



2010 Peirce Parent Newsletter

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January 2010

SIPAAA Parent Meeting

We will be holding a School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement parent meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for input in planning our new SIPAAA.

Holiday Sing: Thank you to all of our families for joining us on December 17th for our annual "Holiday Sing" celebration. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Thompson and all of our wonderful students for a fantastic presentation.

Spelling Bee: The annual Spelling Bee event will take place on January 14th and 15th in the auditorium. View specific times for your child's grade level in the "Calendar of Events" section below.



January Events

- Jan 1** Happy New Year!
- Jan 4** Schools Re-Open – Welcome Back! ☺
- Jan 8** MPTSO Meeting- 9:15 am
- Jan 11** Winter Benchmark, DIBELS and ACCESS Testing Begin
- Jan 14** Primary Gr. Spelling Bee – 9:30-10:30
- Jan 15** Intermediate Gr. Spelling Bee – 9:30-10:30
- Jan 15** Upper Gr. Spelling Bee – 12:40-2:00
- Jan 18** Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior's Birthday
Observed – No School
- Jan 20** SIPAAA Parent Meeting – 5:30 pm - Auditorium
- Jan 21** LSC Meeting - 6:00 pm in Field House
- Jan 26** MPTSO/PAC/BAC ISAT Testing Informational Meeting 9:15 am - Auditorium
- Jan 27** Eighth Grade Graduation Pictures
- Jan 28** International Polish Dinner 6:00 pm
- Jan 29** End of Second Quarter
Professional Development Day –Teachers
~No School for Students~

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEMES:

JANUARY 2010

"HONESTY & TRUTHFULNESS"

SINCERE TRUSTWORTHINESS IS MARKED BY INTEGRITY

Winter Dress - Entrance - Dismissal

*During the winter months, please ensure that your child dresses warmly with layers of clothing. (Please see us if we can be of assistance).

*Students should come to school everyday and arrive on time (9:00 a.m.).

*Breakfast is served daily from 8:15-8:45. Students should **not** arrive to school before 8:15 a.m. unless they are in a specific tutoring class with a teacher.

*Students must be picked up promptly at the 2:45, 3:45, and 4:45 dismissals.

MPTSO/PAC/BAC ISAT "Test-Taking Strategies"

The MPTSO, PAC, and BAC will unite on January 26, 2010 in the school auditorium for an informational meeting regarding ISAT Test-Taking Strategies. Our Magnet Cluster Lead Teachers, Ms. Jump and Ms. Puente, will provide parents & guardians with an overview of the testing process and strategies for guiding students towards success during the upcoming ISAT TEST in March.

International Dinner

The Peirce School MPTSO will host a Polish Dinner on Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. The evening will include a delicious dinner followed by a 6th grade performance of songs and dance of Poland. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. A flier with more detailed information will be forthcoming. Join us for this fun-filled evening.

Upcoming Test Dates for Jan. 2010

TEST	DATES	GR.	DESCRIPTION
Benchmark	Jan 11-15	3-8	Reading and Math
ACCESS	Jan 11- Feb 19	K-8	English Language Test for Bilingual Students
DIBELS	Jan 11-28	K-2	Reading Assessment (2 nd of 3 assessments)

Note: We want to ensure that all of our students do well throughout the testing cycle. Students should be present and on time everyday, eat a solid (protein- based) breakfast, and have a good night's sleep.

Throwing Snow Will Result in Disciplinary Action



The safety and security of all of our students is important to us. Students must **not** play with snow while on or around the school grounds. Students who are caught throwing snowballs will be suspended from school.

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