

Seven Hills Chronicles & Beacon Prep News

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Welcome to March—already☺ We would like to thank everyone who was in attendance at Literacy Night. We just love to celebrate literacy and having your support is a significant factor in the success of all of our programs. A special note of appreciation to the staff members who were able to participate—your contributions were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We, also, had a great time participating in all kinds of activities related to Literacy Day, World Grammar Day and World Math Day. For example, in their Math classes, the Beacon Prep students represented themselves, our school, and country in World Math Day, March 3. They were a part of the 1,133,246 students, 56,082 schools and 235 countries that participated in these online games. They helped to break a world record of 479,732,613 correctly answered questions! Students raced against as many as 3 other kids from around the world to correctly answer as many questions as they could during each 1 minute round.

Here are some BP stats:

*Top 3 Correctly Answered Questions: 1st - Katherine Zoellmer (3663) 2nd - Ankitha Varadhan (3617) 3rd - Kaleb Snider (3369)

*Top 3 Correctly Answered Questions in one, 60 second round: 1st - Ankitha Varadhan (43) 2nd - Anthony Ekholm - (39) 3rd - TaQuan Chatman and Katherine Zoellmer (34)

*Top 3 Most Improved Players: 1st - Diwan Smith (350%) 2nd - Madeline Brunko (144%) 3rd - Grace Burkholder (112%). Way to go BP students!

Our VIP award recipients this week are:

Kindergarten: Julia Johnson, Adrianna Mattsson, Tianna Patterson

First Grade: Evan Sambugaro, Jacob Mindermann, Nolen Sellwood

Second Grade: Jack Mickelson, Ishmael Venson, Isaac Showalter

Third Grade: Ellie Meschke, Robbie Dusterhoft, Juliet White

Fourth Grade: Sarah Smith, Ellie Mindermann

Fifth Grade: Conor Brown, Nicole Anderson

Art VIPs: Jewel Olmstead and Simon Olmstead

Our Very Important Classes (VIC) are:

Phy Ed: Mrs. Day's Class

Music: Mrs. Day's Class

A few more things that you should know:

HOT LUNCH & MILK: 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*

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

APRIL 8, 2010
Science Fair

SPIRIT WEEK
3/8 - 3/12
3/8: Sports Teams
3/9: Wacky Hat/Hair Day
3/10: Career Day
3/11: Patriotic Day
3/12: Color Day

4th Annual Spring Carnival
Friday, March 12th

SPIRIT WEEK: Spirit week starts on Monday:

Monday: Sports Day (sports team attire—jeans acceptable)

Tuesday: Wacky Hair or Hat Day (with school uniform)

Wednesday: Career Day* (with appropriate pants)

* *Consider choosing the career of your favorite character in literature.*

Thursday: Patriotic Day (with jeans)

Friday: Color Day (with jeans or uniform pants)

Wear a shirt according to your grade level's color:

Kindergarten~ purple

1st grade~ blue

2nd grade~ green

3rd grade~ yellow

4th grade~ orange

5th grade~ red

6th grade~ gray

7th grade~ black

Please note:

You may choose not to dress up; however, if you choose not to participate on any day, you must wear your school uniform. Also, please refrain from bringing in any accessories or props that would be disruptive to your classroom and your learning. Finally, be sure each outfit is appropriate for school. If you have any questions, please ask your classroom teacher.

Special Guest: On Friday, March 12, *Representative Linda Slocum* will be visiting the schools. She will be coming to the VIP Assembly which will be followed up with a tour of both Seven Hills and Beacon Prep. An avid supporter of the charter school movement, we excitedly look forward to her visit.

SCIENCE FAIR: Science Fair Project Proposals (pink sheet) were reviewed this week. We would like to thank the parents who have been participating and planning of the Fair this year. 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: Order your yearbooks early! Monday, March 8th, will be the last day that 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. As a reminder, 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. 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!

SPRING CARNIVAL: Next Friday is nearly here! Make sure you've marked off next Friday for the PC's Fourth Annual Spring Carnival. This will be the wrap-up celebration of Spirit week. Bring your family and friends for a night filled with activities, inflatables and carnival games!☺

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 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.

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 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: 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: We would like to encourage our parents to 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, 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: 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*****

Have a wonderful weekend☺!!