



Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

November 13, 2009

Respect is our Core Value for November.

Save the Date!

Nov. 16,17,18: Bookfair
 Nov. 17: Community Banking Day; Family Literacy Night 6:00 PM
 Nov. 19: School Advisory Council 5:30 PM
 Nov. 20: Last Day of Term 1
 Nov. 21: Parent Guild Holiday Bazaar Item Preparation 9:00AM-
 Volunteers Needed!
 Nov. 23,24: School wide Intensive
 Nov. 25,26,27: No School
 Dec. 1: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00

Dec 2: Spelling Bee Final Round 4:30 WPL
 Dec. 2,3,4: Parent Guild Holiday Bazaar - Volunteers Needed
 Dec. 7: PA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast
 Dec. 8: EA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast; Parent Guild Meeting
 6:00
 Dec. 9: JA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast; SLC's Go Home
 Dec. 11: Model Citizen Assemblies; Half Day for Parent Conferences

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

November is Massachusetts Family Literacy Month!

Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your support of family literacy. Literacy skills are grounded in language skills. Just talking with your children helps them become better readers! Model varied word choices to enhance their vocabulary. Use and require them to use complete sentences. Tell stories so children develop a sense of how stories have a clear beginning, middle and end, and often are focused on problems and solutions. Play word games and make up silly songs or tongue twisters to practice things like rhyming or alliteration (repetition of initial consonant sounds). Have fun with the language and enjoy the company of one another while building a strong foundation for reading at the same time!

Happy reading!

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Students: Congratulations to Karisma Tolson, Regis Boateng, Deron Kumah and Jared Romero.

Rainbow House Star Students: Congratulations to William Jackson, Madison Seroter and Ayanna Durham. This week's La Frase Secreta winner is Shanelle Burbo!

The school store is open! Come see us every day from 2:20 until dismissal. We have everything you need, and if we don't, we'll get it for you! Need an agenda? Yup, we've got them! Need a lanyard for your ID? We've got 152!

Parent Partnerships

Come One, Come All...to our annual Family Literacy Night and Scholastic Book Fair! Throw on your PJ's and join us at 6:00pm for fun stories, games, parent activities and special treats!



Parents to Parents is still welcoming parents to join them in conversation and companionship to discuss ways to help one another raise happy, healthy children during challenging times. Please contact Mr. Farquharson at afarquharson@sevenhillscharter.org for more information.


This year's **School Advisory Council (SAC)** will be meeting at 5:30 on November 19th to develop cross cultural family support programs for ELL students. Join us to share your great ideas!


Volunteers Needed!

The Parent Guild is looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday Bazaar. Volunteers will meet at Seven Hills at 9:00 AM on November 21st to label items to be sold at the bazaar. They will help set up at 5:00 PM on December 1st and will help sell goods and then clean up from 7:30 - 3:30 on December 2,3,4. Please contact Sarah Okerlund at sdokerlund@msn.com if you are willing to help out for any portion of time. We'd love to have you!

Seven Hills will be hosting a Schoolwide Intensive in the afternoons of November 23 and 24th. We're looking for volunteers to assist with projects connecting our Code of Conduct to group projects in the categories of Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Technology. Please contact Ms. Minor at x1231 if you would like to pitch in!

Community Partnerships: Commonwealth Bank representatives will be here at 9:30 on Tuesday so students can make their November deposits. Remind your children to bring their piggy banks!

 The Primary Academy is collecting food donations for the Henry Lee Willis Center Food Bank. Please send in donations of non-perishable items or grocery store gift cards to help provide relief to families throughout our community.

If you interested but have not already signed up for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts or Civil Air Patrol, please contact Ms. Thyden at x1111. 

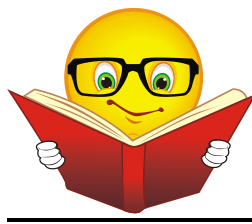
Lawyer for a day! Five of our JA students attended a Mock Trial at Northeastern School of Law in Boston, MA today. They sat in a court room, witnessed a trial being reenacted by local high school students and Northeastern Law students. Students then met a Northeastern Law student and professor and were able to ask questions about law school.

The Ski/Snowboarding Club is raffling **TWO BOSTON CELTICS** tickets to the February 5th New Jersey Nets @ Boston Celtics Game at 7:30 PM. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5 or 14 for \$10.00! The drawing will be December 23rd right before our Winter Break. **WHAT A GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**



This week's MA Family Literacy Tips

- Ask your child to make predictions (about what will happen in the story) before and during reading. Have him/her explain why s/he made that prediction. At the end, have him/her determine which predictions came true and which didn't and why.
- When you are asking questions during reading, vary them. Try some "who, what, when, where" questions where the answer is right there in the text and then add some "why" and "so what" questions that require some thought.
- Read for different purposes ... including sometimes just for pure enjoyment! Ask no questions. Just read aloud to your child or let him/her read to you.



SHCPS Family Literacy Weekly Challenge

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

Go to <http://www.teachersandfamilies.com/open/tr/tr3.cfm> and read the Tips to Build Better Readers. Pick at least one tip each week and try it out while reading a favorite book. Create a poster about that tip to be hung in the school. Come to the main office to share your tip over morning announcements.