

Pinecrest School

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PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 11, 2009-10 – Wednesday, March 17, 2010

News and Notes

Happy Saint Patrick's Day from your Irish Head of School! Any opportunity to "go green" is a good day. ☺

Our annual Teacher Appreciation Week is next week – 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. Grace Becker (parent of Scott, grade 4) is working with Richelle Singh-Torrice (parent of Raman, K) to plan this special event and other festivities for the week. If you'd like to help, please contact Grace at beckergc@yahoo.com or 703.532.0413.

Spring Break is the week of March 29-April 2, and the school will be closed all week.

April 5-8 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, April 5 – Pinecrest Clothes or Colors Day – wear your school spirit wear and/or Pinecrest's colors (blue/yellow)

Tuesday, April 6 – Sports Attire/Team Day – represent your favorite sport(s) and/or team(s)

Wednesday, April 7 – Class Dress-Alike Day – teachers and students decide their own class theme and dress accordingly

Thursday, April 8 – Pajama Day – appropriate pajamas/slippers welcome; shoes must be worn to/from school and for recess

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

K-6 report cards will be distributed at conferences on Friday, April 9. If your conference is not taking place that day, your child's report card will be distributed via Wednesday Envelope on Wednesday, April 14, unless you prearrange with your child's teacher.

There will be a spring session of K-6 after-school activities. Details will be available sometime after spring break.

The third grade class went with Ms. Bleggi on a field trip at the beginning of March to Green Spring Nature Center and will go back again on Friday. Thank you to Eleni Jakub (parent of Alex and Anastasia, grade 3) and Trisha Serven (parent of Garrett Patterson, grade 3) for also attending!

Congratulations to Richelle Singh-Torrice who won a free book for her son for reading and responding to the last newsletter! (Keep reading on for this week's contest.)

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

There are about 264 students registered for PSP at this time! You may notice that this number goes up significantly with each newsletter, which is really exciting! We love to see Pinecrest School students come to camp and spend part of or all of their summer with us. Please sign up soon if you are planning to; we want to be able to accommodate you. The website (summer camp section of our school website) is updated with closed classes. If there is a closed class in which you're interested, please email Mrs. Hartzler at summercamp@pinecrestschool.org to get on the waiting list.

Auction Update – Pinecrest Royale

Are you planning to be here to “bond” with us on Saturday evening, May 1? We hope so! Invitations will be sent via Wednesday Envelope on Wednesday, April 7. The Auction Committee is still looking for auction donations from Pinecrest families or from businesses. If parents have any questions about how you can help or if you need extra forms, please contact Auction Chair Trisha Serven at 703.941.3058 or tasmak1020@aol.com.

This week and for all of the newsletters that come out before the auction, the read-and-respond contest will be a James Bond trivia question to help set the mood for our Pinecrest Royale event. If you respond with the correct answer to the below question by Monday at 10 a.m., you will be entered into a drawing to win a free book for your child at the Scholastic Book Fair in May.

Question: This recent James Bond movie was the second film to be based on the first Bond novel written by Ian Fleming. The novel and both movies share the same title. What is the title?

Upcoming Dates

Fri., March 19	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
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

Happy early birthday to Mrs. O’Grady (April 3)! ☺

Quote of the Day

“That which we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only which gives everything its value.”
(Thomas Paine)