

PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 17, 2006-07 – Wednesday, May 23, 2007

News and Notes

Please see today's Wednesday Envelope for exciting 2007-08 news!

Please see today's Wednesday Envelope for Pinecrest summer reading information for rising second – fifth grade students.

On Monday, staff members of the local George Mason Regional Library visited Pinecrest to present information to K-5 students about the Fairfax County Public Library summer reading program. There is a flyer coming home in Wednesday Envelopes today with information. We also have library card applications if anyone needs one – please ask and we'll send one home!

Mrs. Parelhoff recently administered the Annual Mathematics Contest, sponsored by the Math League, Inc., to her math students. More than half the students taking the test scored at the League's "commendation level" or higher! Congratulations to Kira Becker (4th grade), James Castro (5th grade) and Lily Wittle (4th grade) who placed in the top three and who were recognized with certificates for their high scores!

Thank you to the parents who accompanied the first grade class on their Charlotte's Web play field trip yesterday and to those who are attending today's fourth grade trip to the Manassas Battlefield and the fifth grade trip to the Billy Goat Trail – Susan Akers and Bill Hohenstein (parents of Tyler & Ellie Hohenstein, 5th and 1st grades), Denise Boyer (parent of Nicholas, 1st grade), Mary Alice Catherina (parent of Richie, 5th grade), Worth Hester (parent of Nick & Cam, 5th & 4th grades), Dean Smith (parent of Juliet, 5th grade), Bart Valad (parent of Jackson, Palmer & Valerie, 4th, 3rd & 1st grades) and Lee Wittle (parent of Lily)!

Friday, May 25, is a K-5 half day. On half days, students should bring a morning snack, but no lunch. All children will be dismissed at 12 noon.

On Friday, May 25, Dr. Joel Adler will be here for an afternoon of faculty professional development for third – fifth grade teachers, the enrichment teachers, Mrs. Hartzler, and me. Mrs. Tone will also be joining us. Dr. Adler's presentation will focus on developmental and transitional issues of boys and girls during the elementary to middle school shift, with particularly emphasis on how to make a school, in general, a more boy-friendly environment.

On Sunday, June 3, we will have our Annual Meeting (2-2:30 p.m. in the science lab, newer building) and Ice Cream Social (2:30-4 p.m. on the back playground). Please RSVP for the ice cream social to Mrs. Strunk. Please note that this year we are inviting new families who are joining our school community for the 2007-08 school year to join us at the Ice Cream Social!

If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 3 (2-2:30 p.m. in the science lab, newer building), please submit your ballot for the election of the 2007-08 Board of Trustees before Friday, June 1.

Friday, June 8, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., is the annual Read-in for second through fifth grade students. It will take place in the multipurpose room; please see today's Wednesday Envelope for more detailed information.

In this year's auction, I offered "Head of School For a Day." Ryan Corkill (3rd grade), whose parents had the highest bid in the live auction, will be the Head of School on June 11! There will be a whole-school assembly that morning where he will announce any special plans for the day.

K-5 Field Day is on the last day of school – Wednesday, June 13. More information will be distributed soon from Mrs. Browning about this special day! Any parents wishing to volunteer should please let Mrs. Strunk know; we are keeping a list of Field Day volunteers in the front office. Please note that Wednesday, June 13, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon.

News and Notes – continued

I am pleased to report that over \$200 was collected (via the colorful sneakers that were posted in the front office) in honor of Ellie Hohenstein for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This kind of response speaks to the powerful sense of community we have at Pinecrest School. Thank you for your kindness!

I attended a breakfast meeting of the Annandale Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning.

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

Camp welcome packets will be distributed to all campers at the beginning of June. We now have over 130 campers registered, and there is still space left in many camps! Please check the summer camp section of our website or e-mail Mrs. Hartzler for more information – summercamp@pinecrestschool.org.

Upcoming Dates

Wed., May 23	Grade 4 Field Trip – Manassas Battlefield
Wed., May 23	Grade 5 Field Trip – Billy Goat Trail Hike
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
Sun., June 3	Annual Meeting 2-2:30 p.m. – science room, newer building / Ice Cream Social – 2:30-4 p.m. – back playground
Thurs., June 7	Preschool Last Day of School
Fri., June 8	Kindergarten Father’s Day Breakfast – 9-10 a.m.
Fri., June 8	Preschool NO SCHOOL / Preschool Picnic/Awards – 10 a.m. – back playground/sport court area (weather permitting)
Fri., June 8	Grade 2-5 Read-in – 1:30-3:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Wed., June 13	K-5 Last Day of School / K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – bus service available – no after-care
Wed., June 13	Quarter 4 Ends (47 days) / Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed
Wed., June 13	K-5 Field Day – 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Wed., June 13	Graduation & K-5 Music/Awards Program – 6 p.m. – St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church on Little River Turnpike (same location as Holiday Music Program in December)
Thurs.-Fri., June 14-15	Faculty Workdays

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to those who recently joined Mrs. Strunk in preparing a large mailing of our new school brochure – Madelynn Arnold (parent of Charlie, 3rd grade), Grace & Brian Becker (parents of Kira & Scott, 4th & 1st grades), Denise Boyer, Kathy & Michael Ginsberg (parent and brother of Max, 3rd grade), Sherry Nicewonder (parent of Nicholas Ozioli, K), and Margaret Williams (parent of Juliet Smith, 5th grade)!

Thought for the Day

“Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It was lent to you by your children.”
(Kenyan Proverb)