

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ...

Ellie Steele	9/03
Brendan Strauss	9/06
Kaia Grossman	9/08
Ryder Schulte	9/10
Sienna Itri	9/14
Miori Takasaka	9/15
Alexander Landau	9/19
Michelle Feldman	9/23
Ryan Misulovin	9/23
Isabella Fuertes	9/24
Sutton Laurino	9/24
Ethan Ciccone	9/25
Miles Rosenman	9/25
Robert Cruz	9/28
Joseph Pappas	9/29
Matthew Neumaier	9/30



Upcoming Events at Pierce:

SEPTEMBER

9/30 Picture Day

OCTOBER

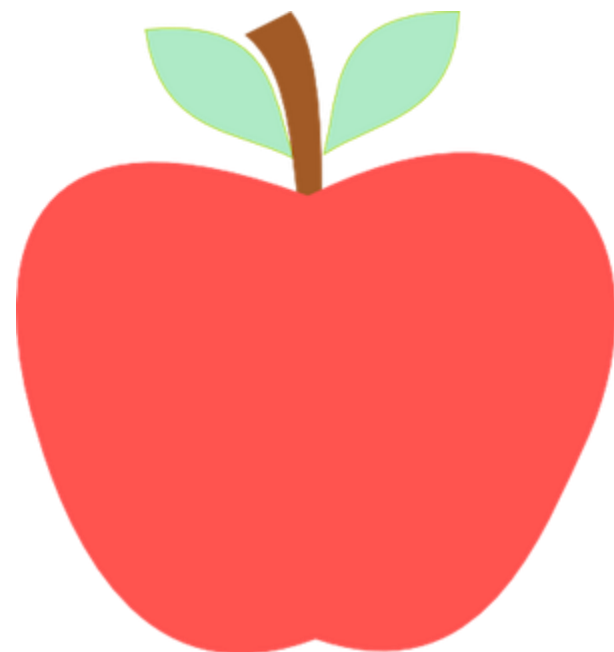
10/3-4 Rosh Hashanah: School Closed

10/5-7 Reading Week

10/10-12 Columbus Day & Yom Kippur:
School Closed

10/19 Staff Development Day:
School Closed

10/24-28: Fall Festival



PIERCE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

From the Desk of Mr. Neal

CAMP ENDS AND SCHOOL BEGINS

The natural progression happens for so many of us this time of year. A lot of our teaching staff who also work in camp are part of the transition from total recreation to education with lots of fun activities that are certainly more structured than in the summer. We who participate with children all year long help in this rather pronounced change of environment.

As our Color War ended recently we all made sure to use our 21st Century Skills education to ease the thrill of victory and agony of defeat. Our Blue and White teams hugged it out and were quick to congratulate each other for a hard fought competition. Some of the skills that we focused on were kindness, respect, leadership, cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship. Those skills/values along with others are in large measure what we stand for as an organization. We feel that value based education is the most important lesson

children can receive in their first years of school.

As we begin the process of setting up classes for September we do our best to standardize curriculum for each class in a given age group. We attempt to balance all classrooms with teaching staff that have varied expertise. We try to balance boy/girl ratios and honor reasonable requests for a friend to be with. We have a good handle on which teachers would be great for particular students with the information you share with us on your Confidential. Too much requesting can lead the issue of too much familiarity in a classroom. We always care about being equitable and creating almost perfect environments for children to thrive in. Our interest is always the happiness and success of our students. We are extremely successful. We can't wait to get started.

BACK TO SCHOOL

READING WEEK

Each year our Reading Week incorporates some very special guests that come to our classrooms and read to our students. These special guests include dads, grandparents, and surprise Pierce guests. We conclude the week with our annual Pajama Reading Night for both moms and dads. Reading Week is October 5-7..

More information will follow.

REMINDER!!!

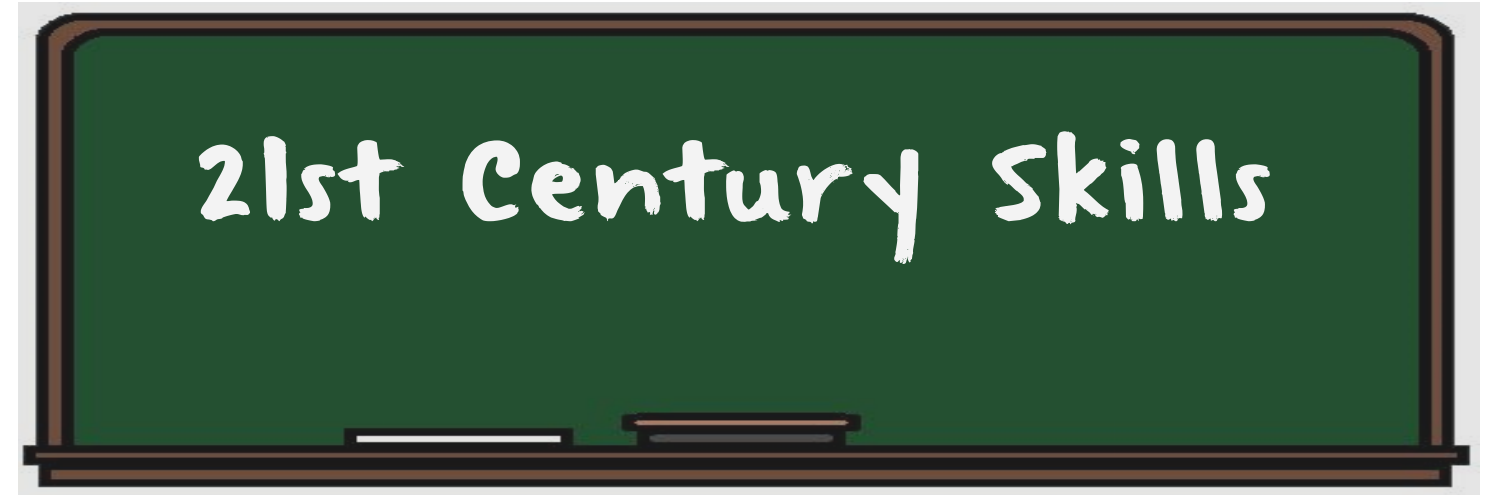
PHYSICIAN EXAMINATION FORMS WITH IMMUNIZATIONS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL.



IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BROUGHT IN A CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE DO SO NOW.

REMINDER!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE CAREFULLY & SLOWLY AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP. AT PIERCE, SAFETY ALWAYS COMES 1ST!



In the weeks ahead, we will be initiating an exciting enrichment program to our school curriculum.. It's called **Twenty First Century Skills**. It may be familiar to many of you if your children have attended our summer day camp program.

Implemented a few years ago at Pierce Country Day Camp, this program has become a big success here! In short, the Partnership for Twenty First Century Skills (www.p21.org) focuses on the "3 C's":

1. Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
2. Creativity & Innovation
3. Communication & Collaboration

They also list the following life skills as critically important to the healthy development of children.

- Kindness
- Collaboration & Communication Skills
- Self-Control
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Cooperation
- Teamwork
- Sportsmanship
- Creativity
- Autonomy... sense of self

Our plan here at school is to weave these **core competency skills** into our everyday lives. On a monthly basis we will choose a particular set of skills for the month and ask our teachers to concentrate on insuring that our students gain knowledge and acceptance of these concepts.

It is our strong opinion that developing these skill sets are certainly in our children's best interest moving forward. We will be sure to include you as we develop this exciting program.

PIERCE... We Teach Success!

