

January- February 2010

Dear Pierson Parents and Students,

Wintertime in Connecticut presents us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our educational program and anticipate continued growth for our students. At Abraham Pierson School students and staff have been involved in many exciting projects and challenging learning experiences. The Pierson School chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Neddermann, shared holiday spirit during "Christmas in the Village" and partnered with the advanced band, under the direction of Mr. Smith, for a festive Winter Concert. Fourth and fifth graders participated in the National Geography Bee under the guidance of Ms. Fitzgerald and class semi finalists and winners were recognized at the January Community Meeting. Now it is on to the state round competition! Ms. Kirby and her students were proud hosts to Mr. Janfu Wang, a visiting Chinese educator working at The Morgan School. Mr. Wang taught Pierson students about Chinese culture and the art of Chinese calligraphy. Several classes are incorporating a visit to the exciting new Science Center in Hartford into their science studies. They will explore exhibits on Force and Motion, Space, and Connecticut Inventions. A stroll through the halls of Pierson finds students enthusiastically constructing water molecule headbands, creating Olympic Sport flipbooks, playing an Auto Road Trip game and sharing historical fiction dioramas. Such exciting learning!

Pierson educators continue to be positive role models for continuous learners. They are involved in the continuous curriculum renewal process, the development and use of common formative assessments, the implementation of the Response to Intervention process, and the exploration and implementation of research based instructional practices. It is with diligence and confidence that they prepare their students for the upcoming Connecticut Mastery Assessments and they continue to collaborate with colleagues, parents, and the community for the benefit of each child.

At Pierson School we recognize the important role that the family plays in the development and success of each student and thank you for all that you do to support your child with his/her studies. Your effort to establish effective study habits and to support the educational process at Pierson School provides a strong foundation for the educational success of your child. We look forward to continued conversations about our educational program and the joy that each child brings to our school community.

Sincerely,

Angela Guarascio, Principal