

# Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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NWEA testing, with the exception of a few make-up tests wrapped up this week. Please let your child(ren) know how proud we are of their concentration and determination. With the test results, we will be tailoring instruction in all grades to meet the needs identified in the winter testing. Individual test results and reports will be sent home with the children at the end of next week. If you have a question or concern about something in the test report about your child's progress to date, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher to discuss the matter further.

The VIP Assembly this morning ended with a nail biting Battle of the Books. We love that there is so much excitement about reading! Thank you to all of you for supporting this program. Our VIP award recipients this week are:

Kindergarten: Audrey Tinklenberg, Alyssa Newfield, Cassandra Loppnow

First Grade: Arielle Newfield, Madelynn Goodmanson, Grace Scribner

Second Grade: Jake Husting, Grace Mitchell, Promise Benson

Third Grade: Abby Feist, Aaron Badeaux, Sean Sheets

Fourth Grade: Joseph Finkel, Zach Scribner

Fifth Grade: Ana Ford, Izy Kleve-Strabley

Art VIP: Erastus Makana and Anesha Makana

Our Very Important Classes (VIC) are:

Music: Mrs. Carlin's class

PhyEd: Ms. Getz's class

Our Beacon Prep VIPs for January have exhibited exemplary conduct and their characters demonstrate the Pillars which serve as a foundation for our community:

Mrs. Reigner: Grace Burkholder, Jack Jeans

Ms. Lellman: Jayson Bailey, Timothy DeCesare

Mr. Heath: Timothy DeCesare, Stacy Schmidt

Mr. Dorfner: Myles York, Emma Hong

A few more things that you should know:

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** We just can't say enough how much we love our parent volunteers. For those of you who have met your 40 hours of volunteer service to the schools, you will find a visitor's pass with your name on it when you sign in in the main office. If you have a question about what volunteer opportunities are available, please be sure to contact Mrs. Emery at [cemery@shcamn.org](mailto:cemery@shcamn.org).

**HOT LUNCH & MILK:** February's lunch menus were due on January 22, 2010. If you have yet to turn your child(ren)'s in, please make sure you take care of that right away. As always, monthly menus are always posted on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you might have regarding the lunch program.

*\*\*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.*

## Dates to Remember

Report Cards sent home today,  
January 29, 2010  
Check backpacks!

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

## Parent Informational Meetings

Sat., 1/30 at 9:00 a.m.

Tues., 2/16 at 6:60 p.m.

Sat., 2/20 at 9:00 a.m.

## BOARD MEETING

### DATE CHANGES

Wednesday,

February 3, 2010

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Seven Hills Board Meeting

Wednesday,

February 17, 2010,

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Beacon Prep Board Meeting

NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 12

Staff Professional Development

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 15

President's Day

**BATTLE of the BOOKS:** We had over 150 students participate in a nail-biting “Battle of the Books” over the last few weeks. The last two teams battled it out this morning during the VIP Assembly. We’re honored to announce that our first place winners were the “15 BOBs” and the second place team was “Blue Lightning.” Congratulations to all of our battlers and thank you to all of the parents who lent their support☺!

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** We had a couple of cold and snowy days this week which persuades us to keep this section in the weekly Chronicles. 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 newly missing hats, gloves or shoes at the main office. While many lost items were reunited with their homes, our bin is ever growing☺! 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 are well under way and the participants are having a blast! 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.

**MUSIC:** While today was the last day for new enrollees in either choir or band, 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:** Even though we had a couple of below zero days this week, we want to encourage your sending of the children fully geared, especially our bus riders. 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 forward your message to the teacher you wish to contact. 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 previously scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, will be held on

Wednesday, February 3, 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 previously scheduled on Tuesday, February 16th, on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. ***The Beacon Prep Board is also 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's COOKIE DOUGH sale wrapped up today. We are excited to see the profits that this fund raiser makes this year. We know how involved the children are in the sales. Please check your child(ren)'s back pack to make sure that he or she

turned everything in.

**ST. CROIX TRIP:** 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 parents have begun 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.

**FIRST YEAR FAMILIES:** 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. Having advance notice of changed 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\*\****

**Have a warm weekend!  
Our book battlers want to share  
that this would be a great weekend  
to read, read, read☺!!**