

# Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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Happy New Year! What a week this has been! We hope our families and friends had a wonderful winter break. The staff was busy preparing for the students' arrival in the new building. In addition to the staff, we cannot share enough how invaluable the seemingly tireless and endless effort and generosity of our volunteers have been. Monday morning saw the arrival of happy and excited faces, both on our faces and the faces of our wonderful children. As always, as soon as we made our way into our classrooms, we got right to work.

Miss O'Brien missed the children over the winter break and was as excited as they were to have our first VIP Assembly of the New Year.

Our VIPs this week included:

Kindergarten: Claire Andrews, Christina Timm and Alex Farnham

First Grade: Aiden Hasert, Adam Lundeen and Meghan Wendorf

Second Grade: Aaron Peterson, Quincy Miller, Lincoln Boe

Third Grade: Sadie Will, Ethan Tinklenberg, and Jamaycia Mitchell

Fourth Grade: Xavier Judge and Tommy Taylor

Fifth Grade: Matthew McGlinn and Eli Jeans

Art VIP: Jael Medzagoh

Our Very Important Classes (VIC) are:

Music: Mrs. Harrison's class

PhyEd: Mrs. Eschle's class

Our Beacon Prep VIPs for the month will be announced in the last Friday Chronicles of each month. What we can share is that we are seeing the students engaged in being good citizens and representing the Pillars. If you have Beacon Prep students, be sure to ask her or him what the Pillars are and what they mean as a student, a community member and as a global citizen.

The Beacon Prep students are adapting to rooms with a view very nicely. The staff was really looking forward to welcoming the students into their new space and spent an extraordinary amount of time getting each room just right. We look forward to showing off our new spaces.

A few more things that you should know:

**OPEN HOUSE:** Both schools' Board of Directors cordially invites you to this evening's Open House between 6:30-8:00 p.m. Plan on coming to the school to take a self-guided tour of the classrooms, and other new areas of the building. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

**HOT LUNCH & MILK:** January lunch menus went home and were due before the winter break. If you have not yet turned your menu in for January, we place our orders on the Tuesday of each preceding week. February's lunch menus went home today. Please try to get them back to us on or before Friday, January 22, 2010. Menus are always posted on our website; so, check there if one does not make it home. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you might have regarding the lunch program.

## Dates to Remember

**TONIGHT!!**  
**January 15, 2010**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**New Facility!**

**Monday, January 18, 2010**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**MLK Jr.**

**SHBP Club Classics**  
**BEGIN**  
**Tuesday, January 19th**

End of 2nd Quarter:  
January 25, 2010

Report Cards go home:  
January 29, 2010

*Please contact Claire Emery at  
[cemery@shcamn.org](mailto:cemery@shcamn.org) to sign-up for  
volunteer opportunities.  
(952) 426-6000*

February 2, 2010  
Seven Hills Board Meeting

February 16, 2010  
Beacon Prep Board Meeting

*\*\*Students who forget to bring their lunch will be sent to the office and a call home will be made to ensure that every child is eating a lunch.*

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** While it may feel like we are having a warming trend, as we native Minnesotans know, it doesn't mean that we are out of the winter woods yet☺. Please be advised, then, that in severe weather conditions, please watch for our schools closings on WCCO (Channel 4), KSTP (Channel 5) and KARE (Channel 11). Please note that KARE 11 has not yet confirmed for Beacon Prep. We'll keep you posted on that. In the meantime, Beacon Prep parents should tune in to either WCCO or KSTP☺!

**LOST AND FOUND: Come and look for a missing hat, glove or shoe at the Open House just inside the main entrance.** This will be our very last call for lost, found and unclaimed items from before the winter break. All unretrieved items will be donated to charity. Please let your child(ren) know that, if they are missing something, it may have found its way to the main office. They should come in and check either before or after school.

**MATCHING GIFTS:** We are so appreciative of the substantial employer matching gifts that we are receiving already this year. If you have not done so, check with your employer to see if the company matches charitable contributions. In this way, whatever you donate to the school can be matched.

**BUSING:** Should you have busing issues and concerns, please contact the office to speak with our transportation contacts: Liz Ekholm and Chris Bewell. We appreciate your support and, as always, welcome suggestions and/or questions. If you have immediate concerns—e.g. the bus just drove by your stop and you're quite positive you saw your child sitting in the third seat waving at you as it drove by, please contact Monarch Bus Company directly at 612-238-8080.

**CLUB CLASSICS:** Winter Club Classics will begin on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. We are certain that there is still room in some of the clubs. Please contact Mrs. Burfeind at [hburfeind@shcamn.org](mailto:hburfeind@shcamn.org) with any

questions that you might have regarding kids clubs.

**SPANISH and LATIN:** If you have an interest in having your 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade child join the Spanish and/or Latin enrichment classes, please let Ms. Pollis ([epollis@shcamn.org](mailto:epollis@shcamn.org)) for Spanish and/or Mr. Ball ([tball@shcamn.org](mailto:tball@shcamn.org)) for Latin know and they will be happy to provide you with any details that you might need. A Spanish newsletter is being e-mailed out and posted to the webpage along with today's Chronicles.

**MUSIC:** Please contact Mrs. Wood [kwood@shcamn.org](mailto:kwood@shcamn.org) with any questions that you have regarding choir (available to 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders) or band (available to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders). She has all the information that you might need to enroll your child in either choir or band.

**UNIFORMS:** Thank you all for supporting the schools' uniform policies. Just coming off of the winter break, we ask that you continue to review the policy with your children. Again, if the wind chill is above zero, we plan on heading out in to the snow for recess! As always, we appreciate our community's support of all school policies and encourage you to make a phone call to the office with any questions that you might have.

**COMMUNICATION:** We encourage e-mail communication as the best way to connect with a child's teacher. Each teacher can collect voice messages throughout the day. If you would like to leave a voice mail message for any staff member, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist you. Additionally, we send the school's newsletter out each week via e-mail only and are contacting VIP parents via e-mail when possible. If the office does not have your current e-mail address, please let us know.

**SEVEN HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The board of directors February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., here at the school. *Please be advised that the Seven Hills Board is looking to add a community member to the board. While any interested community member is encouraged to participate, individuals with either a legal or*

*human resources background would add to the various abilities and skill sets already represented. Interested individuals should contact Mrs. Day at [eday@shcamn.org](mailto:eday@shcamn.org) for more information.* Agendas for the meetings will be posted on the main office door approximately one week prior to each month's meeting.

**BEACON PREP BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The board of directors will be having its February meeting on Tuesday, February 14th, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. Please note that this meeting will be held one week earlier than the regularly scheduled board meeting. *The Beacon Prep Board is looking to expand its membership as there are currently only 5 members. Should you have an interest or know of anyone who would like to participate on the school's board of directors, please have them contact Meghan Butler, the Board President, at [mbutler@tcfbank.com](mailto:mbutler@tcfbank.com).* Agendas for the meetings will be posted on the main office door approximately one week prior to each month's meeting.

*School board meetings are public meetings and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

**PARENT CONNECTION:** The Parent Connection "PC" will be meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Liz Ekholm at [lizekholm@yahoo.com](mailto:lizekholm@yahoo.com) should you have any questions, comments or concerns that you would like to address to the PC. Again, all are encouraged to attend. Additionally, we want to let the PC know how much we appreciate the time and effort that was expended in getting the school directory printed and ready. Please contact Liz Ekholm if you have not yet received your copy.

The PC launched its COOKIE DOUGH sale this morning! This is one of it's most profitable fund raisers and we all look forward to the tons of cookie dough that come through the doors on delivery day☺. The sale will end on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child(ren)'s back pack for details.

Beacon Prep is planning an overnight field trip to Camp St. Croix. The field trip is scheduled for the end of the year but the PC is assisting with

fundraising efforts through the sale of cookbooks which are now available for \$10 each. Again, you can purchase the cookbooks from the Beacon Prep families or directly from the PC. We hear that they are making great gifts for every occasion!

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** We appreciate those of you who are volunteering in the classroom, regularly during lunch and recess, and with projects that you might be doing at home. Please contact Mrs. Emery ([cemery@shcamn.org](mailto:cemery@shcamn.org)) to share your availability to come in and help out. As always, we are particularly grateful for any help we can get during the lunch hours—come have lunch with the kids and help us ensure the safety of all students☺!

Are you a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Family at SHCA/Beacon Prep? Want to connect with other first year families? Please contact Amanda Boe, [arboe@frontiernet.net](mailto:arboe@frontiernet.net), if you have any questions, are looking for or would like to be a mentor parent.

**DROP OFFS & PICK-UPS:** We think the drop offs and pick-ups are going well! Thank you all for following the directions that were sent home and paying attention in the parking lots! We continue to encourage pick-up parents to take advantage of the car pick-up line, particularly now that inclement weather is upon us. Our children's safety is our concern.

If you have to call the school to change a pick up or drop off plan, please make sure you are doing so well before 3:45 p.m. each day. As you might imagine, things can be a bit busy after 3:30 p.m. each day. Having advance notice of your plans for your children is greatly appreciated. A note with your child is the best way to communicate transportation information to his or her teacher and the office.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** As a reminder, no drop-offs are allowed prior to 8:45 a.m. Please make every effort to have your child here as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. If you happen to let your child off early, please remind her/him or them that they are expected to be on their best behavior—no running, playing ball indoors, etc. At 8:45 a.m., there is staff in the entry area to monitor student behavior. Students who are not able to make appropriate

choices will be asked to wait with their parents in their cars until the children are allowed to enter the building at 9:00 a.m.

**ENROLLMENT:** Please share with your family, friends, neighbors and community how happy you are with Seven Hills and Beacon Prep! Seven Hills' enrollment window is now open.

Beacon Prep's enrollment window is now closed. We will be accepting enrollment interest forms for Beacon Prep on a first come, first serve basis. Please direct interested families to our websites so that they can complete Enrollment Interest Forms for the 2010-11 academic year. Additionally, we are now conducting tours of the building. They will be given on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. through the end of February. Please have any interested families call Ms. Bewell to schedule an appointment and for information regarding parent informational meetings.

Seven Hills School Mission Statement

Seven Hills Classical Academy provides students with a classical education in an academically rigorous environment designed to promote strong citizenship and life-long learning.

Beacon Prep School Mission Statement

Beacon Preparatory School creates a unique community by engaging students in a rigorous, content-rich curriculum with an emphasis on Classical, liberal arts education. We promote pillars of character development including integrity, honesty, and self-confidence while embracing the individual needs and development of our students.

***\*\*please remember that we promote a nut-free environment for our students—be sure to check granola bars, lunchables, etc., when deciding what to pack for lunch or to send for snacks\*\****

**We look forward to seeing all of you at tonight's OPEN HOUSE☺!**