

## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 3, 2009-10 – Wednesday, October 21, 2009*

### *News and Notes*

Due to a copy machine failure, Wednesday Envelopes will be sent home tomorrow – Thursday, October 22 – instead of today. (Note: Kindergarten & first grade classes will be on a field trip tomorrow so if the Wednesday Envelope doesn't make it into your child's backpack tomorrow, please look for it on Friday.)

Mrs. Vogus, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Wheeler will be taking the kindergarten and first grade classes to Cox Farms in Centreville tomorrow. Thank you in advance to Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke & Chase, grade 3 & K), Patti Miller (parent of Bryan, grade 1), Brenda Neil (parent of Ishbel, grade 1), and Paula Palmore (parent of Peyton Buckley, grade 1), Gauri Sakpal (parent of Aadra, K), and Ramiro Torrico (parent of Raman Singh-Torrico, K) for also attending!

In honor of fire safety month, a fire truck will visit Pinecrest on Friday, October 23 (weather permitting), for an exciting outside presentation to the preschool and kindergarten classes!

Creative Images proofs should be arriving within the next two weeks. When they do, we will send them home in Wednesday Envelopes. Everyone was photographed on picture day, and, once the proofs come home, parents can either purchase the photos or not. Please note that a part of your purchase of photographs from Creative Images will benefit Pinecrest!

Pinecrest will be participating in the Annandale Fall Festival from 10AM until 6PM in the Safeway Plaza on Little River Turnpike this Saturday, October 24. We will have an informational booth and an activity for kids who visit our table! We will also be participating in the parade held in conjunction with the fall festival in Annandale from 10AM-12 noon through Annandale. Thank you to those who are planning to walk with us in light blue t-shirts. Mrs. Mink will be sharing more specific information with everyone tomorrow...stay tuned to your email for that. If you'd still like to join us, please also let us know! However, if it is rainy weather, we will cancel our participation in the parade, and we will let you know ahead of time. If you plan to attend the festival, please wear a Pinecrest shirt there if you have one.

Next Wednesday, October 28, the staff will be participating in a "Pink & Jeans Day" to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization for breast cancer research and support. This is a cause close to us here as Mrs. Wheeler was diagnosed with breast cancer last winter, and a group of us (including Mrs. Wheeler and her husband) participated in the Avon 2-day Walk for Breast Cancer this past May and, together, our team raised \$35,000+ for this critical cause. Anyone interested in participating with us next Wednesday, wherever you will be that day, and/or making a contribution, can easily do so by sending in a check to Susan G. Komen for the Cure or doing it online. Please email [office@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:office@pinecrestschool.org) for more information. Thank you to Mrs. O'Grady for organizing this event for our staff for the second year in a row!

The fall Scholastic Book Fair – "Destination Book Fair, Read Around the World" – will take place in the newer building multipurpose room from Thursday, October 29 until Friday, November 6. The children will have the chance to preview the books and create wish lists. Teachers are creating wish lists as well for any classroom library contributions you'd like to make. The book fair gives families an excellent opportunity to purchase quality children's books at affordable prices. Plus, Pinecrest benefits as Scholastic will give us a portion of profits taken in from our sale – it's a win-win for all! See tomorrow's Wednesday Envelope for more information.

Next Friday October 30, at 9:15 a.m., is Pinecrest's Annual Halloween Parade! All of our students will wind through the school, finally emerging from the first grade classroom to walk from the back playground out to the parking lot to the "oohs" and "aahs" of their waiting families. Parents and siblings are welcome to participate in the parade and may dress in costume if they'd like. Children may come to school in costume on Friday or change after they arrive. They will need regular school clothes to put on after the parade is over though; children will not wear their costumes all day. The parade will be held in the multipurpose room in the event of inclement weather. Children not wishing to dress up may still walk in the parade, or stand with parents and watch or come to school later that morning – whatever is most comfortable.

Pinecrest School collects Box Tops! There is a box in the front office to deposit your cut-out Box Tops.

## News and Notes – continued

Our Pre-K class went on a field trip on Tuesday to Burke Nurseries. Thank you to the following parents who joined Mrs. Ferrier, Mrs. Narcisso and the children on the trip: Trishla Murdia (parent of Biya, Pre-K), Molly Pringle (parent of Sophia, Pre-K), Mai Tran (parent of Ethan Stodgel, Pre-K), and Diana Somarriba (parent of Sophia, Pre-K)!

Ms. Bleggi's third grade class went to the local fire station last week. Thanks to Susan Migliore (parent of Christina, grade 3) and Trisha Serven (parent of Garrett Patterson, grade 3) for also attending!

Pinecrest School is now on Facebook, and we have 66 fans! If you are too, please search "Pinecrest School" and become a fan. Feel free to comment and write on the wall too (we love parent testimonials)! ☺

If you read this newsletter and respond by email by Friday morning at 10 a.m., you will be entered in a drawing to win a free book for your child at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair! Congratulations to Sandra & Bill Jackson (parents of Juberiya, Grade 6) who won a free long-sleeve "This is community" shirt the last newsletter contest!

## Upcoming Dates

Thurs., Oct. 22	K & Grade 1 Field Trip – Cox Farm – all-day
Fri., Oct. 23	Preschool & K Fire Truck Visit – driveway circle – morning (weather permitting)
Thurs., Oct. 29-Fri., Nov. 6	Scholastic Book Fair – multipurpose room, newer building
Fri., Oct. 30	Halloween Parade – 9:15 a.m. – driveway circle
Fri., Oct. 30	K-6 Quarter 1 Ends (38 days)
Mon., Nov. 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Nov. 2	K-6 Quarter 1 Report Cards Distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues., Nov. 3	K-6 Quarter 2 Begins
Tues., Nov. 3	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. – science/art lab, newer building
Wed., Nov. 11	Parent Visiting Morning – 9-11 a.m. – classrooms (For current parents)
Wed., Nov. 11	Open House for Prospective Families – 12-2 p.m. (For prospective parents)
<i>SAVE THE DATE: Sat., May 1 – Pinecrest Annual Auction Fundraiser – evening – adults only</i>	

## Celebrations/Appreciations

Our annual Fun Fair on Saturday, October 17, was a big hit! Although held indoors, it did not dampen our fun. I loved the fifth grader who said goodbye to me on Saturday and expressed so genuinely, "This was a really great day!" And, then the next day, a fourth grader said, as if to reassure me, "The Fun Fair was really fun on Saturday, even though it was inside." Very cute. ☺ Thank you to the many volunteers who helped us on Saturday – I apologize if I am leaving anyone out, but I am working from our latest schedule of volunteers from before the event. Whether you ran a game or station, set up, cleaned up, made a donation, baked a cake, or anything else in between. We could have not have done it without you! What an awesome day it was – so many families joined us for fun, games, and good eats. Thank you, Susan Akers; Madelynn Arnold; Kameswaran & Balaji Balaji; Lei Bao; Brian Becker; Kira Becker (Class of 2009); Suneetha Budampati; Nate Carmody; Lourdes Chamorro; Michelle Gouws & Mike Reid; Angela Grant; Pete Han; Ronni Hargrove; Jacob Hartzler; Amy Knieriem; Kate Lewis; Susan Migliore; Patti Miller; Mimi Minnick; Marianne, Tony & Jessica Narcisso; Brenda & Alastair Neil; Kaitlyn Nguyen (Class of 2009); Monique Nguyen; Paula O'Grady; Janice Peterson; Molly Pringle; Ryan Rossum; Gauri Sakpal; Richelle Singh & Ramiro Torrico; Sarah Spink; Marina & Rich Sutton; Karen Tamayo; Thy-Ngon Tran; Guy Weber; Osob Yosob & Mohamoud Ali; and Bruce Zanin. A round of applause to the families who provided cakes as well for the ever-popular Cake Walk – Arnold, Balaji, Beese, Decareau, Gamber, Gouws/Reid, Kenneded, Kulvivat/Weber, Serven/Patterson, Simpson, Singh-Torrico, Sutton, Tamayo/Purser, Vogus, and Yozgat! And, last, but certainly not least, a long and loud standing ovation for Trisha Serven and Mark Patterson, who organized and ran the Fun Fair! We could not have done it without their hard work, and we are very grateful.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Vogus (October 25)! ☺

## Thought for the Day

"Somebody is always doing what someone else said couldn't be done." (unknown)