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## 8th Grade DC Trip

Plans are underway for this year's trip! We will be traveling to DC by plane June 10-12, 2020. Click [HERE](#) to view the Parent Night presentation. Students must register with our tour company, NationsClassroom, by December 15. Reminder, students can earn money towards their trip through the Yankee Candle fundraiser. If you have any questions about the trip, contact Mr. Smith, our trip coordinator, at [jsmith@miltonps.org](mailto:jsmith@miltonps.org).



## MODEL UN

This past Saturday, November 23, thirty Pierce Middle School students from grades six to eight exhibited their diplomatic skills at the Middle School Model United Nations event at Northeastern University in Boston. At this conference students represented various countries throughout the world and worked with their peers from other schools and grades to navigate issues facing the international community. Students not only debated international issues, they also utilized diplomatic means to draft resolutions to these issues.



## PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING CLUB

Begins on December 9, 2019  
Location: MHS Copeland Field House



Days/Times  
Monday 3:00-4:30  
Tuesday 6:30-7:00  
Thursday 6:30-7:30

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## NOTES FROM THE HEALTH ROOM



The physical education teachers and the school nurse will be conducting scoliosis and BMI (Body Mass Index) screenings for students in all grades during physical education classes December 3-6. Students who do not have physical education classes at this time will be screened at a later date in February.

The purpose of the scoliosis screening is to detect postural problems, such as scoliosis and kyphosis, in the early stages. Since an unobstructed view of the spinal column is imperative for optimum evaluation, it is requested that girls come to school that morning wearing a halter, sports bra, or a bathing suit top under their normal school clothing.

BMI is a measure that is used to show a person's "weight for height for age." It is calculated using an individual's height and weight. Just like a blood pressure reading or an eye screening test, a BMI can be a useful tool in identifying health risks, but it does not provide a diagnosis.

Massachusetts schools have taken heights and weights of students each year since the 1950's. According to the state's new BMI screening regulations, which were approved in 2013, schools must now collect the heights and weights of students in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10. BMI measurements are strictly confidential; the results will be kept in your child's school health record and will not be shared with anyone without your written permission.

Parents and/or legal guardians can request in writing that their child not participate in the screening. This letter should be addressed to the school nurse. Screenings will take place December 3 through December 6.

If you have any questions concerning these screenings, please feel free to contact Nurse Perry via phone at 617-696-4575 or via email at [bperry@miltonps.org](mailto:bperry@miltonps.org)

## REMINDERS

- **FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES:** Bring a little holiday spirit to a Pierce family in need. Gift card donations can be deposited in the sealed box in the main office through December 6.
- **YEARBOOKS:** Don't miss out! Click [HERE](#) to place an order for a Pierce Middle School yearbook.
- **KIND IS THE NEW COOL:** We have a few T-shirts available for sale. Contact Ms. Fraine if you would like to purchase one.
- **MAKEUP WORK POLICY:** Parents/guardians may request work only if their child is absent three (3) or more consecutive days from school. Otherwise, the student should collect missing work upon return and/or check PlusPortals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCHEDULE OF DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday - D2, Tuesday - D3, Wednesday - X, Thursday - X, Friday - X

**November 27-29...**Thanksgiving Break; **December 12...**Early Release Day; **December 15...**DC Trip Registration Deadline; **December 23-January 1...**Winter Recess