

# PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 14, 2006-07 – Wednesday, April 11, 2007

## News and Notes

I hope you had an enjoyable spring break!

K-5 spring after-school activities will begin on Monday, April 16. Tomorrow – Thursday, April 12 – at 9 a.m. is the extended deadline for registration. Please note that Mad Science on Mondays is now full. There is still space available in K-2 All Around the World (computer); 3-5 Dream Vacation (computer) on Thursdays; and K-5 Let's Make Some Noise on Fridays.

Spirit Week at Pinecrest is next week – April 16-20. During this week, students and faculty/staff can choose to participate by wearing different things to school, depending on the day's theme. Themes for each day are as follows:

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| Monday, April 16    | Pinecrest Clothes or Colors Day – wear your school spirit wear and/or Pinecrest's colors (blue/yellow) |
| Tuesday, April 17   | Pajamas Day – appropriate pajamas/slippers welcome; shoes must be worn to/from school & for recess     |
| Wednesday, April 18 | Patriotic Day – dress in red, white, and blue and/or other Patriotic attire to celebrate America!      |
| Thursday, April 19  | Class Dress-Alike Day – teachers and students decide their own class theme                             |
| Friday, April 20    | Backwards Clothes Day – mix it up by wearing your clothes backwards on this day                        |

Our second K-5 Movie Night of the year will be next Friday, April 20. The flyer with return form is coming home in today's Wednesday Envelope. We will be showing *Over the Hedge* and will have lots of fun as usual!

The school's annual Spruce Up Day / Parent Workday will be on Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Strunk will be sharing information about this soon.

As most of you know, Ellie Hohenstein (1<sup>st</sup> grade) has Type 1 diabetes. This year, the Pinecrest community has been invited to join Ellie and her family at the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes in DC on Sunday, May 6. For more information about the walk, please contact Ellie's parents, Bill Hohenstein and Susan Akers, at 703.354.012 or [WHOHENST@oce.usda.gov](mailto:WHOHENST@oce.usda.gov). Additionally, starting very soon, Pinecrest will be doing another community service fundraising outreach program where paper "sneakers" can be purchased for \$1 each to support Ellie and her JDRF walk team, "Ellie's Fans." All of the money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research for a cure for diabetes and for better treatments for the complications of diabetes. The sneakers will be posted in the front entryway/office of the school as a visual reminder of our community's support for Ellie.

Please note that the preferred method of afternoon pick-up is to go through the carpool line. Additionally, for safety and security reasons, only school personnel should be dismissing children, meaning that parents or caregivers should not be waving children out of their class lines or out the door. As the children have been informed yesterday, everyone must still get into their class lines and then "check out" with me/Mrs. Strunk or their classroom teacher. Although we are a small community, these kind of systems exist in order for us to care for and protect our children in the best and safest possible way. Cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Save the Date: On Sunday, June 3, we will have our Annual Meeting (2-2:30 p.m.) and Ice Cream Social (2:30-4 p.m.) Please note that this is a date change from what is listed on the school calendar.

FYI: The George Mason Regional Public Library on Little River Turnpike is hosting a free showing of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 10. I believe this movie is a must-see for every citizen!

## Messages from Mrs. Strunk

The 2007-08 tuition deposit is due this Friday, April 13. Please contact Mrs. Strunk for more details.

Thank you to those who responded about the Health e-Lunch Kids program. To our surprise, we had a very small number of people interested and are not able to pursue this any further this year. We'll do another poll during the next school year to see if there might be more interest.

## Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

There has been such a positive response to our inaugural camp program, and I am pleased to report that the following classes are full (and closed to any further registrations): Pirate Island (Grades K-2/Week 6); Pet Parade (Grades K-3/Week 5); Girl Power (Grades 1-3/Week 6); Webkinz World (Grades 3-6/Week 6); Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-6/Week 7)! Please e-mail Mrs. Hartzler at [summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org) if you are interested in being on the waiting list.

The following new classes have been added: Super Sleuths (Grades K-2/Week 1 morning); Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-6/Week 6 afternoon); Webkinz Wonderland (Grades 2-6/Week 7 morning); American Girl Experience (Grades 1-6/Week 8 afternoon); Word Magic: The Art of Writing a Page Turner with Mrs. O'Hara (Grades 3-6/Week 8 morning).

## Upcoming Dates

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. – newer building
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
Sat., April 28	Spruce Up Day / Parent Workday – 9:30 a.m.
Fri., May 4	All-school Group Photo
Mon.-Fri., May 7-11	Faculty Appreciation Week
Wed.-Fri., May 9-11	Kindergarten Metropolitan Readiness Test – mornings – no make-ups
Thurs., May 10	Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea – 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Fri., May 11	Grade 1-5 Authors' Teas – 2-3:30 p.m. (per class – teachers will be in touch with parents on exact times)
Fri., May 18	Preschool 4 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Fri., May 25	Preschool 3 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building – please note that this is a date change from what is listed on the school calendar
Fri., May 25	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

## Celebrations/Appreciations

Kudos to Sam Sharata (parent of Natalie, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) for visiting the second grade class recently to talk about Egypt!

Thank you the parents who participated in the recent parent/teacher conferences!

## Thought for the Day

"A kind and compassionate act is often its own reward." (William J. Bennett)