

PINECREST HEADLINES

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News and Notes

The grades 2-5 Katy Kelly in-house author event will be this afternoon at 1 p.m. in the playroom!

K-5 Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will end tomorrow. Thank you to those who have participated in this worthy community service fundraising cause!

Ms. Bleggi and the third grade class went on a field trip yesterday to the National Library of Medicine, part of NIH, in Bethesda. Some of the highlights, as reported by the third graders, included having the security dogs sniff the school bus upon arrival, seeing the interactive displays on forensic science, and creating digital fingerprints. Thank you to Vikki Keen (parent of Jared, 3rd grade) and Mary Valad (parent of Jackson, Palmer & Valerie, 4th, 3rd & 1st grades) for joining the class on the trip!

Three faculty members participated in George Mason University's Professional Development Day on March 3; Mrs. Browning attended two workshops (What To Do When You Can't Go Outside and Parachutes & Rainy Day Activities), Mrs. Narcisso attended three (Sing & Sign for Preschool/Primary Children, Managing Aggression & Competition, and Normal Speech/Language Development), and Mrs. Renoll attended one (Conferences).

Ms. Bleggi, Mrs. O'Hara, and I will attend a workshop in Reston on Monday – Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom with Dr. Diane Heacox.

The grades 3-5 internet safety seminar with Childhelp has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 15, at 1:20 p.m.

The 100th day of school was last Monday. The K-5 students and teachers and I had fun with our second annual 100 pennies relay to benefit Pennies for Patients!

Dr. Seuss's birthday was last Friday. Second and third grade students read to the preschoolers in the morning, and K-5 students joined together for buddy reading and a round-robin reading by the teachers and me in the afternoon. It is always a good day when we get together in celebration of reading!

Photos from recent events including the 100th day, summer camp assembly, Dr. Seuss's birthday and more are now online in the password-protected photo gallery of our website. Go to the Students & Current Families section and click on Photo Albums on the left side. Then click Pincrest Members Only and enter your login/password!

Mrs. Murphy attended a Committee for Children workshop on February 15 – Educating the Heart and Mind.

Pincrest Summer Pavilion

Registration for Pincrest Summer Pavilion is now open to the public, and all of the camp information is available on our website in the Summer Camp section. Some classes are already very close to being full. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in Pincrest's inaugural summer camp! Please help spread the word too. Flyers are available on the counter in the front office, as well as on the website. The flyer can also be e-mailed directly to you if you'd like to share it with friends, family or neighbors electronically – please let Mrs. Hartzler or me know.

Auction Update

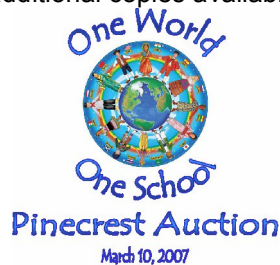
The Auction is almost here! But before the Big Night on Saturday, we have the BIG AFTERNOON: Friday afternoon is when we will set up and we can use all the hands we can get. Help is needed for the following activities:

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| √ Carrying donations into the new building | √ Arranging merchandise | √ Decorating | √ Moving furniture |
| √ Matching Bid Sheets with Items | √ Setting up tables | √ Watching children (after early dismissal) | |
| √ Taping pictures on the walls in the multipurpose room | | | |

Auction Update (continued)

Also, if you can volunteer on Saturday night to help with checkout (fetching items for people) and cleaning up, the Auction Committee would be ever-so-grateful for your assistance. The Auction Committee has worked tirelessly for the past few months to pull the event together and a few additional hands will make all the difference. Thank you!

You have the chance to preview the auction items available for bidding beforehand via the catalog, which is in your child's Wednesday Envelope today! Please read the blue letter with the catalog from Auction Chair Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4th grade) and note the information she includes about sealed bids. Finally, please bring your catalog with you on Saturday night; there will not be additional copies available.



Upcoming Dates

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| Fri., March 9 | K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – Auction Set-up – no after-care |
| Sat., March 10 | Auction – 6-11 p.m. – adults only |
| Fri., March 23 | Grade 1 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 Dr. Monique Nguyen (parent of Kaitlyn & Angelyn, 4th grade & Preschool 4) for making a recent presentation to the preschool and kindergarten classes about dental health.

A round of applause for Mary Alice Catherina (parent of Richie, 5th grade), Patti Allis (parent of Molly, 3rd grade), and their friend Kenneth Kauffman for spending the day at Pinecrest last Wednesday for the My World Auction Photo Shoot! Please refer to page 9 of the auction catalog to learn more about how you can purchase your child's My World photo at the auction or afterwards. The photos are unique and truly awesome!

Kudos to the faculty for their flexibility and cooperation during last week's many special events and other activities!

Thank you to the families who submitted family photos for the special auction slideshow. (Please note that the deadline for submitting photos has now passed.)

A tip of the hat to Mrs. Hartzler for the exciting K-5 summer camp assembly last Wednesday afternoon! Special thanks to the fourth grade class whose participation in the assembly added so much!

Thank you to the volunteers at our February open houses for prospective families – Susan Akers (parent of Tyler & Ellie Hohenstein, 5th & 1st grades), Susan Cohen, Lyn Goodman (parent of Kyle, 3rd grade), Worth Hester (parent of Nick & Cam, 5th & 4th grades) and Agustin Martinez (parent of Claudio, 1st grade).

Thought for the Day

"The welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all." (Helen Keller)