

Seven Hills Chronicles

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Beacon Prep News

October 2, 2009

A couple of rainy days and Fall is upon us. We have so much happening these days and are thrilled to share with you only a few of the highlights:

The good citizens we recognized at this morning's VIP Assembly, included:

Kindergarten: Celia Sieckert, Gavin Boe and Sonja Strandberg

First Grade: Kieran Brown, Hannah Showalter and Keegan Wetterberg

Second Grade: Josie Carson, Anna Larson and Joe Jeans

Third Grade: Isaiah Watts, Jonathan Onger and Samantha Husting

Fourth Grade: Alissa Peterson and Alec Wigdahl

Fifth Grade: Abby Stokes and Morgan Wetterberg

Beacon Prep will be having a monthly assembly to highlight community events and recognize students for various accomplishments each month. Please watch for the announcement of the first assembly.

Academically, the children are learning so much every day, this week in Core Knowledge, alone, we learned all about the Five Senses (Kindergarten); Volcanoes and Geysers (1st grade); War of 1812 and Cycles in Nature (2nd grade); Landforms and Using Atlas (3rd grade); Mountains and Geography (4th grade); and, Lakes of the World and U.S. Geography (5th grade). Our Beacon Prep friends are also learning about World Desserts, Edgar Allen Poe and Classical Mythology. Be sure to ask your child what they are learning.

We want to share with you our appreciation for the enthusiastic attendance of so many of you at our **MEET ME AT THE FORUM** Curriculum Night. We feel strongly that the more our parents understand our schools' mission and vision, what we are teaching and our expectations of all of the students, the more successes we can achieve. Thank you to all the support you provide the teachers and administration.

HOT LUNCH & MILK: October's menus were due on September 23rd. If you have not turned in your menu yet, if you can get the menu to us by Tuesday, October 6, 2009, we can place orders to begin the week of October 12th. Milk is fifty cents (.50) for a day. Feel free to send in sufficient funds to cover a number of days if that is more convenient for you. 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.

BUSING: We continue to iron out busing issues and concerns as we move in to our second month of school. Please contact the office to bring your concerns to the attention of our transportation folks: 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.

NWEA tests: NWEA testing was completed this week. We want to thank the entire community for support of this

process. It is critical that we have benchmark data to assist in the instruction of each and every child. NWEA results will be shared with parents at parent teacher conferences, scheduled to begin on November 6, 2009. If you are interested in knowing your child's results prior to that time, please contact her or his teacher and they'd be more than happy to share them with you.

CLUB CLASSICS: We sent home our Club Classics flyer last week. The forms were due today. If you are still interested in enrolling your child(ren) in this program, please make sure to get your forms in as soon as possible to secure a spot. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Burfeind at hburfeind@shcamn.org.

SPANISH and LATIN: The language program has begun and the students are really picking it up! Information has been sent home regarding before school offerings of Spanish and Latin enrichment. These classes are being held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and will be offered to 5th through 7th graders. We encourage all students to take advantage of these incredible opportunities.

The O'Neil Language Academy has issued its first newsletter. It has been posted along with this week's *Chronicles*. Please take a moment to catch up on what your children are learning in Spanish.

UNIFORMS: As we head into Fall and Winter, please take a moment to review the uniform policy to ensure compliance. Classroom teachers have been asked to send gentle reminders for those students who are showing up out of uniform. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

PICTURE DAY: Please be advised that, on picture day, October 8, 2009, all students are expected to be in their

uniforms. Children will be allowed to dress up for Spring Picture Day. Thank you for your cooperation.

TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS: Please be advised that, due to construction, teachers do not have immediate access to telephones. Barring an emergency, calls made to the office result in a message being placed in a teacher's mailbox. Thus, if you call the school for things such as collecting homework for a sick child, please understand if the teacher is not able to respond to your message on the same day that you call it in.

We encourage e-mail communication as the best way to connect with a child's teacher. Additionally, we send the school's newspaper out each week via e-mail only. If the office does not have your current e-mail address, please let us know.

SEVEN HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors will be having its October meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., here at the school. 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 October meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. The agenda 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 VOLUNTEERS: We are still collecting the family agreements to promote the culture and community of the school as articulated in the School's Mission Statement. If you have not already done

so, please return this document to the school as soon as possible. Mrs. Emery (cemery@shcamn.org) is facilitating the schools' volunteer programs this year. Please contact her to share your availability to come in and help out. As always, we are grateful to 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 1st Year Student Family at SHCA/Beacon Prep? Want to connect with other first year families? Please contact Amanda Boe, arboe@frontiernet.net, if you have any questions, are looking for or would like to be a mentor parent.

DROP OFFS & PICK-UPS: Parking Lot safety is a concern that is being brought to our attention with increasing regularity. While we make every effort to have a staff member out in the parking lot to promote order and reason, we cannot ensure that someone can be there every day. Thus, Miss O'Brien is looking for a parent volunteer or two to take on the responsibility of traffic control and enforcing the schools' policies regarding pick-ups (drop offs are going well ☺). Please contact Miss O'Brien if you have interest in undertaking this responsibility. The hours that you spend will be credited for your volunteer commitment to the school and, more importantly, will be greatly appreciated by the entire community. Our children's safety is our concern.

EARLY ARRIVALS: As a reminder, no drop-offs are allowed prior to 8:45 a.m. 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.

ENROLLMENT: Please share with your family, friends, neighbors and community how happy you are with Seven Hills and Beacon Prep! Believe it or not, we have some space in Beacon Prep's 6th and 7th grades.

*****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*****

***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.***

Let your friends and community members know that we will not be sending hard copies of the Chronicles home each week; rather, they will be posted to the webpage and e-mailed to each family—Please make sure the office has an e-mail address for your family☺!

***SHCA School Song
SHCA
That's who we are!
We are the best and brightest by far!
Roman Eagles all stand proud.
We're not afraid to shout out loud!
SHCA
Happy are we!
Learning, sharing, community.***

*We're the best of all the rest.
SHCA are we...RAH, RAH!!*

BPS Rays School Song

*BPS Rays,
that's who we are!
Beacons of light, Rays seen from afar!
BP Rays, we shine so bright!
We're not afraid to do what's right!
BPS Rays,
Helpful are we!
Working, sharing, community!
We'll achieve, yes, we'll succeed!
BPS Rays are we...RAH! RAH!*

Can you sing the school song?