

PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 2, 2008-09 – Wednesday, September 24, 2008

News and Notes

Mrs. Wheeler's first grade class and Mrs. Davis's second grade class are going on a field trip today to Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington. Thank you to Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex & Anastasia, grade 2), Greg McNiff (parent of Grant, grade 1), and Trisha Serven (parent of Garrett Patterson, grade 2) for driving and helping to chaperone!

The fourth/fifth and sixth grade classes are going to the Newseum in D.C. today for a field trip with Mr. Loring, Mrs. O'Hara, and me!

Information about our fall K-6 after-school activities will be coming home today in Wednesday Envelopes! We are offering K-6 Abrakadoodle Art on Mondays, Grade 2-6 Incredible Edibles on Tuesdays, K-2 Clay Sculpture on Wednesdays, Grade 1-6 Tennis on Thursdays, and K-6 Mad Science on Fridays. Please consider these enriching programs for your child this fall!

Our annual Back-to-School Night is tomorrow! We will begin with a brief whole-group gathering in the newer building multipurpose room and then parents will proceed to their child's classroom to hear a presentation by the classroom teacher. Teachers will have handouts and their daily schedules for you at this time as well. Please note that Back-to-School Night is for parents only.

Our second-sixth graders and their teachers will be going to the Falls Church High School Planetarium on Friday, September 26, for a science field trip. Thank you to Bill Hohenstein (parent of Ellie, grade 3), who will also be attending!

This Saturday, September 27, Pinecrest will be participating with a booth at the Mason District Park Fall Festival in Annandale. The festival runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the park. Crafts, live entertainment, puppet shows and clowns are just part of the attractions at this year's festival. Admission is free.

FYI: Saturday, September 27, is also the National Book Festival, held on the Mall in D.C. This is a very unique event that promotes reading and features many authors. It is hosted by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush. For more information, please visit www.loc.gov/bookfest or call 888.714.4696.

Giant has a school giving program called A+ Bonus Bucks. To register, you must have a Giant Bonus Card. You must relink your Giant Bonus Card number each year. Have your Giant Bonus Card number handy and then please visit https://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/designate_school.htm?_flowExecutionKey=_c864E5F12-5C81-C23B-9163-32AA4ED8F313_k46C19242-0669-F702-4C31-E7C41D4ADB4D or send me 12-digit Bonus Card number and the school will register you. Pinecrest's code is 01834.

Harris Teeter also has a school giving program called Together In Education. To register, you must have a Harris Teeter VIC Savings Card. Have your Harris Teeter VIC card number handy and then please visit <https://www.harristeeter.com/default.aspx?pageId=32> or send me 11-digit VIC card number and the school will register you. You must relink your VIC card number each year. Pinecrest's code is 5160.

Two other easy fundraisers are www.schoolpop.com and www.giveline.com. Both of these websites act as online shopping portals that, once you have registered and designated Pinecrest, will give a portion of dollars you spend on purchases on these websites back to Pinecrest.

Pinecrest School also collects Box Tops! There is a box in the front office to deposit your cut-out Box Tops. The first 7 people who email me after receiving the newsletter will receive a limited-edition shiny red envelope to keep all of your Box Tops in!!!

The Pinecrest Fun Fair makes its annual appearance on Saturday, October 18. It is a great time for kids and adults alike! Look for the volunteer sign-up board tomorrow at Back-to-School Night or contact Fun Fair Chair Tim Boyer (parent of Nicholas, grade 3) at tboyer@yaho.com or 703.941.2167.

News and Notes – continued

Mrs. Mink represented our school at the World Bank/IMF School Options Education Fair last week at the World Bank!

Last week, a photographer from Creative Images was here, and we can't wait to see the photos! The smiles were radiant from all of your children! They will be sent home to you as soon as they arrive to us you will have the option then to either purchase the photos or not.

If any family would like additional Pinecrest car magnets for additional vehicles, please let us know by emailing Mrs. Mink at admissions@pinecrestschool.org. We love to see everyone displaying their school spirit and are happy to send more car magnets home with anyone who would like them! ☺

Kira Becker (Grade 6) will be modeling in an American Girl Fashion Show to benefit the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington in November at the Inn at Brookeville Farms in Brookeville, Maryland. This exciting and new event will feature special guest Valerie Tripp, author of the Felicity, Josefina, Kit, and Molly series and three of the books in the Samantha series. Also contributing significantly to the event is Kerry Madden-Lunsford, author of the American Girl Writing Smart Series. The event will be Saturday, November 15, and Sunday, November 16. For ticket information, please visit www.youreyes.org or call Prevention of Blindness Society at 202.234.1010.

Upcoming Dates

Wed., Sept. 24	Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip – Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington
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Thurs., Sept. 25	Back-to-School Night – 7 p.m. – begins in multipurpose room – parents only
Sat., Sept. 27	Mason District Park Fall Festival – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Annandale
Fri., Oct. 3	Grade 1 Field Trip – Cox Farm in Centreville – more details to follow
Tues., Oct. 7	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. – science/art lab
Fri., Oct. 10	K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Mon., Oct. 13	Columbus Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tues., Oct. 14	Grades 2-6 – American Beekeeping Federation Presentation – in-house
Fri., Oct. 17	K Field Trip – Cox Farm in Centreville – more details to follow
Sat., Oct. 18	Fun Fair – 11 a.m.-3 p.m. – front lawn
Wed., Oct. 22	Preschool 4 Field Trip – Hidden Oaks Nature Center – more details to follow
Fri., Oct. 24	Grade 6 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Sat., Oct. 25	Annandale Fall Festival in Safeway plaza on 236 – Pinecrest will have a booth!
Thurs., Oct. 30-Mon., Nov. 5	Scholastic Book Fair – multipurpose room
Fri., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade – 9:15 a.m. – driveway circle
Fri., Oct. 31	Quarter 1 Ends (43 days)

Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you the new parents who joined us at the recent Back-to-School Picnic at Lake Barcroft – it was beautiful weather and a very fun time! Thank you especially to Val and Steve Treharne (parent of Jonny & Owen, grades 4 & 2) for hosting this wonderful event at the beach!

Thought for the Day

"No limits but the sky."
(Cervantes)