

# Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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## *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Carnival Tonight: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Enter at the main office door ☺!!*

This week was a particularly busy spirit week and it would be great to see all of our families out tonight to wrap up our celebration of Seven Hills Classical Academy. While Beacon Preparatory School families are invited and encouraged to attend, the Beacon Preparatory social, BPrepalooza, is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and tonight's activities and games will be geared to our younger students.

In addition to the themes that we celebrated each day, we enjoyed everything from a celebration in the Third grade of the Thirteen Colonies to a Greek cultural experience in the Second grades. We have, also, been gearing up for the Science Fair. Just wait until you see what our scientists have been up to!

SHCA's VIP Assembly was particularly exciting this morning as we shared the experience with a special visitor, Representative Linda Slocum. Following the Assembly, Representative Slocum enjoyed a tour of the building and spoke to Ms. Getz's First Grade class. She was impressed both with the behavior as well as the academic structure. You should all be proud of your child(ren). There is never a time when all of the children are not excitedly engaged in their learning. Thank you so much for sending them ready to learn each day!

Our VIP award recipients this week are:

Kindergarten: Blain Tewodros, Ty Sambugaro, Noah Friesen

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Miali Thompson, Serena French, Cayla Jungwirth

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Erica Olson, Naomi Tewodros, Alexis Shaw

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Samantha Jenkel, Kyle Platter, Izzy Kiernan

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mackenzie Duncan, Emily Mickelson

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alex Avery, Taylor Lupkes

Art VIPs: Samantha and Mackenzie Duncan

Our Very Important Classes (VIC) are:

Phy Ed: Mrs. Wiederholt's Class

Music: Mr. Langin's Class

A few more things that you should know:

**HOT LUNCH & MILK:** Monthly menus are posted on our website. 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.

*\*\*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*

### BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

Monday,  
April 12, 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,  
April 15th, 2010

**APRIL 8, 2010**  
**Science Fair**

**SPIRIT WEEK**  
**3/8 - 3/12**  
**3/12: Color Day**  
**Spring Carnival**

*A special thanks to  
Representative Linda Slocum  
For her visit to the schools  
and, especially, for her  
support of charter schools!*

**SPIRIT WEEK:** Spirit week started on Monday and will wrap up tonight with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Carnival. We saw and enjoyed a lot of creativity this week and want to thank our families for their celebration of the schools.

**SCIENCE FAIR:** Mark your calendars for April 8<sup>th</sup>. That's the big day for our Science Fair this year. The children are already working hard on their projects and we're looking forward to seeing what our young scientists have discovered.

**YEARBOOK PRE-SALES:** Order your yearbooks early! Between today and March 19<sup>th</sup>, the price of yearbooks will be \$20.00. Between March 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the price will be \$25.00 per book. As a reminder, if you miss the March 26<sup>th</sup> deadline, chances are you may not be able to get one if you try to order after that date. Checks should be made payable to Seven Hills Classical Academy.

**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. Beacon Prep families should mark their calendars for Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We're looking forward to an evening filled with good friends, good fun and a whole lot of laughter!

**LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH:** On the last Friday of each Month only students are allowed to wear Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniforms as well as their Seven Hills Roman Eagle t-shirts with their uniform skirts, skorts or pants. It's always great to see the pride that the children take in themselves. Thank you for your support of the children's school spirit. Please note that this month, the last Friday of the month for the students is March 19<sup>th</sup>. (March 26<sup>th</sup> is a day off for the students as teachers will be meeting with the parents for conferences that day.)

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

**LOST AND FOUND:** Have you been looking for a school shoe or a lunch box? Come and look for it in

the main office. Our lost and found bins are ever growing. ***We will set out the lost and found on tables right outside the main office tonight—stop by and see what you can find!***

**MATCHING GIFTS:** If you have not done so, we encourage you to 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 wrapping up. Watch for the spring session materials that will be sent home soon. 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:** 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:** Back to uniforms next week—please take a look at your children as they head out the door to school. Are they in uniform? Do their khaki pants have more than two pockets in the front? Are

they wearing their school shoes? 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 call (952) 426-6000 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, April 12, 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 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](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 April 14<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.

**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:** 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. 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:** The Open Enrollment window has closed and the lottery was conducted this week. There are currently waiting lists in every grade next year. We feel strongly that this is a testament to your belief that your children are receiving a quality education. As always, we appreciate your support of the school, its mission, vision and growth.

We are now accepting enrollment interest forms for both Seven Hills and 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.

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\*\****

**See everyone at tonight's  
celebration: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring  
Carnival☺!!**