

Seven Hills Charter Public School Weekly Newsletter



May 21, 2010

INTEGRITY is our Core Value for May.

Save the Date:

May 23: Stomp Performance at Crowne Plaza
May 24: Family Involvement Subcommittee Meeting 6:00 PM
May 25,26: Green Team members to UNH
May 26: NJHS Induction Ceremony 8:00 AM gym
May 31: No School
June 1: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM
June 3: Special Education PAC Meeting 6:00 PM
June 7: Show Choir and STOMP Fieldtrip
June 8: Boys' and Girls' Day (Gr. 5-8), PA Author's Picnic

June 9: St. Peter Marion Field Day, Parent Guild Mtg 5PM
June 11: New Student Registration, Gr. 8 Field Trip
June 16: 8th Grade Dinner Dance, Leo's Restaurant 6pm
June 17: Field Day (Raindate: June 18)
June 18: 8th Grade Graduation
June 21: Slush Day
June 22: Step Up Day
June 23: Last Day of School

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

MCAS is over but the year is not! Actually, it is far from it! The last day of school is June 23rd and we have much to accomplish between now and then. Please continue to stress the importance of learning with your children each and every day. Find out what they are interested in. Ask about what they learn in school. Check their agenda books and homework each night. Log on to the Learning Zone and try out some exercises! And, most of all, read together each and every day. Together, we can nurture their curiosity, explore the possibilities, develop a strong work ethic and realize that EFFORT = SUCCESS.

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Congratulations to Mavis Osei, Sadhana Jude, Shawn Yeboah, Jonathan Mujjumbi, Debbie An Bryan, Ethan Kahura, Zelly Roach, Izabela Bandilli, Alexis Steward and Shawn Yeboah our Star Students and to our Rainbow House star students, **Kamille Hylton, Elaine Daniels and Ufon Brown**. This week's PBIS raffle winners are **Elly Kulesza, Sam Odjidja and Kiary Santana**. Thank you for being kind, safe and responsible!

Thank you to our Show Choir for impressing the US Senators, not only with their wonderful singing, but with their thoughtful questions and knowledge about our past US President. You make us proud!

Kudos to our STOMP team for another amazing performance at this week's Youth Fest. This was a great event sponsored by the Worcester Police Department and UMASS. The presenters impressed upon students the importance of our wonderful city of Worcester and the opportunities available to our youth.

Our math challenge winner last week was **Trevor Brown**, he correctly identified May 16 2012 as being 730 days after May 17 2010. All the two-dollar bills are out there...who wants to mix-and-match?

The last puzzle of the series is as follows: "What number is exactly half-way between 123.45 and 543.21?"
Answers are due in Mr. JB's mailbox on Monday by noon.

The Board of Trustees Family Involvement Subcommittee will meet on Monday night to review the results of the recent family survey. Feel free to join us at 6:00PM!

Three years ago, Seven Hills founded our own chapter of the **National Junior Honor Society** in order to recognize outstanding students and citizens. Students were selected based upon academic merit, leadership qualities, character and citizenship. Next week, we will proudly induct eight new members into this prestigious organization. Please join us in offering our enthusiastic congratulations!

On May 25 and May 26, our **Green Team Group** will be going to University of New Hampshire to present our "Recycle/Sing" project to students and teachers from around the nation. Green Team members are Chasia Bambo, Shanelle Burbo, Phoebe Echegaray, Marianna Minardi, Tess Blodgett and Alexa MacQuaye. We're proud to have you represent our school and we are grateful to Ms. Holton for taking the initiative to acquire this grant and make all of this work possible.

Ms. Cotto and Ms. Villeneuve's fifth grade class has been doing a project to **stomp out bullying**. In addition to creating their own anti-bullying website, they have been visiting other classrooms to offer advice to students about what bullying is and how to stop it. Look for their link on our website coming soon!

So You Think You've Got Talent! Dust off those dancin' shoes, dig out your guitar and strut your talent at our annual Seven Hills Talent Show! We're interested in all kinds of talent from students, staff or parents! You can all get up on that stage! Please contact Mrs. Holton before June 1 if you are interested.

The Parent Guild is looking for **volunteers** to assist with Field Day on June 17th and Slush Day on June 21. Please contact Ms. Roy at x 1131 or email Ms. Okerlund at sdokerlund@msn.com or parentguild@sevenhillscharter.org to get involved. All volunteers must have a CORI on file, please contact our Business Service Office at x1066 for more information.

Save the date! On September 23, 2010, the SHCPS School Advisory Council will be hosting a **Multicultural Pot Luck** for SHCPS staff and families. A panel of guest speakers will share their experiences being students or parents of students in various countries. Afterward, participants will enjoy a meal together and share stories of their own in smaller groups. The goal of the event is to increase an understanding and appreciation for cultural differences so that we can all work together to give our kids the best school experience possible. Please contact Ms. Minor at x1231 or jminor@sevenhillscharter.org if you are interested in attending, presenting or sharing experiences of your own.

Community Connections: This week, students, staff and families met with representatives from **Fidelity Bank, Boston Cares, and the Hands On Network**. These three awesome organizations have joined forces to help eleven schools across the country and we are proud to be one of them! Over the summer, a team of two hundred Fidelity employees will help our summer facilities staff spiffy up Seven Hills so there are some sparkling new features for the upcoming school year. At yesterday's meeting, we brainstormed ideas and came up with an extensive list ranging from improving the science lab and technology stations to upgrading the bathrooms to renovating the exterior of the building and lot. The Fidelity team will get together to review the ideas and choose a project or projects that can feasibly be done over a short summer. We are excited about this work and are thrilled that this is just the beginning of a long and wonderful partnership!

The Worcester Boys and Girls Club is hosting their first ever, HERO's DAYS 2010, this Saturday, May 22ND from 10 AM - 2 PM at Commerce Bank Stadium (Foley Field, Chandler St., Worcester) Come help celebrate the People That Make a Difference in Our Lives...Our Heroes, Mentors, and Teachers! FREE ADMISSION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Enjoy Games, Races, Food, Facepainting, Entertainment and More! **We Will Hold an Awards Ceremony Honoring Our Everyday Heroes at 1 PM.**

Worcester State College is offering a **Girls' Basketball Camp**, July 19-23 for ages 7 to 16 from 9am to 3pm. The cost is \$180.00, please contact ktessmer@worchester.edu for more information.

Worcester City Hoops Camp is open for boys and girls grades 2 and up, located at Worcester Tech High School from June 28 to July 1 from 9am to 3pm. The cost is \$130.00, please contact Coach Pettway at 508-241-6162 for more information. Girls Inc of Worcester offers **Camp Kinneywood**, a coed camp for grades 1 to 7 and **In-Town Summer Fun Program** for girls in grades K to 8. For more information, please call 508-755-6455 or www.girlsincworchester.org

UMASS Amherst, **Summer Reading Skills Programs** for students ages 4 and up, please call 1-800-978-3532 for more information or to register.

Please join us at our next Special Education PAC meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 @ 6:00pm Guest Speaker: Dr. Jason Minow from Pediatric Behavior Health in West Boylston (Topic: Specific Disorder-ADHD)

ORDER FORM

**GET YOUR VERY OWN SHCPS 100% RECYCLED BAG WHILE THEY LAST!
ONLY \$5 EACH, ALL BAGS ARE BLUE AND WHITE.**

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

HOMEROOM: _____

Number of bags: _____

Total amount enclosed; _____

CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO SEVEN HILLS CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL, CASH ALSO ACCEPTED!