

PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 8, 2006-07 – Wednesday, January 10, 2007

News and Notes

Happy New Year!!!

This Friday, January 12, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon. Please remember that children need a snack (not a lunch) on half days.

This Friday, January 12, is the last day to sign up for the winter session of after-school activities. Please note that Mad Science is already full. The winter session of after-school activities will begin the week of January 29.

We are in the middle of the rising grade-level curriculum coffees this week. These are designed to help parents become more knowledgeable about their child's next grade level. Teachers are making presentations and answering questions.

After-care now runs until 6 p.m.

The 2006-07 Pinecrest School Annual Fund is underway! Thank you to the many families and school community members (past and present) who have donated so far. We began the campaign with a 100% commitment to give from the current Board of Trustees – twelve members of our school community – and many contributions from the faculty as well! I encourage you to consider making a contribution if you have not already done so. Your participation most of all would be valued.

Mrs. Parelhoff and the fifth grade class went on a field trip yesterday to see "The Color of Justice" at George Mason University. This ties in with the class's assembly preparation and other studies of the Civil Rights movement and Dr. King. Thank you to Mary Alice Catherina (parent of Richie, 5th grade) and Margaret Williams (parent of Juliet Smith, 5th grade) for attending the trip with the class!

Mrs. O'Hara will facilitate a workshop for the first–fifth grade teachers and me on Friday afternoon, January 12, about Word Study, an alternative method to teaching spelling.

The annual International Dinner will take place on Saturday, January 20, at 6 p.m., at John Calvin Church on Columbia Pike in Annandale. Vikki Keen (parent of Jared, 3rd grade) is chairing this year's event; she would appreciate any contributions of time and/or food dishes. This is an event that truly celebrates the diversity that makes Pinecrest so unique; it is always a lot of fun for all! Please see today's Wednesday Envelope for more information.

If your child will be out of school because of an illness, appointment, or other such reason, please call Mrs. Strunk in the morning; you can always leave a message if no one answers the phone. Thanks to those who always remember to do this!

Plans for our first-ever summer camp, the Pinecrest Summer Pavilion, are well underway! The camp schedule will be published by Mrs. Hartzler in early February. We have a very cool summer camp logo, and you can look in Family and Washington Parent for our new summer camp ad!



Auction Update

Pinecrest's 2006-07 "One World, One School" fundraising auction is on Saturday, March 10th. Save the date and get a baby-sitter for this fun, adults-only evening which will help fund important school enhancements, programs equipment and more. The Auction Committee – led by Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4th grade) – needs your help now! Donate your talents, goods from your business or time at your vacation home. Ask your hairstylists, favorite restaurants and places of entertainment to donate gift certificates. What a wonderful event it will be if every family participates! The Auction Committee is asking each family to generate at least two donations. Donation forms are in the office and are also in your child's Wednesday Envelope today! Please call Donations Lead Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex and Anastasia, K) with questions at 703.963.8236.



Upcoming Dates

Wed., Jan. 10	Rising First Grade Curriculum Coffee – 9 a.m. – science lab
Thurs., Jan. 11	Rising Second Grade & Third Grade Curriculum Coffee – 9 a.m. - science lab
Fri., Jan. 12	Rising Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade Curriculum Coffee – 9 a.m. – science lab
Fri., Jan. 12	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Mon., Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Jan. 17	2007-08 Reenrollment Forms Distributed via Wednesday Envelopes
Fri., Jan. 19	Fifth Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Sat., Jan. 20	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 20	International Dinner – 6 p.m. – John Calvin Church in Annandale
Wed., Jan. 24	Open House for prospective families – 6-8 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 25	K-5 Fun Lunch (lunch, drink, and dessert only)
Thurs., Jan. 25	Quarter 2 Ends (42 days)
Fri., Jan. 26	Faculty In-Service Workday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Jan. 31	Quarter 2 Report Cards Distributed via Wednesday Envelopes

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to Patti Allis (parent of Molly, 3rd grade) for designing our beautiful auction logo above!

Thought for the Day

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)