

FLEA MARKET AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST TOMORROW, Feb.. 7

Come join other Peirce families and members of our community for an Indoor Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be so many good things to browse through – clothes, books, toys, housewares, furniture. Also, join us for a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. PLUS, if you're in the cafeteria between 9 and 10, you'll get to see some of our parents and Mr. Penta in a PANCAKE COOKOFF! Who will make the best and most creative pancakes? We'll vote! Also, we'll be selling raffle tickets to a Celtics game on March 18. Admission to the Flea Market is FREE. Breakfast is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults – with a cap per family of \$20. Cash or checks accepted. Hope to see you, your friends, your neighbors and your extended families there to connect.

Spaghetti Dinner was great fun, thanks to all who came and enjoyed all the talents. A special thanks to Deb our lovely kitchen lady and her help in the kitchen and all the social/hospitality ladies. We look forward to making this a Peirce tradition.

Comedy Night is back on March 21st at the Sons of Italy, details to follow.

Valentines for Vets will be held after school on Thursday February 12th. Come make a terrific card to brighten up someone's day and have hang out with your friends too! Their will be a late METCO Bus

Kindergarten Orientation is February 26, 2009.

If you have completed your packet and wish to register your child, Margy Dunton will be there at 6:00. If you did not receive a packet, or have any questions regarding incoming kindergarten, please call Margy at 781-316-3736.

It IS Cold Outside!

Be sure that your student is dressed properly for outdoor recess! We only stay in when the

weather and/or wind chill hits 20 degrees or below. Students without proper attire will not go out for recess - so be sure to dress appropriately!

Peirce Calendar

Feb. 7	Yard Sale/ Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 12	Valentine's for Vets
Feb.16	President's Day/ Winter Recess Begins, NO SCHOOL
Feb. 23	School is back in session
Feb. 26	Incoming Kindergarten Orientation
Feb. 27	International Festival
Feb. 27	Bottle & Can Drive
Mar. 1	Early Release Day, 1:00pm
Mar 21	Comedy Night

News from our librarian...

We celebrated the Chinese New Year and Ground Hog Day. The children did mazes, coloring, crosswords and word searches. We are still reading the books previously mentioned and have started reading Pippi Longstockings for the second grade. We will be finishing up all of the books by vacation. Great news!!! We now have more than 10,000 books in our library. Thank you to the following families that have donated books to our library: Maya Colmn, Jasmin Meyer, Jasmine Rad, Geoff, June and Eleanor Freed, Kristen Garrigas, the Gnerre's and the Morrill's. Thank you to the Johnson family for the credits at the Book Rack. Remember you can bring books to the library for me to look at or take them to the Book Rack and donate the credits to the Peirce PTO. Thank you to the people that have donated their credits and didn't tell me so I can thank you by name. I am still looking for 1 or 2 big baskets for the library. We have the children put the books they take off the shelves and don't want in the baskets for re-shelving by volunteers. We also ordered a book display rack and I am waiting for it to be put together. Thank you to all my volunteers!!! Happy Valentine's Day.

Mrs "7", your librarian

International Festival Coming Soon!

Come learn about and celebrate the diversity of

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Peirce School! There will be food (pot-luck), activities, prizes, performances and a great, fun opportunity to learn about the geography and cultures of the world. The fun starts on Friday February 27th at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event, as well as souvenirs from around the world to add to the displays and activity tables (you'll get them back afterwards). Please call Martine at 781-641-2376.

100th Day of School Food Drive

Wednesday, Feb 11th is the 100th day of school, as usual, we'll be celebrating the occasion with a collection for Arlington Food Pantry. Our goal is to collect 100 items per grade level, so we are hoping each student can bring in 2 or 3 items.

Kindergarten – Crackers or Cookies
First Grade – Spaghetti-Os (or other brand)
Second Grade – Cereal
Third Grade – Canned Fruit
Fourth Grade – Juices or Powered Milk
Fifth Grade – Ketchup, Mayo or Jams

The Food Pantry is in particular need of these items at this time, but any other non-perishable donations are also welcome. These items will then be delivered to the Arlington Food Pantry on Friday, February 13th. We need help getting these items to East Arlington. Anyone interested in helping please e-mail Lori at loripescatore@hotmail.com or Kristen at garrigus14@yahoo.com. We will pack the cars in the afternoon, so we are ready to go as soon as the kids are out of school.

Arlington Food Pantry operates out of space at the Church of Our Saviour at 21 Marathon Street, and distributes food to any person with proof of Arlington residency from 9:30-11:30 on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of each month.

Box Tops Webkinz Contest Ending Soon!!!

We've had lots of submissions of the Webkinz sheets for the Box Tops contest. Remember that each full sheet returned is entered in the drawing for the Webkinz being held on February 13th.

Additional collection sheets are available outside the office at school. Last day to return sheets for this contest is February 13th (you can still send in BoxTops after that date, just the contest ends on 2/13). For additional information contact our BoxTops Coordinator Jenn Umali at j.umali@comcast.net. Thanks for supporting this program and keep clipping those BoxTops!

Fundraisers That Don't Cost a Thing!

Don't forget to check the BoxTops website for new promotions every month. Right now there is a sweepstakes called "I LOVE MY SCHOOL!" Log on each day to register to win 1,000 Bonus Box Tops from now until March 1st. Check the school website (www.PeirceSchool.info or log on at www.boxtops4education.com/Promotions).

Keep sending in those labels also from Campbell's and Tyson products. We also take old cell phones and ink cartridges to recycle. Thanks for all your efforts!!!

General Information:

Safe Phone Number 781-316-3298 call before 8:15am day of illness.

Mr. Penta, Peirce Principal 316-3737

Mrs. Dunton, Peirce Secty 316-3736

Mrs. Harrah, Nurse 316-3738

Laila Niles, METCO Host Families Contact

Peirce PTO: Forward notes to PTO Mailbox in school office or forward in your child's take home folder. Your teacher will make sure it gets into the PTO Mailbox.

Verse Publications: You may also view the Peirce Verse publications on the Peirce School website.

Peirce Parent Email: The office has developed an email for Peirce parents to get notices electronically. This is for documents that are needed to get to you as well as handouts. Go to www.arlington.k12.ma.us. Click on "parents notices" (bottom right-hand side) and then you can sign up for emails from the office.

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