

Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



March 26, 2010

Courage is our Core Value for March.

Save the Date:

March 28: Show Choir performance at QCC Library 4pm
March 29: Spring Pictures DRESS UP DAY
March 31: Intent to Return Forms due
April 1: Census Day
April 2: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
April 5,6: MCAS Gr. 3-5: Reading Comprehension

April 6: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM
April 8,9: MCAS Testing Grades 6-8 Reading Comprehension
April 13: Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 PM
April 19-23: No School
May 7: Half Day for students
May 10-May 27: MCAS testing window

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

Student Learning Contracts, SLC's, went home with all students this week and, at our assemblies on Wednesday, we were proud to recognize students who demonstrated high achievement and model citizenship. We are confident that, with your help, we will have many more students earning recognition at the term three event in June.

Please be sure to review your child's SLC with him / her. Celebrate those areas of growth and achievement and work with the teachers to strengthen the areas of concern. In addition, log on to the "Learning Zone" of our school website to try out some online practice or tutorial activities. Our goal is, by the end of the year, to have all students demonstrate mastery of their grade level state standards, as represented by a minimum of a three for each standard listed on the SLC. We can do it!

When reviewing the SLC, please also take special note of our model citizenship categories: effort and conduct. Not surprisingly, there is a strong correlation between high marks in those areas and high levels of standards mastery. It just goes to show that, at Seven Hills, EFFORT = SUCCESS! If students give it their all, they WILL achieve!

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Students Congratulations to Ivory Henry, Devin Shaw, Joshua Nieves, Shirley Acero, Jalyssa Reinoso and Kaitlyn Palmer and also to Laura Belk, Danielle Menla and Mary Siriboe, our Rainbow House Star Students.

Congratulations to Alivia Burns for winning last week's math challenge!

Community Connections In conjunction with our unit on "Recycling" and "Global Warming", our Show Choir will perform at the "Spring into Action Community Kickoff Event: It's All About the Trees!" this Sunday. This presentation is connected with the Worcester Tree Initiative. Please join Congressman Jim McGovern, Lt. Governor Tim Murray and Mayor Joe O' Brien on March 28, 2010 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Alden Library at Quinsigamond Community College. Come learn about the Spring 2010 Calendar of Events, find out the locations of our Free Tree Giveaways and find out how you can help plant trees in our community.

The Worcester Community Action Council is offering FREE classes for parents. Please see the details on the back of this page and take advantage of this great opportunity!

April 1 is Census in Schools Day: Every 10 years, the government reports the number of people who live in the United States by conducting a count called the census. This count is required by the U.S. Constitution and the data is used to determine funding for: schools, Title I programs, special education, college grant and loan programs, public transportation and road and community improvements. It is very important that all families are counted in 2010. Our community benefits if we all fill out and return the census questionnaire. This system only works if everyone is counted, regardless of age, race or citizenship status.

The U.S. Census Bureau has created a Census in Schools program called 2010 Census: It's About Us. The program will provide educators with resources to teach the nation's students about the importance of the census so children can help deliver this message to their families. The program will engage America's youth to help ensure every child and every household member is counted in 2010.

PBIS Community Tickets: As part of our campaign to acknowledge our students for their efforts in keeping Seven Hills a safe and positive place to learn, we have implemented a community ticket program to recognize students for being kind, safe and responsible in hallways, lunch lines, on the playground and bus. Each student who receives a ticket will earn a chance in a weekly raffle. Two winners are chosen each week to pick a prize from an array of activity options. Each month, the homeroom with the most number of tickets will receive a special privilege. We look forward to pulling those names each week!

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.

Monday is SPRING PICTURE DAY.

This is a DRESS UP DAY for students, no jeans or high heels please.

Students may wear their uniform.

If you do not want your child to be photographed, please fill out, sign and return the LifeTouch permission slip that went home this week.

Math Challenge

Would you rather get a penny on the 1st day of March, two cents on the 2nd, twice that amount on the 3rd, and so on throughout the month of March, or would you prefer to get a million dollars right now?

Why?

Please submit your answer to Ms. Piazza or Mr. JB by Monday morning.



Techniques and Strategies for Parents with
Children with "Challenging Behaviors"

A FREE 5 Week Parenting Class

April 7 TH

April 14TH

April 21 TH

April 28 TH

May 5 TH

12:00PM-1:30PM



At the WCCC Parent Center at Worcester Community Action Council
484 Main Street / Worcester, MA 01608

There is no cost! The classes are for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and will be presented by the Multicultural Wellness Center

All participants will receive a "certificate" of attendance.

A light lunch will be provided.

To register call 508-754-1176 ext. 155 ask for Olga Lopez Hill.

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