

PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 13, 2006-07 – Wednesday, March 21, 2007

News and Notes

Initial Auction totals indicate that the school raised an amazing sum of almost \$30,000! **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and attended the auction! Your generosity is awe-inspiring.

Parent Conferences are next Friday, March 30, and this is a no-school day for the children. Teachers are in the process of coordinating conference times with parents now, and they are looking forward to meeting with you. Watch our list-serv next week for helpful information about planning your meeting with your child's teacher.

K-5 spring after-school activities will begin the week of April 16. We will be offering K-5 Mad Science on Mondays; K-2 All Around the World (computer); 3-5 Dream Vacation (computer) on Thursdays; and K-5 Let's Make Some Noise on Fridays. Information will be in today's Wednesday Envelopes!

K-5 Pennies for Patients has ended, and I am pleased to report that our school community raised \$384.00 for this worthy cause! Kindergarten was the top fundraising class (contributing \$112.03) and they will be treated to a pizza party later in the year to celebrate their generosity of spirit. More information TBA.

The first graders, Ms. Perlroth and I will go to A Likely Story Children's Bookstore in Alexandria this afternoon for a field trip and story time. Thank you to Karen Tamayo (parent of Maddie Purser, 1st grade) who's joining us!

Mrs. Renoll, the second graders, the third graders and I went on a field trip last week to Olsson's Books in Arlington to see local author Laura Krauss Melmed and hear about her book, CAPITAL! Washington D.C. from A to Z. Thank you to Lyn Goodman (parent of Kyle, 3rd), Esperanza Miranda (parent of Isabella, 2nd), and Val Treharne (parent of Jonny & Owen, 2nd & K) for driving and joining us!

The four-year-old preschool class went on a field trip with Mrs. Ferrier and Mrs. Narcisso to Safeway on Little River Turnpike last week. Besides the highlight of riding the bus, the children toured the store and enjoyed a snack of fresh fruit in the new café area. Thank you to Scott Chesbrough (parent of Cameron, Preschool 4) for attending!

The fifth graders and Mrs. Parelhoff recently read Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson and culminated this literature unit with a field trip to see the movie last Friday. Reports indicate that the movie was terrific, and, best of all, followed the book really well! Thanks to Mary Alice Catherina (parent of Richie, 5th grade) for driving and attending.

Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Murphy, and the kindergarten class will go on a field trip on Monday to Olsson's Books in Arlington to see Jackie Urbanovic, local author of the new book Duck at the Door.

Our second K-5 Movie Night of the year will be on Friday, April 20. The flyer with return form will be sent home when we return from spring break, but please plan now for your child(ren) to join us! We will be showing *Over the Hedge* and will have lots of fun as usual!

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

We have 82 children registered for our first-ever summer camp! Registration is now open to the public and of the camp information is available on our website in the Summer Camp section. The following classes are full (closed): Girl Power (Grades 1-3/Week 6); Webkinz World (Grades 3-6/Week 6); Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-6/Week 7), and others are very close to being full. Please e-mail Mrs. Hartzler at summercamp@pinecrestschool.org if you are interested in being on the waiting list for any closed classes. Information about closed classes is posted on the website as well. It is very exciting to see the positive response we have gotten from Pinecrest and beyond to Pinecrest Summer Pavilion! Remember, it is not too late to register!

Upcoming Dates

Wed., March 21	Grade 1 Field Trip – Story time at A Likely Story – leaving 1 p.m.
Fri., March 23	Grade 1 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Sat., March 24	Open House for prospective families 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mon., March 26	Kindergarten Field Trip – Olsson’s Books in Arlington – leaving 1 p.m.
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 (39 days with the snow days we were off)
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
Fri., April 13	2007-08 Tuition Deposit Due
Mon.-Fri., April 16-20	Spirit Week
Fri., April 20	K-5 Movie Night – 6-10 p.m.
Sat., April 21	Open House for prospective families 10 a.m.-12 noon
Mon.-Fri., April 23-27	Grade 4 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Tues.-Thurs., April 24-26	Grade 1 Cognitive Abilities Test – mornings – no make-ups
Tues.-Thurs., April 24-26	Grade 2 Otis-Lennon School Ability Test – mornings – no make-ups
Fri., April 27	Kindergarten Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to the following people who gave of their time to assist with our One World, One School 2007 Auction Event whether it was on the committee, on Friday at set-up and cleaning up on Saturday night: Susan Akers & Tyler & Ellie Hohenstein; Patti Allis; Mary Alice Catherina; Andy & Libby Cohen; John Corkill; Tom & Maggie Dabney; Kathy, Steve & Max Ginsberg; Lyn, John & Kyle Goodman; Eleni Jakub; Lisa Johnson; Kenneth Kauffman; Vikki & Jared Keen; Lisa Layfield & Lily Wittle; Alejandra & Santi Lorenzo; April McDermott; Julie & Kevin Muir; Sherry Nicewonder & Nicholas Ozioli; Genie O’Hara; Alice Poltorick; Misha Rowe; Albert Saccocia; Mary Strunk; Karen Tamayo & Maddie Purser; Val, Jonny & Owen Treharne; and Jacqua Yeomans! Many thanks to all who secured donations and/or ads! And, finally, a standing ovation for Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4th) for chairing and organizing the 2007 Auction!

A tip of the hat for the volunteers who recently answered Mrs. Strunk’s all-call for help with a bulk mailing – Denise Boyer (parent of Nicholas, 1st grade), Kathy Ginsberg (parent of Max, 3rd grade), Sherry Nicewonder (parent of Nicholas Ozioli, K), and Val Treharne. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the volunteers at our March open houses for prospective families – Susan Akers (parent of Tyler & Ellie Hohenstein, 5th & 1st grades), Brian Becker (parent of Kira & Scott, 4th & 1st grades), Steve Ginsberg (parent of Max, 3rd grade), Agustin Martinez (parent of Claudio, 1st grade), Karen Tamayo, and Mary Strunk!

Kudos to Will Rowe (parent of Misha, 4th grade) for recently sharing his rocks and minerals collection with the fourth grade class!

Thought for the Day

“Some lessons can’t be taught, they simply have to be learned.”
(Jodi Picoult)