

Seven Hills Charter Public School Weekly Newsletter



May 6, 2010

INTEGRITY is our Core Value for May.

Save the Date:

May 7: Half Day for students

May 7,8: Beauty and the Best Production 7:00PM Q. College

May 9: Happy Mothers' Day!

May 11: Parent Guild Meeting 5pm

May 11,12: MCAS Testing Grades 3-8

May 18: Show Choir sings at the State House, SAC Mtg 6pm

May 18-19: MCAS Testing Grades 3-8

May 23: Stomp Performance at Crowne Plaza

May 24: Family Involvement Subcommittee Mtg 6pm

May 26: NJHS Induction Ceremony 8:00 AM

May 31: No School

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

There is no more rewarding, or challenging, job than being a parent. This weekend, we hope all mothers take a few minutes to kick back, relax and enjoy the fruits of all of their labors ... their children ... and remember that all that hard work is worth it. Happy Mothers' Day!

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

MCAS Reminders:

The Math and Science MCAS testing window begins next week. Please remember that all students must be present and on time each day. The state requires doctor's notes for all absences. As always children perform their best with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. We appreciate them coming to school each day ready to learn.

Here are a few other MCAS tips:

- 1. Leave no questions blank.*
- 2. Label each part of your answer to an open response question.*
- 3. Show your work.*
- 4. Write only in the answer boxes.*
- 5. For multiple choice questions:*
 - a. Solve the problem first.*
 - b. Eliminate the obvious wrong answer.*
 - c. Identify the distracters.*
 - d. Check for "reasonableness" of the remaining choice and compare with your first answer.*
- 6. Recognize when you are feeling tired or fidgety and give yourself a silent, short break.*
- 7. Check your work before handing in your booklet.*
- 8. Take pride in your work and do your best.*

Congratulations to Star Students Amethyst Guzman, Anu Akibu, Yaw Somia, Kamille Hyltonh, Jared Vega and also to Patrick Jimenez, Alix Chesnulavich and Keyarra Wilson our Rainbow House Star Students. This week's PBIS raffle winners are Aryanna Atkins, Mackenzie Sarpong, Phoebe Echegaray, Angela Adutuama, Tyler Boafu and James Bowhile. Thank you for being kind, safe and responsible!

PBIS winning homerooms were: (grades K-2) Mr. Chamberlain and Ms. Burns with 124 tickets, (grades 3-5) Ms. Adams with 82 tickets and (grades 6-8) Ms. Dupere with 51 tickets. Keep up the good work!

Earlier this week, the governor signed new **Anti-Bullying Legislation**. Over the course of the next few months, the state will be providing information sessions and trainings in policy and procedure development, training students, staff and parents in detecting, preventing, responding to and reporting incidents, and building partnerships with local police departments. As we move forward, we will share information and resources that we receive so that we can all work together to ensure the safety and well being of all of our children.

Our K-8 students (57 cast members) have been working so hard learning their lines and practicing their dances for the **Beauty and the Beast, Jr. musical performance**. Please show your support by joining them at the Hebert Auditorium at Quinsigamond College for our Production of Beauty and the Beast, Jr. on Friday, May 7th, or Saturday, May 8, 2010. Tickets in advance are \$8.00 at the door!

The **Parent Guild Meeting** time has been changed from the usual 6:00 PM meeting time to 5:00PM on May 11th. As always, the meetings are open to all families and staff and we welcome your involvement. Agenda items for the next meeting include planning for end of year events such as Field Day.

Student pictures are HERE! Please stop by the main office to view and purchase your child's pictures. The entire package is \$42.00, or you can purchase a sheet for \$13.00 each.

Community Connections

The Women's Initiative of United Way and The Investing in Girls Alliance proudly present an evening with Jean Kilbourne, co-author of So Sexy So Soon: The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids. Girls Night Out, an evening with author Jean Kilbourne. An event for adolescent girls and adults who care about them! **Tuesday, May 11** at 6:45 p.m. at Worcester Technical High School, 1 Skyline Drive, Worcester, MA 01605 Girls Health Expo 5:00-6:30 p.m. Local organizations will promote programs and information for adolescent girls. Keynote Address 6:45 p.m. Jean Kilbourne, school auditorium. Ms. Kilbourne will be available to sign books purchased at the event. This presentation is geared toward middle school-aged and older girls and the adults who care about them. Jean Kilbourne, Ed.D. is internationally recognized for her pioneering work on the image of women in advertising and her critical studies of alcohol and tobacco advertising. Her films, lectures, and television appearances have been seen by millions of people throughout the world. She was named by "The New York Times Magazine" as one of the three most popular speakers on college campuses. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kate Myshrall at the Women's Initiative: 508-757-5631 ext. 251 or online at www.unitedwaycm.org/WIevent.html

**TOMORROW, MAY 7TH IS A HALF DAY
FOR STUDENTS! BUSES WILL DEPART
AT 11:50AM AND PARENT PICK UP
STARTS AT 12:10PM!**