

Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



April 1, 2010

RESPECT is our Core Value for April.

Save the Date:

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,

Next week begins our second round of MCAS testing. Our elementary students (grades 3-5) will participate in the Reading test on Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6. They will be asked to read passages and answer multiple choice or short answer comprehension questions. As you know, children learn and perform their best when they are relaxed, well rested and fed. Please remind your child to get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and be on time for school. Please be aware the state requires doctor's notes for students who miss these exams.

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Students Congratulations to Dessai Jerry, Jorge Rosario, Shanna Harden, Kayla Harden, Oluwatimilehin Akibu and also to Dominique Diggs, Jazlynn Delestre and Oscar Valencia, our Rainbow House Star Students.

On Thursday March 25th students celebrated national "Kick Butts Day" 40 students went to City Hall and educated our community about the dangers of tobacco use. Students handed out flyers, read facts about smoking and chewing tobacco, and 28 students "dropped dead" equipped with tombstone posters and had their bodies outlined in chalk to represent the 28 people that die everyday in Massachusetts. Keep your eye out on our website under the guidance link to see pictures of this event!

Community Connections The Worcester Boys and Girls Club has a special opportunity for you to recognize a "hero" in your life. This hero can be anyone that has touched or truly made a difference in your life. Please see the attached form for more information on PROJECT MY HERO.

Parents are Powerful workshops, presented by Community Build and located at the Worcester Family Community Partnership, 130 Leeds Street, Worcester: **ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CHILD** As a parent/caregiver, you know your child better than anyone else, and you are in the best position to speak for her/him and act on his/her behalf. Come to this training to learn advocacy skills, build your confidence and network with other parents/caregivers who are ready to speak up for their child or someone else's on Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. and **BECOMING A COMMUNITY LEADER** Ever wonder why things don't change? The community needs you to make things happen!! Come to this training to learn about joining community groups and boards, becoming a community leader and decision-maker and speaking up! You'll learn that it's not as difficult or scary as it looks! Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Come to ONE or BOTH of these free trainings, dinner and child care will be provided. PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER: 508-799-3136. Provide your family name and how many will be attending.

Tomorrow, Friday April 2 is a HALF DAY for students and staff! Buses will depart at 11:50am and parent pick begins at 12:10pm!

REMINDER: MCAS testing for students in grades 3-5 on Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6!

Monday's Math Challenge

Puzzle #3: Chessboard

A chessboard is a square grid of eight rows by eight columns.

How many squares (of all sizes) are there on a chessboard?

Please submit your answer to Mr. JB by Friday (April 2) morning.

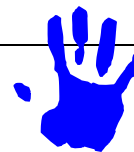


“Recycle/Sing-A Child’s Celebration of the Earth”

Ecotarium-222 Harrington Way-Worcester, Ma. 01604 Sunday, April 11-1:00-3:00 p.m.

- All students should wear green or white shirt with jeans or blue uniform pants however, Show Choir and Stomp students will wear choir and Stomp uniforms.
- Performance groups report by 12:30 p.m.
- Stop at gate and tell them you are with Seven Hills Charter Public School.
- Park in “LOWER LOT”-Report to Performance Room
- All students must be accompanied by an adult to walk around Ecotarium.

This presentation was made possible with the support from the Worcester Cultural Commission and KIDS (KidsInvolved Doing Service-Learning) Consortium, Auburn, Maine www.kidsconsortium.org



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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