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# P I E R C E P A G E S

## COUNSELOR'S

## Q U E R Y

It's that time of year! Every fall we receive requests from students and their parents to complete applications and write recommendations for admission to private/parochial schools. If your child is considering applying to a private/parochial school, please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Contact your child's grade level guidance counselor **3 weeks prior to the application deadline date** via email or phone when you have made the decision that your child is going to apply to a private/parochial school.
- Ask your child to complete the student information sheet. Counselors need this form to complete the recommendations. Students can get this form from their counselor.

- Guidance counselors are responsible for completing the school report form and the principal/guidance recommendation.
- If other teacher recommendation letters are required, please contact your child's teacher(s) directly via email to make that request and follow up directly with those teachers.
- Please give both guidance counselors and teachers at least 3 weeks to complete the application/recommendation process.
- In the spring, please let your child's guidance counselor know if they will be attending a private school for the 2020-2021 school year.
- If you are having technical difficulties with the websites, please contact Ravena/Gateway or the private school directly.

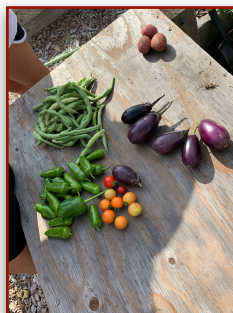
## Go Gold Day



Tomorrow, September 30, is the final day to donate items for the the **One Mission Resource Room** at Boston Children's Hospital. Thanks to everyone who has already donated to this very worthy cause!

## Pierce Green Team

The Green Team harvested veggies that grew over the summer and observed caterpillars that will soon form chrysalises!



## S t a r

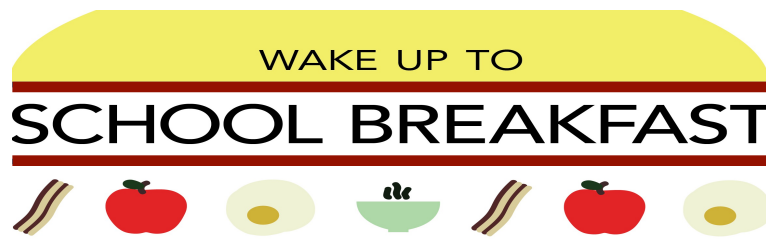
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The sixth grade students all went to the Pierce library for a day to visit the Star Lab, use computers and work on a character analysis. The Star Lab is similar to a planetarium and enables students to look at celestial objects. Upon entering the Star Lab, students were able to view the zodiac constellations. They were told some of the Greek Myths associated with each constellation and were given information about which constellations we can see in the night sky right now. The lesson was connected to the novel students are studying in class: *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly.



**ABOVE:** Lucy Scibeck shows off her 3D printed bubble wand that she made in Advanced FUSE!



Did you know that Milton Schools serves hot breakfasts everyday school is in session? Your child can get a healthy, balanced meal with whole grains, fresh fruit, skim or 1% milk and 100% fruit juice at school. They can choose from whole grain muffins, cereals, WG pancakes and WG breakfast sandwiches. They will also have more energy and get important nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, protein and fiber.

## BENEFITS OF BREAKFAST

**Higher Test Scores...**Research has proven that children who eat breakfast have higher math and reading scores. Students who eat school breakfast score 17.5% higher on standardized math tests. (Source: Share Our Strength)

**Improved Attendance...**Studies show that students who eat breakfast are absent and tardy less often. Students who eat school breakfast attend on average 1.5 more days of school per year. (Source: Share our Strength)

**Fewer Trips to the School Nurse...**When students eat breakfast, nurses report fewer hunger related office visits.

**Improved Classroom Behavior...**Principals confirm that they see fewer discipline problems when students have eaten breakfast.

**Better Learning...**Students are better able to pay attention in class when they have eaten.

**More Time on Learning...**When students have eaten, they are better able to concentrate and behave in the classroom. This allows teachers to spend more time teaching and less time on discipline.

"Wake Up to School Breakfast" was the theme of the National School Breakfast Program this March 2019. Superintendent Mary Gormley says, "Eating Breakfast gives each student in the Milton Schools a chance to be their best."

Save yourself time in the morning and get your child out the door faster knowing that she/he will have a nutritious meal when they get to school! Breakfast is \$1.25 for a complete meal!!!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program! You will begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW and improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app. The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO  
DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:



Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. The deadline for the first submission is October 18. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Learn more about these changes at [BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](http://BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 9...**No School, Yom Kippur; **OCTOBER 14...**No School, Columbus Day; **OCTOBER 23...**Early Release Day; **NOVEMBER 11...**No School, Veteran's Day; **NOVEMBER 14;** Early Release Day, Parent Conferences