

Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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This was a short week for us but filled with so much learning! We are pleased to announce that our Library and Media Center will be open for class visits beginning Monday, February 22nd! Most classes will visit once a week and students will have the opportunity to check out books, complete research, and utilize new technology. If you are interested in volunteering in the Library and Media Center, please contact Mrs. Emery. This has been the buzz around school. We are all excited to find new books to read and share☺!

We learned at the VIP Assembly this morning that Yearbooks are now on sale. Please check out all of the information below to see what's going on at both Seven Hills Classical Academy and Beacon Preparatory School.

Our VIP award recipients this week are:

Kindergarten: Allie Finkel, Emma Nelson Annabelle Baetz

First Grade: Lauryn Raaen, Colette Schreiner, Ember Schreiner

Second Grade: Matthew Daigle, Morgan Quistad, Chloe Sok

Third Grade: Zach Davis, Maggie Duerwachter, Cole Jungwirth

Fourth Grade: Caityana Hanson, Isaak Goodmanson

Fifth Grade: Simon Olmstead, Caleb Bjerkeset

Art VIPs: Samantha Husting, Sean Sheets

Our Very Important Classes (VIC) are:

Phy Ed: Mrs. Harrison's Class

Music: Mrs. Nelson's Class

Beacon Prep's Honor Council will be distributing the BP Honor Code next Friday at it's Student of the Month Assembly. Additionally, election will be held next week for the school's activity night committee. Watch for updates as they unfold.

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. If you have a question about what volunteer opportunities are available, please be sure to contact Mrs. Emery at cemery@shcamn.org.

HOT LUNCH & MILK: March lunch menus went home on Tuesday and are due back to school on Monday, February 22nd. As always, monthly menus are posted on our website; so, feel free to print one off and send it in to school with your child(ren). 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

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

*Parent Informational Meetings
Sat., 2/27 at 9:00 a.m.*

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

Monday,
March 8, 2010
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Seven Hills Board Meeting

Thursday,
March 18, 2010,
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Beacon Prep Board Meeting

PC Meeting

Thursday,
March 11, 2010

READ ACROSS AMERICA LITERACY NIGHT

Tuesday,
March 2, 2010
6-7:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Read Across America Literacy

Night: Please mark your calendars for this wonderful celebration of Reading which will take place on March 2nd, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Join us for literacy-focused activities for all K-7th SHCA and BPS students.

In order to make this event a success, we would be appreciative of the following donations:

- Cardstock (all colors)
- White poster board
- Markers and glue
- Crayons and pencils
- White paper lunch bags
- Craft supplies (ribbons, buttons, stickers, etc.)

** donations can be delivered to Mrs. Emery. Thank you in advance for your help!*

SCIENCE FAIR: We had an overwhelming number of entry forms for the Science Fair. The entry forms are currently under review and the Science Fair Project Proposals (pink sheet) are due next Friday, February 26th. As always we appreciate your support of all of our programs. Please mark your calendars for April 8th and come to see what our scientists have been working on!

YEARBOOK PRE-SALES: We launched our yearbook sales this morning. Between now and March 8th, yearbooks can be pre-ordered for \$15.00, between March 9th and March 19th, the price increases to \$20.00 and between March 20th and 26th, the price will be \$25.00 per book. We have to order yearbooks in advance; so, if you miss the March 26th deadline, chances are you may not be able to get one if you try to order after that date. Last year, we ran out and were unable to provide yearbooks to everyone who wanted one. Make sure you check your child(ren)'s backpack for a flyer regarding yearbook sales. Please place your orders as soon as possible!

BPrepalooza! Beacon Prep students will be coordinating and participating in the first ever BPrepalooza, an evening filled with activities, arts and crafts designed with the students' interests in mind. For Beacon Prep students only, please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 22, 2010, from

6:30-8:30 p.m. if you're the parent(s) of a Beacon Prep student. We're looking forward to an evening filled with good friends, good fun and a whole lot of laughter!

SPRING CARNIVAL: The PC will be hosting the Fourth Annual Spring Carnival this year on March 25, 2010. Mark your calendars and come out for a night filled with activities, inflatables and carnival games☺! Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come!

LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH: An industrious girl scout has made her case for the girl and boy scouts of the school. Effective next Friday, February 26th, students attending SHCA will be allowed to wear their girl or boy scout uniforms to school. Additionally, please be reminded that students are also allowed to wear their Seven Hills Roman Eagle t-shirts with their uniform skirts, skorts or pants ONLY on the last Friday of each month as well. Thank you for your support of the children's school spirit.

*** please be advised that school t-shirts are on sale every day in the office for \$10.00 each ***

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: While we would love to take this section out of the Chronicles, we're afraid that when we do, that's when a big snowfall will result in a closing. 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). Beacon Prep parents should tune in to either WCCO or KSTP. If however, you see that Seven Hills has closed, you can count on the fact that so has Beacon Prep☺!

LOST AND FOUND: Come and look for newly missing hats, gloves or shoes at the main office. While many lost items are retrieved on a daily basis, our bins are ever growing☺! Please remind your child(ren) 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 may still be room in some clubs. Please contact Mrs. Burfeind at hburfeind@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: Mrs. Wood is no longer accepting enrollments in choir and band; nevertheless, 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). 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 March will be held on Monday, March 8, 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 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 March meeting on Thursday, March 18, 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.* 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 March 11th at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Liz Ekholm at 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.

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.

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 and will close on February 28th. Thereafter, enrollment applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

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 sunny weekend☺!!