

PINECREST HEADLINES

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News and Notes

The second through fifth grade students are going to the National Cathedral on Monday, February 11, with Ms. Bleggi, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Hodgkins, for a Stories and Symbols art program.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Ledo Pizza on Monday for our pizza fundraising night!

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.

K-5 Pennies for Patients will begin on Monday, February 11, and will run until Friday, March 2. This is a community service outreach with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The goal of this program is to teach children the value of helping others in a way where they can contribute – their own pennies as a tangible gift. This is truly a children-helping-children effort as all of the money raised goes directly to local children battling leukemia and to cancer research. There is a collection box in each classroom for any funds your child(ren) and family want to donate. Some classes may be creating thinking-of-you cards to send to local patients as well. K-5 students will see a video and listen to a presentation soon to help them understand more about this program.

Please remember that next Friday, February 15, is a half day of school with dismissal for all at 12 noon. On half days, students should come to school with a snack only, not a lunch.

On Monday, Ms. Bleggi attended a workshop in McLean presented by the Bureau of Education and Research – "What's New in Children's Literature and How to Use it in Your Program."

Photos from recent school events are online in the password-protected section of our school website!

The week of March 10-14 will be our annual Spirit Week! Each day will be a different theme, and children and staff can dress as desired for each theme, i.e. Pajama Day, where we all wear our pajamas to school! I am happy to entertain any suggestions for new theme days – please email me if you and/or your children have any ideas. More specific information about the week will be available soon.

Auction update

Pinecrest's 50th Anniversary "Golden Gala Auction" will be on Saturday night, April 5. It promises to be a very special affair – both a fun evening among adults and a fundraising opportunity to further enhance and develop Pinecrest School. We hope you will make plans to join us! Your invitation and response card will be arriving in your mailbox at home very soon.

The Silent Auction works best when we have a variety of interesting and unique items to offer bidders. Please remember that the Auction Committee has asked each family to secure at least two donations for the auction. Donations should be sent in by Tuesday, February 26. Extra donation forms are available in the office. Please contact Auction Co-Chair Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex & Anastasia, 1st grade) with donation questions or to talk over any ideas at 703.917.8049 or elenijakub@earthlink.net. Please see the gold auction flyer in today's Wednesday Envelope too!



Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

Mrs. Hartzler reports that almost 80 children are registered for Pinecrest Summer Pavilion so far. This is very exciting! Some classes will be closed soon because they are almost at maximum enrollment. If you are interested, please submit your camp registration form as soon as possible! Please feel free to email Mrs. Hartzler at any time to check the status of a class or for more camp information – summercamp@pinecrestschool.org.



Upcoming Dates

Sat., Feb. 9	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 11	Second–Fifth Grade Field Trip – National Cathedral in D.C. – leaving 8:45 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., Feb. 11-29	K-5 Pennies for Patients
Tues., Feb. 12	Virginia Primary Day – VOTE!
Thurs., Feb. 14	Valentine's Day ♥
Fri., Feb. 15	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Fri., Feb. 15	2008-09 Reenrollment Forms & Fees Due to school office
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
Tues., Feb. 26	Fifth Grade Field Trip – Freer Gallery at the Smithsonian
Tues., Feb. 26	Auction items and donation forms due
Mon., March 3	Dr. Seuss's Birthday (March 2) / Read Across Pinecrest Celebration
Fri., March 7	Fifth Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., March 10-14	Spirit Week – more specific details to follow
Mon.-Fri., March 17-21	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., March 24	School Resumes

Celebrations/Appreciations

Congratulations to the second/third grade class and Ms. Bleggi who, with Mrs. Yeomans' accompaniment, presented a fun and informative class assembly about Groundhog Day on February 1!

Thank you again to those who participated in and contributed to Mrs. Strunk's reception whether you baked, arranged flowers, got there early to help, created a memory book page, attended, et cetera! I think the reception epitomized community in every sense of the word. Special thanks to Susan Akers (parent of Ellie Hohenstein, 2nd grade) and Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 5th grade) whose assistance in planning the reception and organizing the gifts was greatly appreciated!

Welcome to Ms. Cirillo, our new Office Coordinator! Thank you to those who have popped in to say hello or to help make her feel welcome. Again, your kindness reflects on our sense of community.

Advanced accolades for Tue Nguyen (parent of Anne & Allen, 1st Grade & Preschool 3) for the visit he will make to the first grade class tomorrow to share about the Lunar New Year!

Thought for the Day

"We didn't all come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat." (Bernard M. Baruch)