

## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 15, 2008-09 – Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

### News and Notes

Our spring Scholastic Book Fair is in full swing! The book fair is open today from 3-4 p.m. and tomorrow morning from 8:45-10 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on quality children's literature for affordable prices.

The Grade 1 Authors' Tea will take place in the classroom this Friday, May 15, at 2 p.m.

This Friday is K-6 Movie Night. We're showing *Bedtime Stories*! Movie Nights are great fun, and I hope to see many children there! It is not too late to register – please send in your registration form or call or email the office.

This Sunday, May 17, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social from 2:30-4 p.m. on the back playground or in the multipurpose room if inclement weather. Please RSVP for the ice cream social to the office staff if you have not yet done so – it is not too late! Please note that we are again inviting new families who are joining our school community for the 2009-10 school year to join us at the Ice Cream Social!

All-school and other photos recently ordered from Creative Images should be in soon. When they arrive, we will send them home to you in Wed. Envelopes or backpacks.

The JDRF Sneaker Sale in honor and support of Ellie Hohenstein (grade 3) will continue through early June. All of the money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research for a cure for diabetes and for better treatments for the complications of diabetes. The sneakers are posted in the front entryway/office of the school as a visual reminder of our community's support for Ellie.

Friday, May 22, is a K-6 half day. On half days, students should bring a morning snack, but no lunch. All children will be dismissed at 12 noon. The faculty and I will enjoy a workshop presented by George Mason University staff during that afternoon.

Family Math Night for grades 1-6 will take place on Wednesday, May 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. 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.

Next Wednesday's Envelope will contain the ballot for the election of the 2009-10 Board of Trustees and information about our upcoming Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m., in the newer building. As Pinecrest is owned by parents, faculty, and staff, we hope to see many people at the annual meeting!

Thursday, June 4, is the last day of school for both preschool classes. There is a preschool picnic/awards event at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 5, on the back playground. Preschool parents/families are strongly encouraged to participate in the picnic/awards event and to arrive promptly at 10 a.m. so the ceremony can begin. Preschool year-end narratives will be distributed by teachers at the picnic/awards event.

K-6 Field Day is on the last day of school – Wednesday, June 10. Mrs. Browning will be sharing more information soon about this special day! Wednesday, June 10, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon.

Our annual K-6 spring concert and first-ever sixth grade graduation will take place at John Calvin Church on Columbia Pike in Annandale (same location as our winter concert in December) at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

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.

## News and Notes – continued

Please note the following calendar changes:

- 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 Thursday morning at 9 a.m. and your child will be entered to win a free book at the book fair. One winner will be drawn randomly from those who respond. Congratulations to Amy Knieriem (parent of Scott, K) who won the free Wheeler's Healers t-shirt for reading/responding to the last newsletter contest!

Summer reading information will be distributed before the end of the school year to rising second through sixth graders.

We are so pleased to announce that our Raising the Roof auction raised approximately \$17,000 for our school. Thank you, thank you for your generosity!

### *Pinecrest Summer Pavilion*

We have over 300 children registered for Pinecrest Summer Pavilion – our biggest summer yet! If you have not yet registered for our summer camp, space is still available in some classes, while others are closed/at capacity. Additionally, some closed classes may be reopened this week or next. Please check the summer camp section of the website or check with Mrs. Hartzler 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! Mrs. Hartzler can be reached at [summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org) or 703.503.1132 (home).

### *Auction: Raising the Roof!*

THANK YOU to everyone who supported this year's auction on April 18. Thank you so much for raising the roof with us! What a great night for our community and a fun time for all of us! Thank you for your generosity and support. We do not have the final figure to give you yet of how much the auction raised, but we will share that soon. Auction photos are on the website in the password-protected section.

### *Upcoming Dates*

Thurs., May 7-Thurs., May 14	Scholastic Book Fair – multipurpose room, newer building
Fri., May 15	Preschool 4 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Fri., May 15	Grade 1 Authors' Tea – classroom – 2 p.m.
Fri., May 15	K-6 Movie Night – 6-9:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Sun., May 17	Ice Cream Social – 2:30-4 p.m. – playground
Tues., May 19	Grade 6 Field Trip – D.C. – leaving school at 1:15 p.m.
Fri., May 22	K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wed., May 27	K Hidden Oaks Nature Center Field Trip – leaving school at 11:30 a.m.
Wed., May 27	Grades 1-6 Family Math Night – 7-8:30 p.m. – Newer Building
Thurs., May 28	Preschool 4 Reston Zoo Field Trip – leaving school at 9 a.m.
Fri., May 29	Preschool 3 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Sun., May 31	JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes for Ellie Hohenstein (grade 3) – D.C.
Tues., June 2	Annual Meeting – newer building – 7 p.m.
Thurs., June 4	Preschool Last Day of School
Fri., June 5	Preschool NO SCHOOL / Preschool Awards/Families' Picnic–10 a.m.– playground
Fri., June 5	Grade 2-6 Read-in – 2-3:30 p.m. – multipurpose room

### *Upcoming Dates – continued*

Tues., June 9	Quarter 4 Ends (41 days) / Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed Via Backpack
Tues., June 9	K-6 Spring Music Concert & Grade 6 Graduation – 6 p.m. – John Calvin Church
Wed., June 10	K-6 Last Day of School # / K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Wed., June 10	K-6 Field Day
Thurs.-Fri., June 11-12	Faculty Workdays
Mon., June 22	Pinecrest Summer Pavilion Begins!

### *Celebrations/Appreciations*

Shiver me timbers and congratulations to the kindergarten class, Mrs. Vogus, and Mrs. Murphy for their amazing, pirate-themed assembly on May 1. Our kindergarten mateys had many lines to memorize and songs to sing, and they rose to the occasion in an unprecedented way! Arrgh!

Bravo to our teachers, whom we celebrated last week during Faculty Appreciation Week. We would be nothing without Mrs. Wool-Lewis, Mrs. Ferrier, Mrs. Narcisso, Mrs. Vogus, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Bleggi, Mr. Loring, Ms. O'Hara, Mrs. Cantor, Mrs. Samaha, Mrs. Tone, Mrs. Yeomans, and Mrs. Browning! Thank you for A L L you do for our school community!

We are all so grateful for the many wonderful ways – breakfast, cards, flowers, and other special items – you made us all feel appreciated last week. Thank you for taking the time to think of us – it was a really terrific week thanks to your kindness.

Heartfelt thanks to the 43 families who participated in the faculty appreciation lunch on Wednesday. It was a lovely time, and your generosity means so much. A tip of the hat to Trisha Serven (parent of Garrett Patterson, grade 2) who organized this special time for us!

Applause, please for the volunteers are out May 2 Spruce Up Day: Menne Babich-Dodd, Robert Buckley, Nate and Chase Carmody, Alice and Misha Dasek, Molly and Sofia Pringle, Veronica Chaudoin, Madelynn Arnold, Mark and Garrett Patterson, Janice Peterson, and Guy Weber and Alex Kulvivat. Thank you to Mark Patterson (parent of Garrett, grade 2) for chairing this event!

Happy early birthday to Mrs. Tone (May 16) and Mrs. Ferrier (May 19)! ☺

### *Thought for the Day*

“Many things can wait. Children cannot. Today their bones are being formed, their blood is being made, their senses are being developed. To them, we cannot say ‘tomorrow.’ Their name is today.” (Gabriela Mistral)