

Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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Hello Friends!

We are excited to bring you up-to-the minute news in our new newsletter format.

The countdown has begun! Only 24 more school days until your children will be headed in to the new facility. Just wait until you see it. Mark your calendars for the January 15th Open House from 6-8 p.m. We are looking forward to showing off the new space!

Our VIPs this week included:

Kindergarten: Drew Chmielecki, Macalaster Lockrem, Joshua Oteri
First Grade: Emma Feist, Evelyn Thell, Tallulah Stanford
Second Grade: Jillian Ziebol, Isaac Alberts, Samantha Juetter
Third Grade: Maddie Caufield, Matthias Caspari, Zakary Goodmanson
Fourth Grade: Olivia Kolb, Ellen DeCesare
Fifth Grade: Jordan Lawson, Ricky Dusterhoft
Art Creative Artists: Jack Thunstrom and Taylor Thunstrom

CONFERENCES: We received so much positive feedback from all of the parents who participated in parent teacher conferences. Thank you all for making the time to come in and speak with your children's teachers. If you were unable to get in to school last week, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) as soon as possible to make an appointment.

A few things that you should know:

MATCHING GIFTS: Don't forget to check with your employers to see if you work for a company that will give a matching gift. Then, when you make a contribution to the school, we receive a matching gift from the company for which you work. Every little bit helps, as you might imagine.

HOT LUNCH & MILK: As a friendly reminder, we will be serving cold lunch in the classrooms on Thursday and Friday, November 19th and 20th, to accommodate the church's use of the Atrium on those days. If you are available to help out with lunches on either or both of those two days, it would be greatly appreciated and a wonderful way for you to 'clock' some volunteer hours. Please e-mail Claire Emery (cemery@shcamn.org) to let her know if you are able to come in and lend a helping hand. 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

November 25
NO SCHOOL
Staff Professional Development

November 26 & 27
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

December 1, 6:30 p.m.
SHCA Board Meeting

December 10
PC Meeting

December 15, 5:30 p.m.
BP Board Meeting

December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Winter Program
PC Book Fair*
***schedule change**

December 22
Last day of school before
Winter Break

December 23-January 10
Winter Break

**January 4-8th
SHCA and BP move into new
facilities!!**

*Please contact Claire Emery at
cemery@shcamn.org to sign-up for
volunteer opportunities. We're
looking for movers, cleaners, tech
set-up folks, classroom set-up
assistance, etc.
(952) 426-6000*

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: Please contact Mr. Peterson at bpeterson@shcamn.org with any questions that you might have regarding kids clubs.

SPANISH and LATIN: If you have an interest in having your 5th through 7th grade child join the Spanish and/or Latin enrichment classes, please let Ms. Pollis (epollis@shcamn.org) for Spanish and/or Mr. Ball (tball@shcamn.org) for Latin know and they will be happy to provide you with any details that you might need.

MUSIC: Please contact Mrs. Wood kwood@shcamn.org with any questions that you have regarding choir (available to 4th-7th graders) or band (available to 6th and 7th graders). There will be more openings in choir and band in January. Please watch for news about enrolling at that time.

The schools' Winter Program has been re-scheduled to Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. ☺!

UNIFORMS: Please continually refer to the uniform policy to ensure compliance and make sure to double check on uniforms before sending your child(ren) off to school each day. Repeat uniform violations being brought to the administration's attention have resulted in notes coming home. As always, we appreciate our community's support of all school policies.

COMMUNICATION: 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 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 December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., here at the school. 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 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 November meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. 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. 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 December 10th at 6:30 p.m.. Sally Foster orders were available for pick-up at the school on Monday, November 9th. Please call Liz Ekholm at the school (952-426-6000) to let her know if you have yet to pick up your materials.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: We just love our parent volunteers! Thank you to all of you who are volunteering in the classroom, during lunch and recess and with projects that you might be doing at home. Please contact Mrs. Emery (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 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: As we anticipate increasingly foul weather, we would continue to caution you to please follow staff directions when picking up your children at school. We would like to continue to encourage pick-up parents take advantage of the car pick-up line, particularly now that inclement weather is upon us. 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. 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, and Beacon Prep's will open on November 23rd. Please direct interested families to our websites so that they can complete Enrollment Interest Forms for the 2010-11 academic year.

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 an incredible weekend and
read, read, read!**