

PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 15, 2009-10 – Wednesday, May 19, 2010

News and Notes

Our spring K-6 Movie Night is this Friday, May 21, beginning at 6 p.m. Information was sent home in last week's Wednesday Envelope. Please let us know if you need another copy of the flyer to sign up – it's not too late. This is always a fun night, and I hope to see your K-6 child(ren) there!

This Sunday, May 23, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social from 2-4 p.m. on the back playground (or in the multipurpose room if inclement weather). Information was sent home last week in the Wednesday Envelope. We hope to see you there! Please note that we are again inviting new families who are joining our school community for the 2010-11 school year to join us at the Ice Cream Social.

A reminder that Pinecrest School will have a K-6 full day of school on Friday, May 28, and a regular day of school for all students on Monday, May 31. Although this is Memorial Day, this is a make-up for the blizzard days. We understand that many had already made travel plans when we announced these schedule changes in the winter and that your children may not be able to come to school; that is fine.

Today's Wednesday Envelope will contain the ballot for the election of the 2010-11 Board of Trustees and information about our upcoming Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 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.

In this year's auction, I offered "Head of School For a Day" for the fifth year in a row. This is always fun. Jesse Pasierb (grade 4), whose parents had the highest bid in the live auction, will be the Head of School on Friday, May 28! There will be a whole-school assembly that morning (immediately following the preschool 3 assembly) where he will announce any special plans for the day. He also has carpool duty that morning so you'll see Mr. Pasierb first thing when you drop off your child(ren). ☺

Tuesday, June 8, is the last day of school for all preschool classes. There is a preschool picnic/awards event at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 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 and lunch bunch on Tuesday, June 8, but not on Wednesday, June 9.

Our annual K-6 spring concert and 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 8.

A reminder that this winter's blizzard changed the K-6 last week of school. K-6 has full days of school Monday-Thursday, June 7-10. We have a half day of school on the K-6 last day on Friday, June 11.

K-6 Field Day is on the last day of school – Friday, June 11. Friday, June 11, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon. There is bus service on Friday, June 11, but there is no after-care. Next week's Wednesday Envelope will have all of the Field Day information from Mrs. Browning! Any parents who are interested in volunteering for Field Day, please let us know.

For those who recently ordered all-school or other photos, those photos will be here before June 8, and we will send them home in Wednesday Envelopes when they arrive.

If you read this newsletter and respond by email by Friday at 10 a.m., you will be entered in a drawing to win a complimentary attendance for one child at K-6 Movie Night this Friday. (If you have already paid, it will be refunded; if you are a preschool parent who wins, we will give you a tuition credit in the same amount.) Congratulations to Mimi Minnick (parent of Kelly Houk, grade 2) who won a free book for reading and responding to the last newsletter contest!

Our Annual Fund continues through the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Gifts made to the annual fund help strengthen and uphold our mission for current and future students.

News and Notes – continued

At the auction, there was a wonderful slideshow of photos from this past year, set to music. The slideshow is still available in CD format for \$15 each. Please stop by the front office to purchase one of these.

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

There are 329 students registered for PSP at this time! 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. Please consider signing up if you have not yet done so and/or spreading the word to others who might be interested.

For those registered for Pinecrest Summer Pavilion, you will be receiving registration/welcome packets in mid June.

Upcoming Dates

Thurs., May 20	Pre-K Field Trip – Kennedy Center Play – morning
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
Mon., May 24	Grade 4 Field Trip – Civil War Museum, Richmond – all day
Tues., May 25	Pre-K Field Trip – Hidden Oaks Nature Center – morning
Wed., May 26	K & Grade 1 Field Trip – National Zoo
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)
Tues., June 1	Annual Meeting – 7 p.m. – newer building
Wed., June 2	Preschool 3 and 3/4 Field Trip – Hidden Oaks Nature Center – morning
Thurs., June 3	Grade 3 Field Trip – Cisco
Fri., June 4	Grade 2-6 Read-in – 2-3:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Tues., June 8	Preschool Last Day of School / Preschool Narratives Distributed Via Backpack
Tues., June 8	K-6 Spring Concert & Grade 6 Graduation–6 p.m.–John Calvin Church, Annandale
Wed., June 9	Preschool NO SCHOOL / Preschool Awards/Families' Picnic–10 a.m.–playground
Thurs., June 10	K-6 Quarter 4 Ends (44 days) / Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed Via Backpack
Fri., June 11	K-6 Last Day of School / K-6 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – no after-care
Fri., June 11	K-6 Field Day

SAVE THE DATE: 2011 Fundraising Auction – Saturday, April 9, 2011! (Theme TBA)

Celebrations/Appreciations

A big round of applause for the preschool 3/4 class and Mrs. Wool-Lewis for their amazing assembly on May 14 – it was wonderful! ☺

The campus looks awesome thanks to our Spruce Up Day volunteers on May 7 – Bruce & Madelynn Arnold; Rebecca Balogh, Bruce Zanin & Aurora Balogh-Zanin; USA Beese; Denise & Nicholas Boyer; Lourdes Chamorro & Petra Lacayo; Mark & Garrett Patterson; and Mike Reid. Special thanks to our Spruce Up Day Chair Tim Boyer (parent of Nicholas, grade 4) for all of his work and organization!

Our spring Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported it, and kudos to our volunteers who made it happen – Madelynn Arnold, Grace Becker, Michele Dinsmore, Sandra Jackson, Brenda Neil, Trisha Serven, Richelle Singh & Ramiro Torrico, Sarah Spink and Marina Sutton! A big thank you to Book Fair Chair Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke & Chase, grade 3 & K) for her leadership and time!

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Ferrier (today) and Happy Early Birthday to Mrs. Davis (May 30)! ☺

Quote of the Day

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson)