

The Peirce Elementary School in West Newton houses an independent before and after school program for grades K-5 called the Peirce Extended Day Program (PEDP). PEDP is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1977 by parents of Peirce School children to provide a program of enrichment for families who desire such services. The Program offers children a wonderful opportunity to socialize, play, and learn together in a safe and nurturing environment. It is professionally staffed with an overall teacher to student ratio of 1:9 (and often lower) and is licensed by Massachusetts' Department of Early Education and Care. Operating costs for the Program are covered by fees paid by participating families. Scholarships are available.

Children at PEDP can choose from many different activities: arts and crafts, sports and games, cooking, music, drama, science, and others. Field trips and special events are planned at least monthly. Extracurricular classes are also offered during the year such as: Woodworking, Skiing/Snowboarding, Basketball, Dance, and Martial Arts.

PEDP has a morning program that begins at 7:30 and runs until the first bell at 8:20 a.m. The afternoon programs start at Peirce School dismissal and go until 5:45 from Monday through Friday. Full day vacation week programs are also available during the February and April vacation weeks.

For more information, please call 617-332-5881

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