

## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 16, 2008-09 – Wednesday, May 27, 2009*

### *News and Notes*

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair! Thanks to your generosity and interest, we raised almost \$600.00 for our school!

Our current school bus had a recent unexpected and very serious mechanical failure, which resulted in our decision to purchase a new (used) school bus. This is taking place as I write this newsletter, and our new bus should be operational on Friday, May 29. Bus parents, please stay tuned for more information, and thank you again for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

For those who ordered all-school and/or other photos from Creative Images, please check your Wednesday Envelopes today – they look great!

Mrs. Vogus, Mrs. Murphy, and the kindergarten class are going to Hidden Oaks Nature Center today. Thank you to Souyma Kondapalli (parent of Medha Annam, K), Brenda Neil (parent of Ishbel, K) and Rema Shaban (parent of Nesreen, K) for accompanying the class and for driving!

Grades 1-6 Family Math Night will take place tonight 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.

The preschool 4 class is going to Reston Zoo tomorrow with Mrs. Ferrier and Mrs. Narcisso. Thanks in advance to Pavel Dasek (parent of Misha, preschool 4), Elena Han (parent of Mac, preschool 4), Molly Pringle (parent of Sophia, preschool 4), and Guari Sakpal (parent of Aarda, preschool 4) for attending the trip and also driving!

In this year's auction, I offered "Head of School For a Day" for the fourth year in a row. Ellie Hohenstein (grade 3), whose parents had the highest bid in the live auction, will be the Head of School on Friday, May 29! There will be a whole-school assembly that morning (immediately following the preschool 3 assembly) where she will announce any special plans for the day. She also has carpool duty that morning so you'll see Ms. Hohenstein first thing when you drop off your children. ☺

Last Wednesday's Envelope contained 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!

Summer reading information will be distributed next Wednesday, June 3, via Wednesday Envelopes to rising second through sixth graders.

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. There is preschool bus service on Thursday, June 4, but not on Friday, June 5.

The annual 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Read-in will be held on Friday, June 5, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please see today's Wednesday Envelope for more information.

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.

K-6 Field Day is on the last day of school – Wednesday, June 10. Wednesday, June 10, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon. There is bus service on Wednesday, June 10, but there is no after-care. Please check today's Wednesday Envelope for Field Day information from Mrs. Browning!

## News and Notes – continued

In addition the recent work at Spruce Up Day and through Pinecrest Landscapers after-school activity with Mrs. Davis, our preschool and kindergarten classes have added to our campus by planting a new tree by the older building (preschool) and some colorful flowers by the newer building (kindergarten)!

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.

You may remember that in the fall, our first grade class and Mrs. Wheeler were collecting money for children in Ethiopia. The money was sent to Ethiopia through the family of Kalkidan Tucker (grade 1). They have shared with us lovely photos of the Ethiopian children acknowledging our (your) generosity. The photos are attached to the email with this newsletter for you to also see.

Please note the following calendar changes:

- Ice Cream Social was 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)

## 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. 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).

For those registered for Pinecrest Summer Pavilion, you will be receiving registration/welcome packets before or around June 10.

## Upcoming Dates

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.
Wed., June 3	Grade 6 Billy Goat Trail Field Trip – leaving school at 10:30 a.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
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

Congratulations to and a big round of applause for the preschool 4 class, Mrs. Ferrier, and Mrs. Narcisso for a lively and sweet assembly on May 15!

### *Celebrations/Appreciations – continued*

Accolades to our recent Book Fair volunteers: Madelynn Arnold, Lei Bao, Denise Boyer, Vicky & Nate Carmody, Veronica Chaudoin, Michele Dinsmore, Menne Dodd, Carolyn Ewen, Sandra Nakayuba, and Brenda Neil. A standing ovation to Trisha Serven (parent of Garrett Patterson, grade 2) for chairing the Book Fair!

Applause, please for the volunteers at our Ice Cream Social on May 17: Susan Cohen, Alice & Pavel Dasek, Molly Pringle, Scott Midkiff, Sandra Nakayuba, Marina Sutton, Karen Tamayo, and Lydia Teinfalt! Special thanks to Mark Patterson and Trisha Serven for chairing this event!

Thank you to those who joined us on May 8 and 15 for the grades 1-6 authors' teas!

Thank you to those children who joined us at Movie Night on Friday, May 15! It was a fun night. A tip of the hat to the sixth graders for their always-awesome help; Kristina Dlugozima (Best Friend of the Head) for chaperoning with me; and Nate Carmody (parent of Brooke, grade 2) for essential AV/technical assistance!

Mrs. Tone is moving to Germany with her family in June. June 2 will be her last K-6 library day with us. We've been fortunate to have Mrs. Tone in our community for the past two years, and we will miss her greatly next year. We wish the Tone Family the very best as they begin this new adventure!

Happy early birthday to Mrs. Shaw (June 4) and Ms. Bleggi (June 19)! ☺

### *Thought for the Day*

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." (Ryunosuke Satoro)