

Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



March 11, 2010

Courage is our Core Value for March.

Save the Date:

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: Kicks Butts Day

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,

Spring is almost here. You know what that means, longer days, more sunshine and yes, lots of testing! This week, ELL students participated in MEPA testing and the statewide spring MCAS testing window opens on March 23rd. These assessments are designed to help us identify student strengths and needs, as well as areas in need of overall school improvement. Please encourage your child to take these tests seriously and use them as an opportunity to showcase all that they know. Perhaps sharing some of the "MCAS Fun Facts," on the back of this page, will help to inspire your child to do his/her best. Remember, students perform at their best when they have had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and a positive attitude. Thank you for the encouragement you provide them on a daily basis.

*Sincerely,
Krista*

Star Students: Congratulations to Tiara Williams-Price, Andrew Ortiz, Emily Smith, Aniyah Forney, Shantavia Jones, Jasmine Garcia, Eddy Irger, Jessenia Rodriguez, Kyli Schuyler, Brianna Williams and Alivia Burns.

Best wishes: Ms. Cotto will be leaving Seven Hills at the end of the month and Ms. McCullough will be working with Ms. Villeneuve for the remainder of the year. In the meantime, Ms. McCullough will continue to provide MCAS support to the fourth and fifth grade classes. Once she begins full time in the fourth grade class, she will continue to serve as the ELA and SS coach for the grade 4 and 5 team.

A message from Ms. Dirsá Kick Butts Day is March 24th. Each year I usually hold a demonstration down on city hall plaza with about 30 or so kids to celebrate it. Prefacing the event we will need to do tobacco related lessons in our guidance classes. Students who wish to participate in the demonstration will need to write a letter to Ms. Dirsá explaining their reason why (they'll talk about this in guidance class) by March 17th.

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 Star students are: Hailey Aucoin, Ana Minardi, and Sandra Tarwoe. This week's La frase secreta winner is Hector Rivera.

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>

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 12 IS A HALF DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS! BUSES DEPART AT 11:55AM AND PARENT PICK STARTS AT 12:10PM.

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