

PARKER

ROBERT C. PARKER SCHOOL

October 2011

Dear Families,

The weather is cooling down, the days are getting shorter and it's time to start thinking about the snow-covered slopes of Jiminy Peak and the trails at Pineridge. Over the last 19 years these programs have been very successful, and we're pleased to offer them again. We need your paperwork and check for either program returned to the school office by Thursday Oct. 13. There will be a \$20 fee added to any forms returned after October 13th.

Pineridge Cross Country Ski Program

Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area in East Poestenkill is about 15 miles east of Parker. Students in 2nd grade and above can participate. Skiers and chaperones leave Parker by car pool at 1:30 and ski from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. They return to Parker at 5:15 for pickup. The cost of the Pineridge Option is:

- \$86 for six weeks of trail, rental, and four lessons
- \$74 for six weeks of trail and four lessons ONLY
- \$76 for six weeks of trail and rental (advanced skiers only)
- \$30 for six weeks of trail ONLY (for advanced skiers only)

For any adults who want to join in, please add:

- \$86 for six weeks of trail, rental and four lessons
- \$74 for six weeks of trail and four lessons ONLY
- \$76 for six weeks of trail and rental
- \$60 for six weeks of trail ONLY

Call Pineridge at 283-3652 for information about their seasonal rental program that lets children keep equipment at home.

The Pineridge program will run for six Fridays: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, and 10. If we cannot ski due to lack of snow, skiers will get a credit. If we cannot ski on a particular Friday, your child will stay at school until the regular 3:45 dismissal.

Jiminy Peak Ski/Snowboard Program

The Jiminy Peak Program will run for six Fridays beginning Jan. 6. **We ask that kindergartners, first, and second graders who are new to skiing have a parent or other adult accompany them at Jiminy Peak each week.** We have found that we are unable to give consistent one-on-one attention to these young skiers with our limited number of chaperones.

We provide bus transportation to and from Jiminy Peak. The bus will leave Parker at 1:30 with students, equipment and faculty chaperones. It will leave Jiminy Peak at 6 and return students to Parker at 6:30. Skiing is from 2:30-5:30.

Our schedule is: chaperoned ski/snowboard	2:30-4:00
lessons	4:00-5:00
chaperoned ski/snowboard	5:00-5:30

The breakdown of fees for the Jiminy Peak Program are:

Lessons and lift ticket: \$160 before Oct. 13
\$180 after Oct. 13
Rental fee: \$85 for 6 weeks for
skiers and snowboarders

\$255 for skiing or snowboarding and lessons
\$340 for skiing or snowboarding, lessons and rentals
Season Pass Holders \$99
Transportation: \$95 for everyone

THE FINAL COST IF PAID BEFORE 10/13 IS: \$340 for skiers and boarders who rent equipment; **\$255** for those not renting equipment. For any student who already is a Season Pass holder the cost is **\$194**.

If your child is renting boots for skiing or snowboarding, please indicate their street shoe size with your payment.

The exact skiing dates are: Friday, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3 and 10.

Parker faculty members chaperone our groups. We do require students to ski in groups with a Parker chaperone in order to maximize everyone's safety. If your child participates in our program, he/she will have a lesson each week and join a free ski group. Lesson groups will be determined by skill level. Parents are always welcome to meet us at the mountain, purchase a lift ticket, and ski with us during free ski time. Kindergarten through second grade skiers will ski with their parent or adult friend.

If your child is renting equipment, the Jiminy Peak Rental Shop is offering each renter the opportunity to have an early equipment sizing, before the first ski session. Call Steve Charon at the rental shop at 413 738 5500 ext. 3210 after Nov. 20, to set up an appointment. This will speed things up on our first day.

If school is closed on a scheduled ski Friday due to unsafe driving conditions the ski program will not take place and the missed session will roll over to extend the program to the week beyond our last scheduled day.

Skiing is one of several options offered to students on Friday afternoons. The other programs dismiss at 3:45, the regular end of day time.

If you want your child to participate in either ski program, please fill out the participation form and return it to school with your check made out to the Parker School before Thursday **October 13th**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Merrett