

# Pinecrest School

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## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 13, 2009-10 – Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

### *News and Notes*

There will (I hope) be a spring session of K-6 after-school activities that will begin in early May. All of the information went home in last week's Wednesday Envelopes. Although it's a shorter session than usual, we do have some exciting classes planned, but we do not yet have enough students signed up to run most of the classes. Here is the status:

Beginning Monday, May 3, for 5 weeks – Abrakadoodle Art – needs 3 more students to run

Beginning Tuesday, May 4, for 5 weeks – Jetsetters with Mrs. Davis – needs 3 more students to run

Beginning Wed., May 12, for 5 weeks – Games Galore with Ms. Korman (PSP Staff) – needs 4 more students to run

Beginning Thursday, May 6, for 5 weeks – French Cooking – needs 2 more students to run

Beginning Friday, May 7, for 4 weeks – Super Sports with Mr. Piscopo (PSP Staff) – needs 3 more students to run

Friday, April 30, is a half day of school for K-6 students. Dismissal for all will be at 12 noon. On half days, K-6 students should come to school with a snack only (no lunch). There is no K-6 after-care or preschool lunch bunch on half days.

The all-school group photo was taken this morning. Order forms will be sent home today in Wednesday Envelopes in the upcoming weeks. This is also true for anyone who was photographed individually this morning.

The JDRF Sneaker Sale in honor and support of Ellie Hohenstein (grade 4) has begun. All of the money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research for a cure 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, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes just before her second birthday and who's been at Pinecrest since she was four.

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. THANK YOU to the many families who have already given!

Congratulations to Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke & Chase, grade 3 & K) who won a free book at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair for reading and responding to the last newsletter with the correct answer to the James Bond trivia question! (Keep reading on for this week's contest.)

### *Pinecrest Summer Pavilion*

There are 301 students registered for PSP at this time! You may notice that the number of students registered for camp goes up significantly with each newsletter – does it include your child(ren)?! We LOVE to see Pinecrest School students come to camp and spend part of or all of their summer with us. The website is updated with current information about closed classes.



### *Auction Update – Pinecrest Royale – Saturday, May 1*

Are you planning to be here to “bond” with us on Saturday evening, May 1? We hope so! It is going to be a fantastic night. The Auction Committee has been working hard to bring us all an evening of fun and entertainment, but most importantly, one that will raise money for our beloved school.

Invitations were sent home via Wednesday Envelope last week. Please return your response cards to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please write your name on your response card when you turn it in with ticket payment.

This week, the read-and-respond contest is again 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: In Daniel Craig's "Casino Royale" two minor, yet iconic, Bond-movie characters are missing. Who are they?



### *Upcoming Dates*

Fri., April 23	Grade 4 Field Trip – Jamestown – all day
Fri., April 23	Grade 5/6 Earth Day Field Trip – Lake Accotink Park
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
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
<b>Sat., May 1</b>	<b>COME BOND WITH US! Pinecrest Royale Auction – 6 p.m. – adults only</b>
Sun., May 2	JDRF Walk in Honor of Ellie Hohenstein (Grade 4)
Mon., May 3	Grade 2 Field Trip – National Zoo
Tues., May 4	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. – science/art lab
Wed., May 5	Grade 2 & 3 Field Trip – TheatreArts Play at GMU
Sat., May 8	Spruce Up Day / Parent Workday – 9:30 a.m. – front lawn
Mon.-Fri., May 10-14	Scholastic Book Fair – multipurpose room
Fri., May 14	Grade 1-6 Authors' Teas – classrooms (individual times set by teachers)
Fri., May 14	Preschool 3/4 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room (note date change)
Fri., May 21	K-6 Movie Night – 6-9:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Sun., May 23	Ice Cream Social – 2-4 p.m. – playground
Fri., May 28	Preschool 3 Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room
Fri., May 28	K-6 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL – not a half day (snow make-up)
Mon., May 31	Regular Day of School For All (even though it's Memorial Day/snow make-up)

### *Celebrations/Appreciations*

Today we recognize Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Shaw and Ms. Tamayo for Administrative Professionals' Day! We are all so appreciative of ALL they do for Pinecrest School!

Enthusiastic clicking, clacking, and mooing (and a standing ovation too!) to the kindergarten class, Mrs. Vogus, and Mrs. Murphy for their wonderful and very impressive assembly on April 16! ☺

Kudos to the faculty and parents for their open communication and dialogue during the April 9 parent/teacher conferences!

Thank you to all of the first-sixth grade families that joined us last week for Family Math Night. It was a lot of fun as always!

### *Quote of the Day*

"The little reed, bending to the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed over." (Aesop)