

# Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



March 4, 2010

**Courage is our Core Value for March.**

## Save the Date:

March 10; Term 2 Closes  
March 11: New Student Lottery 4pm at WPL  
March 12: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS  
March 19: Movie Night Fundraiser  
March 23: MCAS Gr. 4&7-ELA

March 24: SLC's go home with students, Model Citizens Assemblies  
April 2: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF  
April 5,6: MCAS Gr. 3-5: Reading Comp.  
April 8,9: MCAS Testing Grades 6-8 Reading Comp.

***Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.***

*Dear Families,*

*It's almost MCAS time! Our goal at Seven Hills is to prepare students to become responsible, educated citizens. One factor that contributes greatly to a child's success in school is the level and quality of support s/he receives at home. It is critical that parents let their children know that they value education. You can do this by talking with your child about what they learn in school, checking homework and keeping open lines of communication with the teachers. Please also make sure your child gets a good night sleep every night and has a healthy breakfast each morning, be it at home or at school*

*Sincerely,*

*Krista Piazza, Superintendent*

**Star Students:** Congratulations to Yeselis Rodriguez, Shamar Simms, Angelic Diaz and Jhonelliz Orozco!

**Health Room News Vaccination Reminder:** Massachusetts' State law requires all school age children be vaccinated against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Polio, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Varicella, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. The law also requires physicals for K, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Intent to Return:** Student "Intent to Return" and "My Child as a Learner" forms went home last week with all students. If your child is returning to Seven Hills for the 2010-2011 school year, we must have their completed form by March 31. Information shared on these forms will help teachers design well-balanced classes for the new school year.

**Rainbow House News** On March 19 the Drama Department will host a Movie Night fundraiser to support this year's production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

**Parent Partnerships** Seven Hills Charter Public School is committed to continuous growth and improvement. Your feedback is important to us. Please take a few minutes before March 26th to complete a parent survey at <http://www.sevenhillscharter.org/survey0910.shtml>

**Census in Schools Week:** This week is Census in Schools Week in Massachusetts. Census questionnaires will be sent to every household in the country in early March. This national effort directly impacts federal grant amounts for Massachusetts schools, as well as our congressional representation. The primary goal of the Census in Schools initiative is to help students learn about the importance of the Census so they can encourage their families to complete and return the 2010 Census questionnaire.

**Community Connections** Attention all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, The Spirit of Knowledge Charter School is now accepting applications for 9<sup>th</sup> grade for September of 2010. They are holding an information session for parents and students on Monday, March 8 at 6:30pm at the Hadwen Park Congregational Church, 6 Clover Street in Worcester.

## MCAS 2010 Testing Schedule

**Tuesday March 23:** Grades 4 and 7 Long Composition,

**April 5 & 6:** Grades 3, 4, 5 Reading Comprehension and **April 8 & 9:** Grades 6, 7, 8 Reading Comprehension



*The*  
**HANOVER THEATRE**  
*for the Performing Arts*



*Dearest Seven Hills Parents, Staff and Students:*

*There is no way to thank you for your support of the "H'Arts and Hope for Haiti" event at the Hanover Theater on Friday. It was, indeed, a very rewarding experience for our students and helped them know that they can give back through their talent and time.*

*So many of you gave your time and talent and some of you gave your treasures through donations and purchase of tickets. Our performing groups helped sell tickets and received several hundred dollars in donations before the doors even opened on Friday.*

*It was so neat for our kids to meet and watch performers from around Worcester as we all gathered together for a great cause. I remember opening the backstage door to the blizzard outside and no one seemed to care as all eyes were on the stage.*

*Every child put their heart into their performance and the Stomp and Show Choir students should be proud of their contributions to the project. Many thanks to their parents for purchasing tickets, helping them prepare for the event, and making sure they were at school for the radio performances.*

*Hats off to all performers and special thanks go out to Donna Lemoyne who put in tireless hours as a co-producer. She helped organize the event from top to bottom. Thanks to Mrs. Rodriguez for running off the programs. Thanks to Mrs. Thyden, Mr. Rosario, Mrs. Caporale, Miss Abby, and Ms. McDonald for their help with the choir and to Anthony, Amber, Katie, Ryan, Ms. Roy and Mrs. Riordan for assisting backstage. They were certainly the reason things moved along as quick as it did. Can you believe the logo that was created by Blessing Davies? And, thanks to Ms. Piazza for her support of this project.*

*The event was attended by over 1,500 caring people from all over Worcester; however, many of them were you. We made some magic together at the Hanover on Friday....a million thanks!*

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Holton*

