



PINECREST HEADLINES

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News and Notes

Mrs. O'Hara and the fourth graders are on a field trip to Mount Vernon today. Thanks to Lyn Goodman (parent of Kyle, 4th grade) for joining the class on the trip.

The winter session of after-school activities begins today with Clay Sculpture with Mr. Moore! Mad Science starts on Friday, January 25, and Unplugged: Games for Recess and Playing With Friends with Mrs. Wheeler will begin on Monday, February 4! Please remember that after-school activities run from 4-5 p.m., and parents (or their designees) must come into the older building to pick children up and sign them out of after-school activities. A sign on the door of the older building will direct you where the sign-out book and your child's belongings are located.

Thank you to the many families, faculty and staff, Board members, and alumni families who have donated to the 2007-08 Pincrest School Annual Fund. The annual fund drive continues. Your involvement in this campaign would be most valuable – please consider participating!

This Monday, January 28, is a no-school day for students, and an in-service/workday for the faculty and me. We will use the time for planning and meeting, as well as making progress towards our accreditation work and goals.

Save the Date: We are having another Pincrest fundraising night at Ledo Pizza in Falls Church on Monday, February 4, from 5-10 p.m. Hope you will join us!

Mrs. Hartzler distributed Pincrest Summer Pavilion 2008 camp packets last Wednesday. Word of mouth is our best form of promotion so please consider sharing information with friends or neighbors who might also be interested in our unique and exciting camp. Extra packets and flyers are available in the front office.

Re-enrollment information was also distributed last Wednesday. 2008-09 student registration forms and fees (\$150/returning student) are due to the office by Friday, February 15. Please let me or Admissions Director Barb Mink know if you have any questions about the re-enrollment process.

Please remember that Pincrest follows Fairfax County Public Schools' for all emergency closings. If the county schools close early due to weather, Pincrest will also close early. If we close early, we will notify the school community by email first and then will attempt to reach one parent from each family by phone. The other way you can find out the information quickly is by monitoring the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm or by calling their hotline at 800.839.3277. If the county opens two hours late, Pincrest opens one hour late. If the county schools are closed, Pincrest is closed. Information about delayed openings or school closings is also sent through our school email list-serv and recorded on the school voicemail greeting.

Auction Update

Pincrest's 50th Anniversary "Golden Gala Auction" will be on Saturday night, April 5! Remember, this adults-only event is not only our biggest party of the year, but also a critical fundraiser for the school.

Now that you've all heard from Auction Co-Chair Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex and Anastasia, 1st grade) about how to collect great donations for the upcoming April auction, the Auction Committee wants make you aware of another opportunity to make our Golden Gala fundraiser a big success. In today's Wednesday Envelope, you will find forms that will let you sell or place ads in the auction catalog. The Sponsor Advertisement Form is used for businesses that want to promote themselves to our community even if they don't have something to donate – think realtors, banks, specialty stores, and service providers. The Friends & Family Form is for you and your relatives to use for a more personal message. All ads are printed in the catalog and are seen by everyone in the school community. In addition, all ads directly underwrite the costs we incur to put on the auction – think printing, table rentals, supplies and more. So, by selling (or buying!) ads, you will ensure that more of the money we raise at the Golden Gala goes to things that directly benefit

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the students at Pinecrest. The Auction Committee's goal is to sell 20 pages of ads this year – thanks in advance for your support! If you have questions or ideas about auction catalog ads, please contact Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 5th grade) at 703.255.0520 or volunteer@pinecrestschool.org.



Upcoming Dates

Wed., Jan. 23	Fourth Grade Field Trip – Mount Vernon
Fri., Jan. 25	Quarter 2 Ends (42 days)
Sat., Jan. 26	Happy Birthday, Mrs. O'Hara! ☺
Mon., Jan. 28	Faculty In-Service Workday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Jan. 30	Quarter 2 Report Cards & Preschool Narratives Distributed via Wed. Envelopes
Thurs., Jan. 31	Reception for Mrs. Strunk – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Fri., Feb. 1	Second/Third Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Mon., Feb. 4	Ledo Pizza Night – 5-10 p.m. – 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Sat., Feb. 9	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., Feb. 11-29	K-5 Pennies for Patients
Fri., Feb. 15	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Fri., Feb. 15	2008-09 Reenrollment Forms & Fees Due
Mon., Feb. 18	Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tues., Feb. 19	100 th Day of School Celebration (barring no inclement weather)
Fri., Feb. 22	First Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to those who contributed a dish to the International Dinner! I think the dinner is a special tradition at Pinecrest, and I am so glad so many families attended. Thank you those who helped set up – Madelynn and Bruce Arnold; Tom Dabney; Alice Dasek; David, Jared & Spencer Keen; Paula O'Grady; Mark Patterson; Mary Strunk; and Val Treharne. Special thanks to Madelynn Arnold and her father for securing extra tables for us, to Susan Cohen (and Libby Cohen and Kevin Muir) who laid the plastic covering on the floor with me, and to all those who helped clean up and break down the tables. Most importantly, a standing ovation for Vikki Keen (parent of Jared, 4th grade) for organizing and chairing the successful event!

Kudos to Mrs. Ferrier, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Wheeler, Ms. Bleggi, Mrs. O'Hara, and Mrs. Hodgkins for their preparation for and presentations at the recent curriculum coffees!

Thank you to the parents who attended in our recent curriculum coffees. Your interest and participation is appreciated!

Applause, please for the volunteers at our January open house for prospective families – Brian Becker (parent of Kira & Scott, 5th & 2nd) and Nate Carmody (parent of Brooke, 1st grade)!

Thank you to Patti Allis (parent of Molly, 4th grade) for designing our Golden Gala auction logo!

Thought for the Day

"The time is always right to do what is right." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)