

# Pinecrest School

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## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 10, 2009-10 – Wednesday, March 3, 2010*

### News and Notes

As you know, many school days were lost to the recent snow storms and the most recent no-power day (2/26/10). Our school policy allows for five days of inclement weather before we start making them up. We have used more than five days though. The plan for making up days is below, which has been updated since you last saw it. We will now be going to school a regular day on Memorial Day – Monday, May 31. We understand you may already have travel plans, and this is okay. Please note that if there are any additional snow/weather days off, we will have to add more school days to the calendar. In today's Wednesday Envelope, you will find a summary of how we are making up the lost school days, as well as a revised school calendar. This was distributed two weeks ago by email, but I thought it made sense that each family receive a paper copy as well.

We honored Dr. Seuss's birthday yesterday with a lot of reading...the older students read to the preschoolers this morning, and then this afternoon, K-6 students and teachers read 229 Dr. Seuss books – together and individually – in about 35 minutes!

Today, we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! There was a lot of counting and tracking, and everyone received a "100 Days Smarter" stamp. K-6 students will have the annual penny relay race with 100 pennies later this afternoon. It is always a fun activity that also provides great exercise and community-building. This year's pennies will be donated to the Light of Life Foundation (thyroid cancer organization) in Mrs. Vogus's honor.

Mrs. Browning will be out on Friday, March 5. All classes will still have P.E., but it will be yoga with Mrs. Swisher (camp staff) instead of regular P.E. classes!

A reminder for all those returning to Pinecrest next year: This year, Pinecrest School is again offering a tuition discount (\$1,000/K-6 student and \$200/preschool student) to families that submit their registration contract, registration fee (\$150/returning student), and full deposit amount (1 tuition installment) on or before Monday, March 15, 2010. The discount will come in the form of reduced tuition installments. An early and accurate count of the number of students expected for the new academic year helps the school with its planning efforts. (from the Board of Trustees letter to school community, 1/20/10)

**PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** Our annual Teacher Appreciation Week will be March 22-26 (the week before we go on spring break). One highlight of this week is a special lunch for the teachers and staff. We are looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate this lunch. The "job requirements" are not that extensive, and I will provide help, as will Volunteer Chairs Mark Patterson & Trisha Serven (parents of Garrett, grade 3). If you are interested in chairing this event, please email me or Mark (tasmark1020@aol.com) and we can let you know what it will entail. Thanks for your consideration.

Parent Conferences are on Friday, April 9, 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. In thinking about our snow day make-up plans, we did consider going to school on this day and trying to reschedule conferences for other times. At Pinecrest School, we pride ourselves on working in close consultation with parents at all times, but specifically at parent conferences, where parents are given at least 20-30 minutes with their child's teacher. Keeping conferences all together on one day makes it a lot easier for teachers to do this and continue to do it well and as thorough and focused as always. Thanks for understanding.

The fifth/sixth grade class and Ms. Mitlo recently ran a fundraiser for Haiti. A total of \$264, was raised, and the money was donated equally to Save the Children, UNICEF and the American Red Cross. Thank you to everyone who contributed to help those who need our help.

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 Scholastic Book Fair in May! Congratulations to Denise Boyer (parent of Nicholas, grade 4) who won a free book for her son for reading and responding to the last newsletter!

## Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

PSP registration is open and many classes are closed. There are about 225 students registered! If you are still planning to sign up, please check the website (summer camp section of our school website) before registering. If there is a closed class in which you're interested, please email Mrs. Hartzler at [summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org) to get on the waiting list. This year's Pinecrest Summer Pavilion will run for eight weeks, beginning June 28 and ending the week of August 16. Preschool Pavilion for rising pre-kindergarten/preschool 4 children is available all eight weeks (mornings only) and is almost full itself.

### Upcoming Dates

Thurs., March 4	Faculty In-Service Workday – NO SCHOOL
Fri., March 5	Grade 3 Field Trip – Green Springs Nature Center – morning
Mon.-Fri., March 22-26	Faculty Appreciation Week
Fri., March 26	Grade 1 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Mon.-Fri., March 29-April 2	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon.-Thurs., April 5-8	Spirit Week – more details coming soon about this fun week!
Tues., April 6	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. – science/art lab
Thurs., April 8	K-6 Quarter 3 Ends (35 days)
Fri., April 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences / Faculty Workday – NO SCHOOL
Fri., April 9	Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon., April 12	K-6 Quarter 4 Begins
Wed., April 14	Grade 1-6 Family Math Night – 7-8:30 p.m. – newer building
Fri., April 16	Kindergarten Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Wed., April 21	All-school Group Photo by Creative Images (and Individual Photo Retakes)
Fri., April 30	Pre-Kindergarten Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Fri., April 30	K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – Auction Set-Up – no after-care
Mon.-Fri., April 26-30	Grade 6 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Mon.-Fri., April 26-30	Grade 4 Stanford Achievement Test – mornings – no make-ups
Mon.-Fri., April 26-30	Grade 2 Cognitive Abilities Test – mornings – no make-ups

*SAVE THE DATE: Sat., May 1 – Pinecrest Annual Auction Fundraiser – evening – adults only*

### Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to all of the families who joined us at Ledo Pizza on February 23! When I drove into the parking lot that night, it made me happy to see so many Pinecrest car magnets in one place! ☺

Happy early birthday to Mrs. Hartzler (March 8)! ☺

### Quote of the Day

“Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognizes the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer.”  
(William A. Ward)