questions answered or to register: Contact Miss Deb Lifson Vogel at 617-641-0784 or missdeb@allthatjazznewton.com. www.allthatjazznewton.com. All That Jazz Dance Studio, 232 California Street, Newton.

BEADAZZLED BIRTHDAYS - Host a jewelry party for your child! A beader/certified teacher will come to the place of your choice and teach jewelry making for birthdays, holiday parties, girl scouts, or any other special event! All supplies are included; ages 7+ is recommended. Please visit www.beadazzledbirthdays.com for more information!

FOR SALE - Spartan Rod Hockey Game, looks brand new, 32"W, 41"L; 35"H, \$100; Pockey 2 games in 1--air hockey one side; flip over and it's a pool table, also has mini ping pong, 30"W, 60"L, 32"H, \$100; Game Boy Advance SP with case and 18 games, \$80. Call 617-965-9671.

EIGHTH GRADER SEEKING BABYSITTING JOB – After school (3:00 PM) and on weekends. Peirce alumna and former EDP volunteer. Kathryn Adelson 857-636-2718 or k.adelson@verizon.net.

FREE DIABETES SUPPLIES - Are you diabetic or know someone who is diabetic? Elaine Raposa who works for Advanced Diabetic Solutions and they offer free blood test strips and lancets for your diabetic needs. Also, they offer free shoes with orthotics made for you. Call her at 508 265-2040 or email at eraposa@advanceddiabeticsolutions.net

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