

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2009

Responsibility is our Core Value for October.

Save the Date:

<p>Oct. 23: JA Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Costumes Welcome. Oct. 26: Picture Retake Day Oct. 26-30: Parent Guild Dress Down Day (DDD) Sticker Sheets for Sale for \$10. Oct. 27: Community Banking; SAC Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Oct. 30: Parent Guild Dress Down Day \$1 or Sticker - No Costumes</p> <p>November is MA Family Literacy Month!</p>
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Mon.= Day 1

Tue.= Day 2

Wed. = Day 3

Thurs. = Day 4

Fri.= Day 5

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

Seven Hills is a parent partnership school. We all want good things for our children so we need to be on the same page with the messages we send them, through both our words and actions.

School is important. Kids are here to learn and teachers are here to teach. Effort equals success.


Please be sure that the conversations you have with your children, and with your children's teachers, focus on these key concepts and a spirit of cooperation so that children get the most out of their education. We need your support.


Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent


Star Students Congratulations to Ashton Seroter, Mayra Elena, Shirley Acero, Alyvia Nater, Andrew Kennedy, Naethan Mwangi, Alex Felix, Zachary Gibbs, Ufonabasi Brown and Greg Kuakumensah!

Rainbow House News: This week's winner for La Frase Secreta is Geiselyn Deleon.

 The Show Choir brought down the house at Mechanic's Hall last weekend. Congratulations on a fantastic performance that earned a standing ovation in a sold out crowd! Thank you also to the Show Choir and Stomp performers at the Boys and Girls' Club. Well done!

 **Parent Partnerships** Knowing your child's strengths and weaknesses can help you guide them toward success. Check your child's grades online with PowerSchool to get an in-depth look at how they are progressing toward mastery in all the topics/standards in all subject areas. All you have to do is visit the school website at <http://www.sevenhillscharter.org> and click on the green PowerSchool link. If you forgot your username and password, please contact your child's teacher.

Do you have any clothing at home that your children have outgrown but it still LOOKS LIKE NEW? Send it in! We are collecting winter wear as well as books and grocery store gift cards to help families in need. Remember, we are "One Big Seven Hills Family" and we all need to stick together.

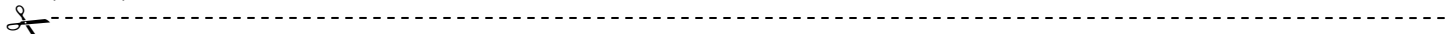
 Save the date! Ms. Thyden is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming book fair. Please contact the school at 508-799-7500 if you are available anytime on Nov. 16, 17 or 18. We appreciate your involvement!

Community Connections If you are interested in joining the SHCPS Junior Academy Ski and Snowboard Club, please contact Ms. Yang at 508-799-7500 x1117 or nyang@sevenhillscharter.org, you may also stop by the Nursing Office for a brochure. This year the club will take six trips to Mt. Wachusett on Tuesdays from 4 to 8:30pm starting Jan 5, 2010.

The Boys and Girls Club located at 65 Tainter Street is hosting the Worcester Mayoral Candidates Youth Forum from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on October 26th. Come and have a voice in your community! For more information, call 774-641-1132 or email mariannaislam@yahoo.com.

Remember, our representatives from Commonwealth Bank will be here on Tuesday to collect deposits or to help students start new accounts. Please contact Ms.Thyden for more information.

Seven Hills offers a helping hand to The EcoTarium Several students and staff members volunteered to carve pumpkins for the EcoTarium's annual "Great Pumpkin Fest." Every year they receive donated pumpkins, recruit area groups and agencies to carve and return the pumpkins for their Great Pumpkin Fest, this Saturday from Noon-9:00 p.m. We appreciate the many students and staff who volunteered to help illuminate the EcoTarium's annual event. There will be hayrides, train rides, games, kid's costume parades, pumpkin-carving demonstrations, crafts, temporary tattoos, animal encounters, and more festival fun! Tickets are \$15 and children under 2 are free.



SHCPS Weekly Challenge

Completed challenges are due to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning.

This week's challenge: Go to www.sevenhillscharter.org and review your grade level spelling bee list. Choose ten tricky words (5 for Primary Academy) and write them each ten times and then use each word in a sentence. List the words you have chosen below.

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Reminders

- Spelling Bee Study Guides are available in the main office or through the school's website. Study!
- There is a JA Dance tonight from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and refreshments will be available for purchase. Although uniforms are not required, please be sure students dress appropriately. For this dance only, costumes are welcome. Please be prompt in picking up your child by 8:30 and be courteous to our neighbors (do not block intersections or driveways, etc.) as students are dismissed. Your cooperation is appreciated so everyone can have an enjoyable evening.
- Monday, Oct 26th is picture retake day, if your child was absent on picture day or you want your child to have their fall pictures re-taken, please send them in with the order form and check/m.o. made out to Lifetouch. The main office has extra order forms. Students must be in uniform.
- The Parent Guild Dress Down Day (DDD) stickers go on sale on Monday. For \$10, students and staff may purchase a sheet of ten DDD stickers. The first five may be used on the following designated school wide DDD's: Oct. 30, Nov. 10, Dec. 11, Jan. 14, and Feb. 5. (If you do not buy the sticker sheet, you may still dress down on these dates by bringing \$1 to school). The remaining five stickers can be "cashed in" for a DDD on any day except those during MCAS or school assemblies or fieldtrips. That way, if you don't have a clean uniform or are just feeling creative one morning, you can use your sticker and dress down that day!
- For the safety of all of our children, please DO NOT make U-Turns in the parent pick up or drop off line. Remember, parent drop off is from 7:15-7:30. Be here on time to avoid waiting in line behind the buses. Parent pick up is from 3:10 - 3:20 on Eastern Avenue (after bus dismissal). To avoid waiting in line, you may also sign up for parent pick up at Mt. Carmel. Students are escorted to the church parking lot where you can meet them. Contact the main office for more information. Please note that parent pick up ends at 3:20. Anyone arriving after that must check in at the main office.
- Mr. McGann is still collecting recyclable cans to raise money for instruments.
- Help us prevent the spread of the flu!
 - Teach children to wash their hands frequently and refrain from sharing personal items.
 - Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.
 - Fever above 100 degrees
 - Sore throat
 - Runny or stuffy nose
 - Body ache or headache
 - Fatigue
 - Some may experience vomiting or diarrhea.
 - Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or do not have signs of fever, without fever-reducing medicine.
 - Do not send children to school if they are sick. Children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.



Did you notice a mistake in this newsletter? List the mistake below. Have your parents read and sign the newsletter and turn it in the tear off to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning to be entered into a raffle for a free dress down day.

Write the corrected word or sentence below.

Name _____ HR Teacher _____