



PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 5, 2007-08– Wednesday, October 31, 2007

News and Notes

Happy Halloween! Hope you all have a fun and safe evening tonight. Thanks to those of you who joined us for the Halloween parade this morning and to those who helped make class Halloween celebrations special!

The Scholastic Book Fair is running now through Monday, November 5, in the newer building! Mrs. Strunk is chairing this year's Book Fair. The children previewed the books on Monday and created wish lists. Teachers created wish lists as well for any classroom contributions you'd like to make. The book fair gives families an excellent opportunity to purchase quality children's books at affordable prices. Plus, Pincrest benefits as Scholastic will give us a portion of profits taken in from our sale – it's a win-win for all!

Monday, November 5, is a no-school day for students. This is conference day for teachers and parents. Teachers look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress. If you have not yet signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, please contact her as soon as possible to do so. Also, please remember that there is no child care for children, including siblings, during conference time. Please stay tuned to the school-wide Google Groups for parent-themed conference resources that I will send over the next few days.

Quarter 1 report cards will be distributed during conferences on Monday, November 5. If you are unable to be here on November 5, your child's report card will be sent home in the next Wednesday Envelope.

Lifetouch photos came home last week in Wednesday Envelopes. If you do not like the picture or your child was absent on the original picture day, we will be having a retake day on Wednesday, November 7. Please give Mrs. Strunk a call if you need a picture order form. The original pictures need to be returned on the retake day.

Monday, November 12, is the school's annual Veterans' Day Parent Visiting Morning for preschool and grades 1- 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to observe an as-close-to-typical-as-possible morning in your child's classroom; there are no special activities planned beyond the regularly-scheduled lessons. Because it is a regular school day for our children, I ask that you comply with our adults-only visiting policy; having children other than Pincrest students in the classrooms will create distraction. Kindergarten Parent Visiting Morning will be on Thursday, November 15, from 9:30-11 a.m. because of their field trip on the 12th.

The password-protected section of our website contains many photo links showcasing the unique activities happening in the classrooms and the special field trips classes take. If you need to be refreshed on your family's password/login, please let me know and I will email the information to you. This section of the website will be continue to be updated regularly with photos.

Both preschool classes were treated to an exciting show on Monday by Miss Cathy the storyteller. The photos from this fun event will be available online soon.

Mrs. Wheeler and the first grade class went to Cox Farms in Centreville last week for a day of fall fun! Thanks to the following parents for attending the trip: Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke, 1st grade), Tony Duc (parent of Nhi Luc, 1st grade), Sandra Hong-Weiner (parent of Quinton Weiner, 1st grade), Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex & Anastasia, 1st grade), Kim Nguyen (parent of Anne, 1st grade), Sherry Nicewonder (parent of Nicholas Ozioli, 1st grade), and Val Treharne (parent of Owen, 1st grade)!

The fifth grade class went on a field trip to a pumpkin maze in Markham, Virginia, yesterday with Mrs. Hodgkins. Thank you to Karen Dabney (parent of Maggie, 5th grade) for driving and accompanying the class on the trip!

Open Houses for prospective families begin in November. If you know of a family for whom Pincrest might be a good match, please share some of our upcoming open house dates. They are listed on our website. Interested families should contact Admissions Director Barb Mink at school or by email at barbmink@pincrestschool.org.

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Our 2nd Annual Parent Education Evening featuring Cindy Post Senning, Ed.D., co-author of The Gift of Good Manners: A Parent's Guide to Raising Respectful, Kind, Considerate Children, will be held on Wednesday, November 28, from 7-8:30 p.m., in the newer building multipurpose room. This is going to be a very worthwhile event. Childcare is available at an affordable cost. Please note that I am asking that everyone who is planning to attend to please respond (RSVP) and let me know by completing the orange RSVP form you received earlier in the month. This will help us with planning for the event. Please let me know if need an additional copy of the RSVP/book order form and I can email it to you.

Upcoming Dates

Thurs., Nov. 1	K Cox Farms Field Trip (rescheduled)
Fri., Nov. 2	Quarter 1 Ends (43 days)
Mon., Nov. 5	Quarter 1 Report Cards Distributed
Mon., Nov. 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL / no childcare
Tues., Nov. 6	Election Day – VOTE!
Tues., Nov. 6	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Cantor!
Wed., Nov. 7	Lifetouch Individual Picture Retake 9:30 a.m.
Wed., Nov. 7	Grade 4 Field Trip – “Salem Justice” play
Mon., Nov. 12	Preschool, Grade 1-5 Parent Visiting Morning – 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Mon., Nov. 12	K Field Trip – “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” play – George Mason University
Mon., Nov. 12	Open House for prospective families – 12-2 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 12	Ledo Pizza Night – 5-10 p.m. – 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Thurs., Nov. 15	K Parent Visiting Morning – 9:30-11 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 16	Fourth Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Sat., Nov. 17	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Feasts (per class) – no after-care
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Nov. 28	Preschool & K In-house Author Visit/Presentation with Dr. Senning – 9:30 a.m. (<u>Emily's Magic Words</u> – preschool) and 10:15 a.m. (<u>Emily's Everyday Manners</u> – K) – playroom – parents are welcome to attend
Wed., Nov. 28	Parent Education Evening with Dr. Senning – 7-8:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Thurs., Nov. 29	Preschool Field Trip – Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to the following people who contributed time and effort and/or baked for this year's Fun Fair: Patti, Doug & Katie Allis; Madelynn Arnold; Susan Akers & Ellie & Tyler Hohenstein; Brian, Grace & Kira Becker; Manisha Bhaskar; Jamey Butcher; Vicky, Nate & Brooke Carmody; Karen Chesbrough; Jyotika Clime; Susan, Libby & Lena Cohen; John & Ryan Corkill; Karen Dabney; Pavel & Alice Dasek; McKenna Deal; Adam Diamond; Sophie Ferrier; Kathy & Steve Ginsberg; Lyn, Kyle & Greg Goodman; Nancy Greene; Pete & Elena Han; Beth Hartzler; Anne Higgins; Susan Hodgkins; Amy Kaplan (Tysons Corner Kiwanis); Vikki & David Keen; Young-Suk Kim; Brenda Klisowsky; Lisa Layfield & Lee & Lily Wittle; Alejandra Lorenzo; Truc Mai; John Marshall; Agustin Martinez; Kris McNiff; Julie Muir; Marianne & Jessica Narcisso; Sherry Nicewonder & Dan & Nicholas Ozioli; Hung Ngo; Monique, Hoang & Kaitlyn Nguyen; Paula & Matt O'Grady; Trisha Serven & Mark Patterson; Barbara Stubblefield; Kathy Tone; Val Treharne; Vanessa Waddington; Guy Weber; Leslie Wheeler; Helen Woodfield; and Kristen Wool-Lewis! And, finally, a standing ovation and a big thank you to Shirley Corkill (parent of Ryan, 4th grade) for organizing the fun and successful event!

Thought for the Day

“Don't worry that your children never listen to you. Worry that they are always watching you.” (Robert Fulghum)