

<PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 2, 2006-07 – Wednesday, September 26, 2006

News and Notes

Our annual Back-to-School Nights are tonight and tomorrow – tonight (preschool, grade 1, kindergarten) and tomorrow (grades 2-5). Both nights will begin at 7 p.m. with brief whole-group gatherings in the newer building multipurpose room and then parents will proceed to their children's classrooms to hear presentations by the classroom teachers. Teachers will have handouts for you at this time as well. These are very valuable events, and we hope to see you all there! Please remember that Back-to-School Nights are adults-only evenings.

Next Wednesday, October 4, from 7-8:30 p.m., is our Special Parent Education Evening with Educator Jim Burns – "Proactive Parenting." There is limited child-care available for K-5 children at a very low cost. Please help us achieve our goal of 100% parent attendance! This will be such a worthwhile event to attend and we are very pleased to be able to offer it to you.

Wednesday, October 4, is a no-school day for students. This is a professional development day for the faculty. Mr. Burns will be spending the day with us discussing character education.

Board Chair Susan Akers (parent of Tyler Hohenstein, 5th grade, and Ellie Hohenstein, 1st grade) and I represented Pinecrest at the Land Use Committee meeting last night, along with our lawyer. Step 1 of 3 in our efforts to rezone the school (to include a sixth grade and increase our hours of operation so we can offer longer after-care) has been completed successfully. You will be kept informed as we move along.

I attended a breakfast meeting of the Annandale Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Pinecrest is a member of the local chamber.

Mrs. Johnson and I will represent Pinecrest at the World Bank/IMF Education Fair on Thursday.

The Fun Fair is coming – Saturday, October 14! Each year the Fun Fair is a great community-building event and an opportunity to meet the families that make up our vibrant Pinecrest community. Please plan to attend and help us make this a festive event – friends and relatives are welcome to come along with you! If you are interested in volunteering at the Fun Fair, please contact Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4th grade) at volunteer@pinecrestschool.org or 703.255.1040. Check today's Wednesday Envelope for more Fun Fair information.

Pinecrest has received a most generous offer from Barbara Stubblefield, an alumni parent: Through the end of October we are able to shop in the Southern Living at Home catalog without having to attend a party (the usual way these products are sold). You can stock up on beautiful and unique decorating and entertaining items or shop early for the December holidays while benefiting the school financially – truly a win-win! Catalogs, instructions and order forms will be distributed at Back-to-School Nights. Additional catalogs, as well as sample merchandise, will also be on display at the Fun Fair. Please contact Susan Cohen if you need additional information.

FYI: This Saturday is the National Book Festival, held on the Mall in D.C. This is a very unique event that promotes reading and features many authors. It is hosted by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush. For more information, please visit www.loc.gov/bookfest or call 888.714.4696.

Messages from Mrs. Strunk

Beginning in September, bills are no longer being sent to families as reminders of upcoming tuition and bus payments. Tuition and bus payments must be paid by the 1st of each month. In accordance with pages 11-12 of the Student/Parent Handbook, late fees will be assessed for late payments.

Upcoming Dates

Fri., Sept. 15	Happy Belated Birthday, Mrs. Parelhoff! ☺
Wed., Sept. 27	Preschool, Kindergarten & Grade 1 Back-to-School Night – 7 p.m. – adults only
Thurs., Sept. 28	Grade 2-5 Back-to-School Night – 7 p.m. – adults only
Sat., Sept. 30	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Renoll! ☺
Wed., Oct. 4	Faculty In-Service Workday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Oct. 4	Special Parent Education Evening with Jim Burns – 7-8:30 p.m. – limited child-care available
Mon., Oct. 9	Columbus Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Sat., Oct. 14	Fun Fair – 11 a.m.-3 p.m. – on campus
Tues., Oct. 17	Individual & Class Photos by Lifetouch
Fri., Oct. 20	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no lunch, no after-care
Fri., Oct. 27	Fourth Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Tues., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade – 9:15 a.m. – on campus

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thanks to the families and faculty/staff who attended our Back-to-School Picnic on September 17!

Thought for the Day

“There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”
(Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis)