



"Strive to Shine: As a student, As a Friend "

Safety Smart Super Challenge On Tuesday November 30th Radio Disney came to do a fire safety game show. There was a yellow team (my team) and a red team. There was lots of loud music and yelling. The Radio Disney people handed out pom-poms and foam fingers. Five people went up for each team to answer questions. There were a variety of questions like "true or false" and trivia the first round. The second round needed two people. Each of the two people had flags. A Disney person held up a card and you raised a yes or no flag if the picture on the card was safety smart. Six people went up for the third round. It was more trivia for this round. The fourth round had seven people (I was one of the seven). We had two people stand in front to place five cards in the right order of what to do when a fire happens. The last round needed five people. You had to fill in the blank of the sentence. This was a spectacular assembly. - *Written by Colton*



Wuzzy Bear Last week I met a brown bear named Wuzzy in the First grade class. Last week he was in Mrs. Wall's class. Every time Wuzzy leaves a note, Ms. Harrah (the school nurse) comes up to the first grade class and reads the note to the students. Every note Wuzzy leaves is either about hygiene, health, or health issues. Last week was about head lice and the week before was on personal hygiene. Everyone got a toothbrush from Wuzzy that day. Wuzzy gives each student a souvenir every once in a while but not every time he gives the first graders a note. It was a fun time seeing Wuzzy Bear. *Written by Henry W*

An interview with Mr. Frank... by Peter Roche

How old are you? *62*

How did you get interested in being a custodian? *I needed a job.*

What did you do for Thanksgiving? *Going to my step daughters home.*

Do you like any sports? *All of them!*

What are you thankful for? *My family, my health and my job.*

What is your last name? *Frankelton*

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

My Christmas Tradition is that on Christmas Eve we eat Chinese food. - *Abby*

My favorite tradition to do on Christmas Eve is I have an Elf on the Shelf. It comes every year.

- *Athena*

My holiday tradition is we decorate the tree as a family and the youngest puts on the star. - *Anthony*
Christmas Eve we go to my grandparents house and decorate their giant tree. - *Alana*

I am Jewish and Christian. I sing the Jewish songs and I celebrate in the Christian ways too. I celebrate Easter, Passover, Hanukah, and Rehasking. - *Carlos*

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My Favorite tradition at the holidays is I get to open one present early. - *Drew*

My tradition for the holiday is we have parties every year. -*Eryka*

My favorite holiday tradition is when me and my family have a family reunion at my grandparent's house for Christmas. We have a big dinner followed by a Yankee Swap. - *Isabella*

A tradition I have is making Bushdenoel. It is a log cake , the name means log of Christmas. -*Juliette*

My family tradition every year is putting up a medium sized Christmas tree in our living room with Christmas lights all around. Another thing we do is put three special lights on our window. A snowman, a snowflake and a little lighted Christmas tree. *Jamila*

My family decorates a tree and has an advent calendar. - *Joe P.*

My tradition is every year on Christmas eve my family goes to my aunts house. - *Jackie*

My family tradition is when it's time to open our presents, someone who is small enough to fit under the tree will be the person who gets the presents from under the tree. -*Jasmin*

One tradition I do is I go over to my friends house to play and to see what he got for Christmas .-*Lucas*

On Christmas eve, my family always makes magic cookie bars . - *Michael*

Every Christmas I wrap Christmas presents with my family for my cousins. - *Nathaniel*

The holiday that I celebrate is Christmas. On Christmas eve me and my family always go to my cousins house. They have a party every year. The next morning we open all of our presents. Then we have guests come to our house for dinner and dessert. Before we go to bed my dad reads " *The Night Before Christmas*" to my sisters (Lexi and Katherine) and me. - *Nicole*

All of my mom's family comes over on Christmas Eve. - *Patrick*

Going over to my Uncle Mike's house and eating a lot of tasty food is a great tradition my family has.

-*Peter*

My family tradition is that we pick out the Christmas tree together. - *Racer*

My tradition on Christmas is opening presents with my family.- *Rhandy*

A tradition in my house is my grandma brings their dog Chester and me and my cousins play with him - and chases Lane. - *Reese*

My Christmas tradition is to celebrate with a turkey dinner. - *Stephanie*

My favorite tradition for the holidays is definitely going to Vancouver to visit family. - *Alex*

My favorite tradition on Christmas is opening stockings. I look forward to seeing the look on my dogs face when he sees what I got him. - *Ciana*

My favorite tradition is finding the pickle on the Christmas tree. Once you find it you get a prize. -

Colton

My favorite tradition is putting up the bulbs on my Christmas tree. My dad invites my Nana over for dinner. - *Caelan*

My favorite tradition is Christmas. I like Christmas because I get lots of presents . I like to celebrate and have lots of fun. -*David*



My favorite Christmas tradition is decorating the tree. - *Ellyce*

My tradition is Christmas. I like it because I get lots of presents. - *Edwin*

My favorite tradition is picking out a Christmas tree with my family. Then hanging up all of our ornaments together. On our back porch we hang a string of lights that we then display our Christmas

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cards on. - *Henry*

My favorite tradition on Christmas eve is to open up one present. Me and my sister try to open one up that is the same size. - *John*

My favorite tradition on Christmas is being with my family and friends. We always have good food to share. - *Justin*

My favorite holiday tradition is on Christmas eve I go to my grandmothers house with my cousins and other relatives. We exchange gifts and enjoy a great meal. - *Katelyn*

On Christmas eve my family sits by our fireplace to get warmed up and drink hot chocolate. On Christmas day we wake up and open presents. WE have coffee cake for breakfast. Then we have a big family get together and have a Yankee Swap.

-*Melissa*

My favorite holiday tradition is that we put a moose on top of our Christmas tree. - *Maia*

My favorite Christmas tradition is to either go to my grandma's house or they come over to my house. We always exchange gifts with them.- *Mia*

My holiday tradition is on Christmas Eve my mom, brother and I go to a movie. Afterwards we have a nice dinner and go off to bed. - *Michael*

My favorite tradition is to watch Christmas movies on Christmas eve. - *Matt*

My favorite tradition is on Christmas is when my family goes skating at the Res. Then we play with our presents. - *Ryan*

My favorite tradition is when my whole family decorates the Christmas tree. - *Sophie*

My favorite tradition is being with the people I love and care for on Christmas. It is nice to be with your family and having fun during the holidays. - *Tessa*

My holiday tradition is to decorate the Christmas tree with my parents and grandparents. - *Teldon*

My tradition is going to my grandmothers house for Christmas dinner on Christmas day. - *Tate*

My favorite tradition is going sledding on Christmas eve. - *Venice*

Every year my family cuts down a Christmas tree.
-*Zach*

Talking with Mr. Morrison by *Nathaniel*

How long have you worked at Peirce School? *7 years*
Do you like your job working as a gym teacher? *Yes he does. "I like having a new class every 40 minutes."*
Have you always wanted to be a gym teacher? *I liked my P.E teacher in Rhode Island and wanted to be like him.*



Did you play sports?
Everything but hockey & football.

Where did you go to college? Did you play any sports there? *He went to Endicott College and Salem State College for Graduate school. He played baseball and basketball at Endicott College.*

Tell me about the teams you coach? *I coach Reading High School during the school year and a college team during the summer.*

If you could have any other job what would it be and why? *A Math teacher because I've always liked numbers.*

Tell me about your family? *My Mom and Dad live in Rhode Island. My younger brother lives in Connecticut with his wife and month old baby, Blake.*

What's your favorite thing to do during your free time? *Officiate sports and coach*

What's your favorite book? *Driven from Within by Michael Jordan*

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Maria Elder wins at Radio Disney's Electricity Assembly

Radio Disney brings an Electricity Program Today Radio Disney came in and talked about electricity. There were four buzzers one for each player. There were trivia questions. One Question was: "If a power line falls on your car should you.....A.) get out of the car B.) Stay inside C.)Open the window and call for help. The answer was B.) Stay inside. The lady said that your tires are made out of rubber and rubber grounds electricity. After three rounds the finalist walked up to the buzzers. Then the Radio Disney lady said, "A teacher or a student could be a finalist." Everybody pointed at Ms. Delaney. Two minutes later the last question was said. At the end of the question Caelan buzzed in. "Correct" , the Lady said. Caelan got her prizes and sat down.

Written by John



Where is Santa in our school ?

Michael interviews Mrs. Dunton...

Mrs. Dunton has been at Peirce School for 9 years and she will be retiring in January. She lives in Marshfield and does not have any pets. When she retires she will visit her grandchildren, go to Brazil and work on her hobbies. In her free time she likes to bike, travel in her motor home, spend time with her children and grandchildren , and read. The thing that she likes best about being the secretary is interacting with all of the kids and watching them grow up. Her favorite authors are James Patterson, Mary Higgins Clark, and Tess Gerritsen. Her favorite sports are gymnastics, skating, and the sports that her children play. The thing that she likes best about Peirce is the sense of community and that everyone cares about everyone else. When she was a kid she went to school in Massachusetts, moved to St. Louis then came back to Massachusetts. She graduated in Arlington. Mrs. Dunton has been a big help to the school. It was interesting to interview her.



Native American Assembly On Thursday my class went to an assembly on Native Americans. The huge teepee took up a chunk of the music room. While entering this massive structure the boys entered first and the girls followed to show respect to them. Once inside the teepee we learned that not all Native Americans lived in teepees. Here people lived in long houses. In Alaska and the far north people lived in igloos. All Native American tribes were

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different but they all learned to live on the land. No animals were threatened thanks to the way Native Americans hunted . They used all parts of the animals they hunted. A bear skin could be a raincoat or a parka. The head of the skin could be a hood. Shoulder blades of animals could be either a hoe or a rake. Seeing these examples of how Native Americans used the remains of the animals they killed helped us see into the eyes of these people. As my class exited the teepee the girls went out first and the boys followed to show the girls respect. This was a very interesting assembly.

Written by Maia



Notables:

- Cookie Decorating and Stocking Stuffing Success!!

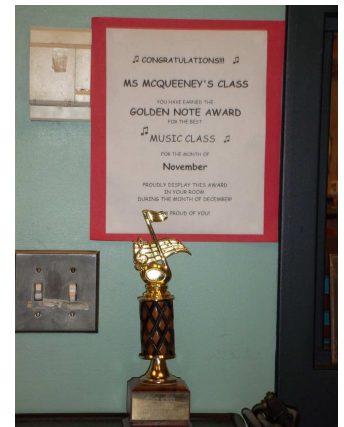
Thank you very much to all the families that donated items that were stuffed in the stockings for the Department of Children and Family Services. This is such a wonderful event for the kids to understand that they are making a difference and helping out someone who needs a little more help during the holidays. Thank you also to all the great parents that helped out by baking all the cookies for all the kids. We are very fortunate to have such a generous community at Peirce, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you from the Social and Hospitality Committee

- Hold the Date! Our next PTO meeting will be

held after the break on Monday January 9th from 6:30 - 8 pm in the library. Jud Pierce, our School Committee liaison will be attending to say hello and answer some questions from parents. Next, Karen Hartley and some of our teachers will be available to discuss "How we Challenge our Kids at Peirce". We hope to see lots of parents at the meeting to meet Jud and participate in the discussion. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! Janice Weinberg and Susan Goetcheus, Peirce PTO co-presidents

- If you would like to donate books to the library or donate points at the Book Rack to give to the Peirce School Library it would be greatly appreciated.

The Golden Note Award for Music Class goes to Mrs. McQueeney's Class.

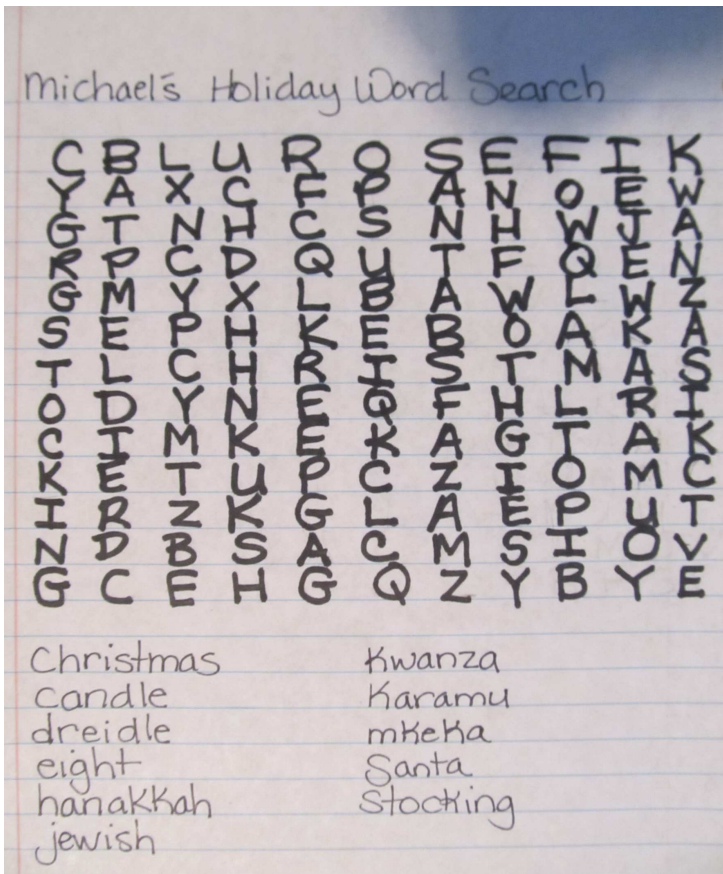


Where in our school is this tree?

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Peirce Calendar

- Dec. 26 Winter Break begins, Mrs. T's Closed
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 9 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr Day
NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 18 All Town Kindergarten Transition at Peirce @ 6:30pm
- Jan. 20 Talent Show @ 6:30pm in the Café'
- Feb. 7 Incoming Kindergarten Registration 9-11:00am in Office
- Feb. 9 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation/ Registration 6-8:00pm
- Feb. 13 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
- Feb. 14 Early Release 12:30pm
- Feb. February Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Mrs. T's Closed

- Mar. 2 BINGO! Night in Café' @ 6:30pm
- Mar. 12 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
- Mar. 13 Early Release 12:30pm dismissal
- Mar. 16 Peirce Community Art Show 5-8:00pm
- Mar. 26 Final Chess Club Rm. 211 2:15-3:30pm
- Apr. 6 Good Friday, **NO SCHOOL**
- Apr. 9 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
- Apr 16-20 Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- Apr. 27 Family Dance 7-9:00pm
- May 4 Incoming Kindergarten Visitation 9:15-11:00am
- May 14 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
- May 28 Memorial Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- TBA Spring Fair
- June 11 PTO Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
- June 12 Early Release 12:30pm
- June 20 Last Day of School

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

* Safe Phone Number 781-316-3298

Please call before 8:15am day of illness

* Ms. Hartley, Principal 781-316-3737

* Mrs. Dunton, Secretary 781-316-3736

* Mrs. Harrah, Nurse 781-316-3738

* Check out the school web site at

<http://peirceschool.info>

PTO Monthly meetings minutes can be found on the web site.

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Happy New Year to all !!

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