

## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 13, 2008-09 – Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

### News and Notes

K-6 Games Night will be held on Friday, March 20, from 6-9 p.m., in the newer building, with proceeds benefiting the Wheeler's Healers team in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in D.C. in May. Supervising the children from our staff will be Mrs. O'Grady, Ms. Tamayo, and Mrs. Vogus. It is not too late to sign up if your children are interested, please let us know if you need another flyer/registration form.

Friday, March 27, 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).

Another Avon Walk benefit event is our K-6 after-care on Friday, March 27, from 12-5 p.m. Ms. Tamayo and Mrs. Vogus will offer supervision during this time for the regular school after-care rates. Again, it is not too late to sign your K-6 children up. Please let us know if you need another flyer/registration form.

March 30-April 2 is our annual Spirit Week! Each day will be a different theme, and children and staff can dress as desired for each theme. This is always a very fun week at Pinecrest School! Here are the themes:

Monday, March 30 – Pajamas Day – appropriate pajamas/slippers welcome; shoes must be worn to/from school and for recess

Tuesday, March 31 – Sports Attire/Team Day – represent your favorite sport(s) and/or team(s)

Wednesday, April 1 – Class Dress-Alike Day – teachers and students decide their own class theme and dress accordingly

Thursday, April 2 – Pinecrest Clothes or Colors Day – wear your school spirit wear and/or Pinecrest's colors (blue/yellow)

Parent Conferences are on Friday, April 3, and this is a no-school day for the children and there is no supervision of children during conferences. 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 the week of conferences for helpful information about planning your meeting with your child's teacher.

K-6 report cards will be distributed at conferences on Friday, April 3. If your conference is not taking place that day, your child's report card will be distributed via Wednesday Envelope on Wednesday, April 15, unless you prearrange with your child's teacher.

The spring session of K-6 after-school activities will begin the week of April 20, and information will be sent home about our spring offerings on Wednesday, March 25.

Mrs. Narcisso and Mrs. Wool-Lewis recently attended workshops through the Office for Children on March 7. These workshops were focused on communication and art.

Please note the following calendar changes:

- K-6 Movie Night will be held on Friday evening, May 15 (not Friday, May 8, as the calendar indicates)
- Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 17 (not Sunday, May 31, as the calendar indicates)
- Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, June 2 (not Sunday, May 31, as the calendar indicates)
- K-6 Spring Concert & Grade 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday evening, June 9 (not Wednesday, June 10, as the calendar indicates)

If you read this newsletter, please email me by Friday morning at 10 a.m. and your child will be entered to win a free book at the Scholastic Book Fair in May. One winner will be drawn randomly from those who respond. Congratulations to Veronica Corredoira (parent of Francisco and Avril, K & Preschool 3) who won her daughter a free Wheeler's Healers breast cancer walk t-shirt for reading/responding to the last newsletter contest!

Thank you to all who ordered Wheeler's Healers walk t-shirts! Your generosity generated about \$400 for our team – we are thrilled with your support and the positive response. T-shirts should be in by April 1. When they arrive, we will send them home in your child's backpack.

Our Annual Fund continues through the end of the fiscal year in June. Gifts made to the annual fund help strengthen and uphold our mission for current and future students.

### *Pinecrest Summer Pavilion*

If you have not yet registered for our summer camp, space is still available in some classes, while others are closed/at capacity. Please check the summer camp section of the website for more information. If you love what we do during the school year, there is no better place to be for the summer than Pinecrest Summer Pavilion! Please direct any summer camp questions to Mrs. Hartzler at [summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org) or 703.503.1132 (home).

### *Auction Update: Raising the Roof!*

Please check your Wednesday Envelope today for your invitation to Pinecrest's annual auction (and biggest party of the year!) on Saturday night, April 18. Arrange your baby-sitters now! 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 await your enthusiastic and efficient response, and we are most grateful for the families who donated items and/or purchased ads for the catalog. Your generosity will help make the night a success!

Please contact Auction Co-Chairs Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke, grade 2) or Val Treharne (parent of Jonny & Owen, grade 4/5 & 2) with any auction questions at 703.533.9339 or [vicky@carmody.ws](mailto:vicky@carmody.ws) (Vicky) or 703. 642.7266 or [valtrehane@hotmail.com](mailto:valtrehane@hotmail.com) (Val).



### *School Policy Highlight*

From page 17 of the Community Handbook: Supervision of Children Arriving After 9:00 a.m. – If a child arrives at school after 9:05 a.m., s/he is escorted first to the office by his parent to sign in. The newer building is locked at 9:25 a.m. He is then taken to his/her classroom by the Administrative Assistant, the Head of School, or an available teacher. If the class is on the playground or in an enrichment class at the time of arrival, s/he is taken to that location the same way. The teacher immediately involves the child in an ongoing activity.

### *Upcoming Dates*

Fri., March 20	Grade 2 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Fri., March 20	K-6 Games Night – 6-9 p.m. – newer building
Fri., March 27	K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – K-6 after-care being offered 12-5 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs., March 30-April 2	Spirit Week
Tues., March 31	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. – science/art lab
Wed., April 1	2009-10 Tuition Deposit Due
Thurs., April 2	Quarter 3 Ends (47 days)
Fri., April 3	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL
Fri., April 3	Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon.-Fri., April 6-10	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., April 13	School Resumes / Quarter 4 Begins
Thurs., April 16	All-school Group Photo by Creative Images (and Individual Photo Retakes)
Thurs., April 16	Grade 3-6 Tree Commission Program with Congressional & MSNV – morning
Fri., April 17	K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – Auction Set-Up – no after-care
Sat., April 18	Auction – 6 p.m. – newer building (adults only)
Mon.-Fri., April 27-May 1	Grade 6 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Mon.-Fri., April 27-May 1	Grade 4 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Tues.-Fri., April 28-May 1	Grade 2 Cognitive Abilities Test & Test of Written Language – mornings – no make-ups
Wed., April 29	Grade 1-6 Family Math Night – 7-8:30 p.m. – newer building

### *Thought for the Day*

“Most successful people begin with two beliefs: the future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so.” (David Brooks)