



PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 13, 2007-08 – Wednesday, March 26, 2008

News and Notes

Please note that our new administrative assistants, Mrs. O'Grady and Mrs. Shaw, can be reached by email at office@pinecrestschool.org. You can continue to use this address to let us know if your child will be absent or late or for similar situations. The best way to communicate this kind of information is to either send an email to office@pinecrestschool.org or to call 703.354.3446. You can always leave a message on the school voicemail as well.

Ms. Tamayo, our new finance officer, is working part-time. She can be reached by email at business@pinecrestschool.org or you can leave a message with the office.

April 2008 tuition is due by Tuesday, April 1. If tuition is not received by the 5th of month, a late fee will be assessed per the school handbook.

Also due by Tuesday, April 1, is the 2008-09 tuition deposit. This is one month's tuition for 2008-09. This payment made now will be applied to the June 2009 tuition. Please contact Ms. Tamayo if you are unsure of the amount.

Friday, April 4, is a half day of school. Dismissal for all will be at 12 noon. On half days, students should come to school with a snack only (no lunch). On this particular half day, we will be setting up for the auction after school – read on for more information!

Parent Conferences are on Monday, April 7, and this is a no-school day for the children. Teachers are in the process of coordinating conference times with parents now, and they are looking forward to meeting with you. Watch our list-serv next week for helpful information about planning your meeting with your child's teacher.

K-5 report cards will be distributed at conferences on Monday, April 7. If your conference is not taking place that day, your child's report card will be distributed via Wednesday Envelope on April 9.

Our annual Spruce Up Day/Parent Workday will be on Saturday, April 26, outside at Pinecrest. This is a day when parents, and children too, come together to do outside work to "spruce up" the school campus. Nate Carmody (parent of Brooke, 1st grade) is chairing this event, and you will hear more about it soon.

Family Math Night for grades 1-5 will be held on Wednesday, April 30, in the newer building. In each classroom, a variety of math games, sets of manipulatives with instructions, math puzzles, or logic problems will be set up. With your children, parents can visit as many stations as desired during the course of the evening.

K-5 Pennies for Patients ended; thanks for your support! Information about how much we raised will be available soon.

The school received a \$250 check for our last Ledo Pizza Fundraising Night in February. Thanks again to all who attended this fun night and supported the school!

Please remember to notify the office if you change your home, cellular or work telephone numbers or email addresses. It is imperative that we have accurate information on how to reach every parent in our community.

The fourth graders and Mrs. O'Hara are on a Virginia history-focused field trip today to Old Town Alexandria. Thanks to Patti Allis (parent of Molly, 4th grade) and Shirley Corkill (parent of Ryan, 4th grade) for joining the class on the trip!

As the school handbook states, notes must be received from both parents for playdate/carpool situations. If your child is going home with another child, parents of both children must notify the office with a note. Email will suffice.

Office Hours With the Head will begin next Wednesday, April 2. Although I am always available to talk with parents, I thought having specific office hours may be helpful. Please see the pink flyer in today's Wednesday Envelope for more information!

News and Notes – continued

Mrs. Ferrier and Mrs. Narcisso attended a workshop on Saturday, March 8 – “Children at the Center: Reflecting on Positive Discipline” with Jacky Howell presented by the Montgomery Child Care Association Training Institute.

Photos from recent events including the 100th Day, Dr. Seuss’s Birthday, Spirit Week and more are now online in the password-protected photo gallery of our website. Go to the Students & Current Families section and click on Photo Albums on the left side. Then click Pinecrest Members Only and enter your login/password! Please let me know if you need your password again.

I am currently working on the spring session of after-school activities. More details to follow soon.

Auction Update

It is not too late to turn in your response card and ticket order for the auction! Our Golden Gala Auction on Saturday, April 5, is an adults-only evening of fun and fundraising for the school. The Auction Committee has been working hard to prepare a wonderful night for all of us and to ensure that the school will benefit well.

Before the Big Night on Saturday, April 5, we have the BIG AFTERNOON on the day before. On Friday afternoon, April 4, after 12 noon dismissal, we will set up and we can use all the hands we can get. Help is needed for the following activities:

- √ Carrying donations into the new building
- √ Arranging merchandise
- √ Decorating
- √ Moving furniture
- √ Matching Bid Sheets with Items
- √ Setting up tables
- √ Watching children (after early dismissal)
- √ Taping pictures on the walls in the multipurpose room

If you are able to volunteer on Friday afternoon, April 4, please leave your name in the front office. All names will be forwarded to the auction committee.

Additionally, clean up for the auction will take place on Sunday, April 6, beginning at 11 a.m., at school. If you are able to volunteer on Sunday to help clean up, please also leave your name in the front office. All names will be forwarded to the auction committee.

Auction catalogs will be sent to all (one per family) via Wednesday Envelopes on April 2. Wait until you see all of the exciting experiences and special items available for bidding! Please contact Auction Co-Chair Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex & Anastasia, 1st grade) with any auction questions – elenijakub@earthlink.net or 703.917.8049.



Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

Camp registration continues to grow! It is not too late to register if you are interested – there is still limited space available in many classes! Please check the school website (click on Summer Camp) for updates on closed classes. Please email Mrs. Hartzler at summercamp@pinecrestschool.org if you are interested in a closed class or to check the status of a class.



Upcoming Dates

Tues., April 1	2008-09 Tuition Deposit Due
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Thurs., April 3	Happy Birthday, Mrs. O’Grady! ☺
Fri., April 4	Quarter 3 Ends (42 days)

Upcoming Dates – continued

Fri., April 4	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – Auction Set-Up – no after-care
Sat., April 5	Golden Gala Auction – 6 p.m. (adults only) – newer building
Mon., April 7	Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed
Mon., April 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL
Thurs., April 10	Grade 2/3 Field Trip – “Fish Face” play – Schlesinger Theatre, NOVA
Fri., April 11	Grade 4 Field Trip – Jamestown
Mon.-Fri., April 14-18	Grade 4 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Tues.-Thurs., April 15-18	Grade 1 Cognitive Abilities Test – mornings – no make-ups
Tues.-Thurs., April 15-18	Grade 2 Otis-Lennon School Ability Test – mornings – no make-ups
Mon., April 21	Grade 5 Field Trip – National Cathedral
Fri., April 25	K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Fri., April 25	Kindergarten Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Sat., April 26	Spruce Up Day / Parent Workday – 9:30 a.m. – front lawn
Mon., April 28	Grade 4 Field Trip – National Cathedral
Wed., April 30	Grades 1-5 Family Math Night – 7-8:30 p.m. – newer building

Celebrations/Appreciations

Congratulations to the fifth grade class and Mrs. Hodgkins who presented a terrific Egyptian-themed show (class assembly) on March 7! A standing ovation for Teresa Rowe (parent of Misha, 5th grade) for her assistance and piano accompaniment!

Thought for the Day

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.” (Chinese Proverb)