

Seven Hills Chronicles

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Beacon Prep News

October 9, 2009

Go Twins! We celebrated all of the good sportsmanship that we've been experiencing around town with a Minnesota team jersey day today! What a great experience!!

We had a special VIP Assembly today as Mr. Peterson proudly emceed the event☺. The good citizens we recognized at this morning's VIP Assembly, included:

Kindergarten: Tyler Kolb, Aedan Erickson, Celeste Rimstad

First Grade: Joaquina Lawson, Justin Gopaul, Emma Ramthun

Second Grade: Samuel Bjerkeset, Piper Whipple, Kordell Carter

Third Grade: Miriam Clay, Gus Wolney, Nick Krueger

Fourth Grade: Amelia Amundson, Sean Mangan

Fifth Grade: Tyler Dohmen, Mikayla McEnery

Beacon Prep's first all school assembly will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009 and the last Friday of each month. Please watch for the announcement of the first assembly's highlights.

This week, we'd like to give you a brief glimpse into what the children are doing during their literacy block:

Kindergarten: "Little Red Riding Hood" "Johnny Appleseed" and the letter, "M"

First Grade: Word attack strategies for figuring out unknown words

Second Grade: Adverbs and Adjectives

Third Grade: Synonyms and antonyms, pen pal letters

Fourth Grade: summarizing

Fifth Grade: Articles and adjectives

BP's Sixth and Seventh Grade: text mapping.

We'd like to share a few more highlights from the week:

FIRE DRILL: We had our first Fire Drill on Thursday and it went really well! After a practice on Wednesday, we were able to completely evacuate the building in 3 minutes flat! Have your child share with you her or his feelings about the Fire Drill and let them know how proud we all are that they took our drill seriously.

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 13, 2009, we can place orders to begin for the week of October 19th. 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.

CLUB CLASSICS: If you haven't yet reserved a spot for your child in one of our Club Classics and are still interested in doing so, please make sure to get your forms in as soon as possible to secure a spot. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peterson at bpeterson@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.

MUSIC: Mrs. Wood has issued her 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 Music and be sure to chat with her or him (or them) regarding the instrument and composer of the month.

UNIFORMS: Please continually refer to 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. Students are not allowed to wear hoodies, gym shoes (on gym day, the children are to switch from their dress to their gym shoes for gym class only), different colored shirts under their uniform shirts that stick out, khaki pants that have strings, pockets on the sides, etc., sweatshirts that are not blue (for Seven Hills) or red (for Beacon Prep). Please do a double check on uniforms before sending

your child(ren) off to school each day. Starting next week, repeat uniform violations will result in a call home.

PICTURE DAY: We all put on our best smiles today for pictures! Please don't be concerned if your child was unable to be photographed today as there will be a picture re-take day.

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, November 3, 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 21, 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. 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.

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.

PARENT CONNECTION: This is a reminder that the Sally Foster fund-raiser ends on Monday, October 12th. Please return your completed orders on Monday.

*****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?

Have a fabulous Fall weekend!