

# Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



March 19, 2010

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

## Save the Date:

March 19: Movie Night Fundraiser  
March 23: MCAS Gr. 4&7-ELA  
March 24: Kick Butts Day  
March 24: SLC's go home with students, Model Citizens Assemblies

March 29: Spring Pictures  
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,*

*On Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> all students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the MCAS Long Composition. The students will be given a prompt and have several hours to organize their thoughts, create a rough draft and their final essay. Please encourage them to do their best, take their time, get a good night sleep and of course have a healthy breakfast.*

*Sincerely,  
Krista*

**Star Students:** Congratulations to Sabryna Lugo-Gardner, Derek Gibbs, Oluchi John, Shana Harden-Graves, Jasmine Garcia, Victor Ortiz, Geovani Trinidad and Shawn Yeboah.

**Model Citizens Assemblies:** Please join us for our Model Citizens ceremonies on Wednesday, March 24 at the following times: 8am: Grade 3, 8:30am: Grade K, 9am: Grade 1, 9:30am: Grade 2, 10am: Grade 4, 10:30am: Grade 5, 11am: Grade 6, 11:20: Grade 7 and 11:40: Grade 8. All assemblies are scheduled in the gym, awards will be given for academic honors and model citizens. We look forward to your participation.

**Congratulations!** To our JA Basketball teams for a great season. Our boys and girls teams participated in the Annual Charter Cup Tournament last weekend in New Hampshire. Our boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and the girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Debbie An Bryan was the MVP for the girls division. Go teams!

**Intent to Return:** If your child is returning to Seven Hills for the 2010-2011 school year, we must have their completed "Intent to Return" form by March 31.

**2009-2010 Yearbooks:** It's not too late to order your yearbook for this school year, please contact Ms. Gillis x1116, they are \$25.00 each.

**Rainbow House News** Star students are Angel Caraballo, Ivory Henry and Tiara Williams-Price. This week's La frase secreta winner is Stevanna Bowhile.

**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>

The East Side CDC in coordination with the Worcester Art Museum now offers free art classes to our elementary Village students every Tuesday in March and April. Ms. Harris, WAM Instructor lead our first class this week on still life and the different ways of sketching. We are excited about this opportunity!

**The Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile** will be here next week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and if needed Friday in the gym from 9am to 2pm. Please contact Nurse Yang at x1117 for further information.

**FOOTBALL and CHEERLEADING:** The Worcester Cowboy registrations are Sunday, March 21 from 9am to 1pm at the Green Club House at Tivnan Field, for more information check out their website [www.worcestercowboys.com](http://www.worcestercowboys.com)

The Worcester Vikings Pop Warner registrations are on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at Beaver Brook Park in Worcester, for more information check out their website [www.worcestervikings.net](http://www.worcestervikings.net)

Dear Parents:

As you may know, your child has been working on a unit in music and art classes entitled: "Recycle-Sing-A Children's Art and Choral Celebration of the Earth". The unit will end with a celebration at the Ecotarium on April 11.

Your child is learning all about global warming, the "Greenhouse Effect", recycling and it's impact on our earth through a wide variety of books, videos and songs. The great music was purchased through a grant from both the Worcester Cultural Commission and KIDS Consortium (Auburn, Maine). The grants also provide the funding for all of our students and their families to get in to the Ecotarium on April 11<sup>th</sup> to participate and enjoy the culminating celebration. Each class will present two songs and the Show Choir, Stomp and Seven Hills Ensemble groups will perform. This will be a great way for our students to help teach all of the Worcester community about "Going Green" and helping our environment through song. The event will be produced by a group of Junior Academy students.

Your child is also creating some beautiful artwork with Mrs. Rice using recycled paper. Many of the projects will be on display on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please mark your calendars for April 11, 2010. All students should come to the Ecotarium in Worcester at 12:30 p.m. The performances will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be complete by 2:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for your family. Art projects will be on display from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Your family will certainly enjoy seeing the rest of the Ecotarium after you enjoy the music and art presentations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Holton and Mr. McGann

### King Arthur's Problem

Long ago, and in a land far away, King Arthur named his most trusted and loyal subjects as Knights, and welcomed them to sit at his Round Table. This table had been built by his magician, Merlin, and it was special in that it could grow to be as big a circle as it needed to be so that all the Knights who came to a meeting could find room to sit at it. Also, there were always just enough chairs for the Knights to sit at the table. If five Knights showed for a meeting, the Round Table was big enough for only five, and with only five chairs; if one hundred Knights showed, then the Round Table grew, along with the number of chairs, so that all one hundred could sit at the Round Table comfortably.

King Arthur had a daughter, and this daughter wanted a friend with whom to share her fortune. But she wanted someone bold and smart, and devised a plan to find just that person.

"Papa!" she said. "I want you to send notice out to the country, and invite your Knights to the Round Table for a meeting. Tell them that when they walk in, they will be told how many Knights are going to be there, and they can choose to sit at any one of the chairs. Tell them also, that the chairs are numbered sequentially, 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on, and that they must choose which chair to sit in."

"Tell them also, Papa, that I will then stand at the center of the Round Table and go around, starting at number 1, and eliminate every second Knight. I will go around and around, doing this, until there is only one Knight that remains. This Knight will be my friend; this is the Knight with whom I shall share my fortune, because this Knight will have worked out the chair number to sit in so as not to be eliminated."

### **Quiz**

1. Who would be the survivor if 32 Knights showed?
2. Who would be the survivor if 65 Knights showed?
3. If you were the last one in through the door and there were already 254 Knights seated, how would you feel about having nowhere to sit other than in seat number 255?

Give answers to all three questions to Ms Piazza before announcements on Monday. The prize is one half of a two-dollar bill.

The next prize is also one half of a two-dollar bill...all future prizes will be one half of a two-dollar bill.

**Grades 6-8** What formula would get you to predict where to sit if  $n$  Knights showed?