



SEVEN HILLS NEWSLETTER

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Positive Ways to Talk and Listen

Excerpt from PBS Parenting

These tips can help in conversing with a child over any tough topic. For more information, try www.pbs.org/parents/.

Find out what your child knows already. If your child asks you a difficult question (about sex, death, politics, etc.), you might simply ask, "What have you heard?" This allows your child to tell you what he/she understands — or misunderstands — and perhaps what concerns are prompting their questions.

Keep your answers simple. Give answers that are appropriate for your child's age. One simple sentence may be enough. Underneath a child's question, he/she may be worried about his/her safety, so offer reassurance. You might describe the different ways he/she is safe and say, "The policeman is there to protect us," or, "The flight attendant is showing us how to stay safe on the airplane."

Ask more questions. For example, if your child asks you about people being injured on the news, you might say, "I feel sad those people got hurt. How do you feel?"

Talk again. Be prepared for children to ask the same question many times. This means they are continuing to think about the issue and may need more information. You might save some information for later discussion.

Disco Night Fever: Buy Your Tickets Now!!

Education First would like our Seven Hills families to consider we will be hosting a SHCS parents/guardians/staff-

interested in being a host family?
 for three weeks, July 14–August 3, 2008, as they perfect their English skills on weekdays and share lives, languages and traditions of area host families on weekends and weeknights. Education First has fifty offices internationally and is a well-respected program. Please email gyung@sevenhillscharter.org for more information.

We are also looking for a family to host our Japanese intern, Mr. Hiroki arrives on May 10, 2008.

IMPORTANT DATES

8 th Grade Field Trip to Boston's Freedom Trail	4/17
April Vacation (No School)	4/21-4/25
Willy Wonka, Jr. Play	5/2, 5/3
Scholastic Book Fair	5/5-5/8

only event at the Maxwell Silverman's restaurant from 6-11PM. We hope that this event will help our community bond together in a fun and relaxed setting. Tickets will be on sale starting this Monday for only \$6 through your child's homeroom teacher. This is a pre-sale discount.

Annually, Seven Hills publishes a school report card. This document is being sent home with the youngest child in each family and is also available on our website: www.sevenhillscharter.org

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this information.

Extra, Extra!

- Today 3rd Grade went on a field trip to the Children's Museum in Boston.
- Today we hosted our second QuizBowl. Students in grades 3–8 competed in contests based on actual MCAS Math questions.
- A reminder that parent drop-off is from 7:15–7:30AM.
- STOMP is performing at Assumption College this Saturday at 1p.m. for a competition. All are welcome!

