

PINECREST HEADLINES

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News and Notes

This year, to truly celebrate our auction theme of "One World, One School," we are planning a different kind of a photo slide show for the auction, and we need YOUR help! Please send a fairly recent photo of your family to head@pinecrestschool.org or in an envelope marked for me as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already submitted photos!

K-5 Pennies for Patients is in progress and will run until Thursday, March 8. (The deadline has been extended due to the snow-induced February Vacation.) This is a community service outreach with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The goal of this program is to teach children the value of helping others in a way where they can contribute – their own pennies as a tangible gift. This is truly a children-helping-children effort as all of the money raised goes directly to local children battling leukemia and to cancer research. There is a collection box in each classroom. Some classes may be creating thinking-of-you cards to send to local patients as well. Students in grades 2-5 will see a video about the program on Friday afternoon, and I will visit kindergarten and first grade classes this week to discuss the program with them.

Mrs. Parelhoff, Mrs. Yeomans, and the fifth graders are going to see Blues Journey at the Kennedy Center tomorrow.

Mrs. Renoll will attend a workshop in Springfield tomorrow with Marcy Cook, professional trainer and author – Math for K-3: Active Involvement is the Key.

The 100th day of school is now Monday, February 26! Many teachers are celebrating in their own classrooms and K-5 students will come together in the afternoon for our second annual 100 pennies relay to benefit Pennies for Patients.

The second grade class, Mrs. Renoll, and I will be on a field trip on Tuesday, February 27, to the National Aquarium in DC. This field trip complements the second graders' science studies. Thanks in advance to Esperanza Miranda (parent of Isabella, 2nd grade), Karla Ochoa-Lopez (parent of Mireya Lopez, 2nd grade), Monica Sharata (parent of Natalie, 2nd grade), and Thu-Hang Tran (parent of Minh-Quan Nguyen, 2nd grade) for joining us!

The Katy Kelly in-house author event has been rescheduled for grades 2-5. It will now take place on Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m., in the playroom. The books will be distributed on the day of Ms. Kelly's visit.

The internet safety seminar for grades 3-5 with Childhelp will be rescheduled. More information TBA.

Monday, February 12, was our second fundraising night at Ledo Pizza – thank you to all who joined us!

The snowed-out Yoga classes on February 7 and 14, and the snowed-out Games Galore class on February 15 will be rescheduled. More information TBA.

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion registration is now open to the public, and all of the camp information is now available on our website in the Summer Camp section. We will be having an afternoon assembly with Mrs. Hartzler next Wednesday, February 28, for K-5 students to promote summer camp in the next week or so. Anything you can do to help us promote Pinecrest Summer Pavilion with friends, neighbors and family would be greatly appreciated.

Auction Update

Auction 2007 is just around the corner! It is not too late to make your donations, but the committee needs them VERY SOON! Extra forms are available in Mrs. Strunk's office; please remember to put the estimated value of your contribution so no one guesses incorrectly. Thank you to those who have already secured and/or made donations!

Auction Update (continued)

Calling all parents to help with auction set-up on Friday afternoon, March 9: School releases at noon, and volunteers are needed from 12-3:30 p.m. Bring your kids and help us put up decorations, arrange the silent auction, or volunteer to watch the kids on the playground. There is a job for everyone! Volunteers will also get a sneak peak at the auction items. Contact Auction Chair Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4th grade) to sign up at volunteer@pinecrestschool.org or 703.731.8793. Please consider helping out – this is always a job made light by the many hands of our generous volunteers!

Don't forget to order your tickets for the auction (by completing and returning the response card) and to book your babysitter! The auction will run from 6-11 p.m. We will have a terrific time, you will bring home fabulous items, and the school will greatly benefit from the proceeds – please plan to join us!



Upcoming Dates

Thurs., Feb. 22	Grade 5 Field Trip – Kennedy Center
Fri., Feb. 23	Grade 2 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Sat., Feb. 24	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 26	100 th Day of School Celebration (note date change due to snow days)
Tues., Feb. 27	Grade 2 Field Trip – National Aquarium, D.C.
Wed., Feb. 28	Open House for prospective families – 6-8 p.m.
Fri., March 2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday / Read Across Pinecrest Celebration
Thurs., March 8	K-5 Pennies for Patients Ends
Fri., March 9	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – Auction Set-up – no after-care
Sat., March 10	Auction – 6 p.m. – adults only
Fri., March 23	Grade 2 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Wed., March 28	Grades 1-5 Family Math Night – 7-8:30 p.m. – newer building
Thurs., March 29	K-5 Fun Lunch (lunch, drink, and dessert only)
Thurs., March 29	Quarter 3 Ends (43 days)
Fri., March 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL
Fri., March 30	Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed at parent conferences
Mon.-Fri., April 2-6	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., April 9	School resumes

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to Mrs. Rose for sharing her artistic talent to assist with some of the class auction projects!

Thought for the Day

"Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that the right thoughts and right efforts will inevitably bring about the right results."
(James Allen)