

Seven Hills Charter Public School

Save the Date:

- Nov 11: NO SCHOOL
- Nov 14: Roll on America Night 5 to 7pm
- Nov 14-16: Grade 7-8 Boys Basketball Tryouts 4:30-6:30pm in the gym
- Nov 15: SAC Meeting 5:30
- Nov 17: Family Literacy Night 6pm to 7:30, JA Flag Football Practice 4:15-5:15
- Nov 17, 18 and 21; Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 18: DDD \$1.00 for Parent Guild, Grade 7-8 Girls Basketball Tryouts 1-3:30pm in gym
- Nov 21: JA Flag Football Practice 4:15-5:15pm
- Nov 22: SLC's go home, Staff vs. Student Flag Football-Game, AT 3pm, Model Citizens Assemblies
- Nov 23-25: NO SCHOOL
- Dec 1: Parent Conferences
- Dec 14: Holiday Bazaar
- Dec 16: JA Dance



*Be kind.
Be safe.
Be responsible.*

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the recent Student Work Showcases. We are excited about creating these opportunities for students to shine and look forward to hosting many more throughout the year.

To learn more about the "behind the scenes" work the teachers are doing to help make learning meaningful to students, check out this parent letter about Understanding by Design (UBD) <http://www.sevenhillscharter.org/wpup/Understanding-By-Design-Parent-Letter.pdf>.

Join us at our Model Citizens Assemblies on November 22nd to hear more about UBD and about how the longer school day, block scheduling and team teaching models all help to make this happen. Model Citizens Assembly Times: 8am-PA, 9am-EA, 10am-JA, 11am-ELA

Our goal is to ignite the minds and imaginations of our children and to excite them about their futures .. "from kindergarten to college, career and beyond!"

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

NO SCHOOL: Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day, We observe this day to remember and thank our Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Coming home soon! Our school sponsored elementary fundraiser called *Square 1 Art*. This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

November is Literacy Month: Family Literacy Night is Thursday, November 17th from 6:00-7:30pm here at SHCPS. Come listen to your favorite stories and shop at our Scholastic Book Fair. Come dressed in pajamas and earn a "Wear Your Pajamas To School Pass" for Nov. 21!

SHCPS Special Education Parent Advisory Council: The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6pm. For an agenda and other important group information please visit www.sevenhillssepac.webs.com or email Parent Contact, Lee-Ann Johnson, at pac@sevenhillscharter.org.

This group is an advisory council to the Board of Trustees and represents the concerns of families with children with special needs if we know what they are. If you are unable to attend a meeting and are a parent of a child currently on an IEP or 504 plan please go to the following link to share your voice <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J9TMZK8>.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you and/or hearing from you soon!

Early Learning Academy - Ms. Cox

Please **WELCOME** our new teachers to our amazing academy: Ms. Monique Czynewski is joining the Kindergarten team! Ms. Aileen Lind is joining First Grade team! Ms. Caroline Melito is joining our ELL team!

ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

Both kindergarten and first grade have been working diligently on our projects that integrate reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. We are happy to have a chance to show YOU all that we've done in our Academic Showcase! You'll get to see our projects and some student work from the first trimester. This will take place after Model Citizen's on November 22.

MODEL CITIZEN'S ASSEMBLY

Attention! Attention! We will be giving our trimester 1 awards on November 22!

Honors: Threes or better in 80% of the reported standards

High Honors: Threes or better in 90% of the reported standards

Model Citizenship: Threes or better in both effort and conduct

Perfect Attendance: 100% attendance

Homework Awards: 100% completed homework

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF HARD WORK AND EFFORT!

Primary Academy- Ms. Ambroise

Our Primary Academy Gallery Walk will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 2:15 to 3:30. Please join us as our students showcase their hard work. Students and families are invited to dress up (shirts and ties, slacks, suits, dresses...no jeans) for this very special occasion. Our students are eager to share what they have learned.

Each month our Model Citizen Celebration recognizes student achievement. Please remember, students must complete homework, class work, and demonstrate the Core Values and Code of Conduct each day to earn a celebration invitation. Hope to see you all at the November Model Citizen Celebration.

Children love to help with the grocery shopping! Try the activity listed below with your child to practice estimating total cost and adding money.



Math @Home

Let's Play Store
Collect empty grocery containers (for example, an egg carton, cereal boxes, and soup cans) and put them on a table. Help your child think of a price for each item. Mark the prices on the containers. Pretend to be the customer while your child is the cashier. Have your child write the total on a piece of paper, which will be your receipt.

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Parent Pointers Praising Your Children

- ▶ Let your child know *often* that he or she is important in your life.
- ▶ Encourage your child as he or she tries new things. When your child tries but does not succeed, offer even more encouragement to continue to work hard.
- ▶ Show appreciation for your child's genuine efforts. That will help build self-esteem.
- ▶ Praise your child!

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Congratulations! Last week's Primary Academy Weekly Question Winner was **Douglas Segura!**

Primary Academy Weekly Question:

Answer the following question, cut it out, and return it to the envelope located outside of Ms. Ambroise's office. Students who correctly answer the weekly question will be entered into a weekly drawing!

Which of these is another way to write 6091?

- A) $60 + 90 + 1$ B) $600 + 90 + 1$ C) $6000 + 90 + 1$ D) $6000 + 900 + 1$

You are cordially invited to join us for an

Academic Afternoon

honoring

*Primary Academy
Student Achievement*

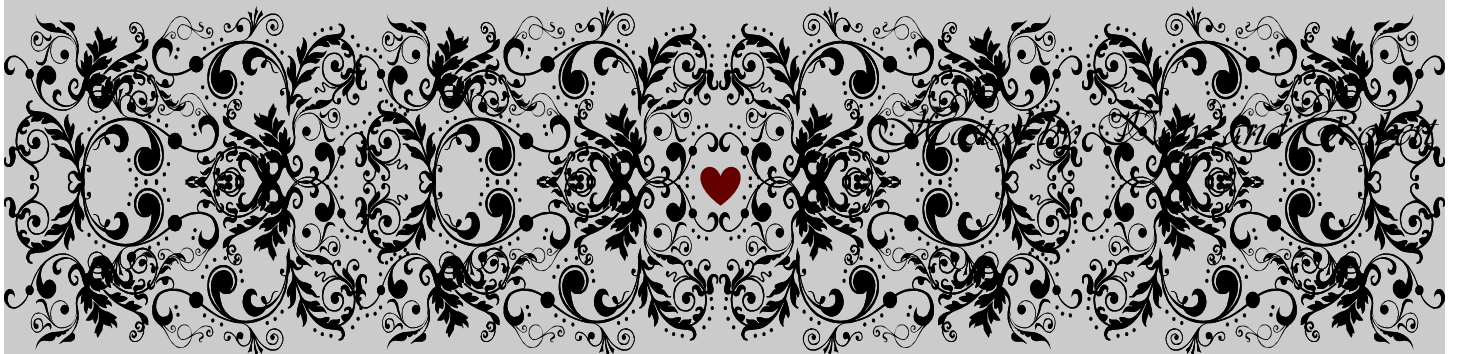
November 16th

from 2:15 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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Primary Academy Classrooms

Formal attire requested



Elementary Academy - Mrs. Nelson

As teachers move forward with developing teaching units based on Understanding By Design, a main focus is on using Project Based Learning (PBL). "PBL is an instructional approach built upon authentic learning activities that engage student interest and motivation. These activities are designed to answer a question or solve a problem and generally reflect the types of learning and work people do in the everyday world outside the classroom ... Project Based Learning teaches students 21st century skills as well as content. These skills include communication and presentation skills, organization and time management skills, research and inquiry skills, self-assessment and reflection skills, and group participation and leadership skills."
<http://pbl-online.org/>

Congratulations to **Madison Seroter** for winning the Scholastic Magazine Storyworks "Jellyfish" writing contest! Keep up the great work!

Our Fourth Grade Math students are rising to the challenge with the following unit developed by the math team:

In this unit, students have been given a task to budget money in order to live independently. They are exposed to four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in order to stay on budget and avoid negative balances. Student practice using a check ledger, checks, paying living expenses, optional expenses and saving money. They are learning and practicing how to add and subtract large numbers up to 100,000, divide using long division proper steps and multiplying multi digits numbers. Students are solving Word Problems with real life connections that reinforce the practice of the four operations. As students learn to master these concepts and skills, they are exposed to the importance of how mathematical operations can be used in the real world and how valuable they are to their success as they mature into adulthood.

For more information on this project, please talk with your child about their daily learning.

Junior Academy- Ms. Wright

As we enter the second trimester of the school year, we must stress to our children the importance of their education and the impact that their choices can have on their future. We must work together as teachers and parents, to ensure that they are getting the most rigorous education possible, with an equal amount of support and encouragement from home. With this combination, we are setting our students up for future success and achievement. With that being said, I want to thank the parents that have been attending the academic showcases, classroom breakfasts and student conferences that we have hosted in the JA. If you haven't been able to make it to any of these events recently, please make an attempt to come to future showcases, it makes a difference in your child's attitude at school when they feel you are invested. We have lots of great things going on; I hope to see you all at our upcoming events. Thank you to all the JA teachers for their hard work in getting the conferences scheduled, showcases presented and academic breakfasts prepared for the families to enjoy and participate in. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Congratulations to **Afia Somiah** for winning Mrs. Bryan's monthly writing challenge! Afia's story was chosen by many judges and enjoyed by them as well. Her prize was an ipod shuffle and a \$15 itunes gift card. Mrs. Bryan would like to encourage more students to enter the next writing challenge, which will be posted outside her office before the beginning of next week. I wonder what the next winning prize will be? You will have to enter to get a chance to win!

Word of the Week: Last week's word of the week was *egregious*. The person who best used this word in a sentence was **Kennedy Godwin**. His sentence was: *At the harbor, there was a row of big ships, and at the end of the row was the biggest ship of them all. It was an egregious sight to see.* The choice for the winner was very difficult because so many students wrote great sentences! I am pleased that so many of you are entering the weekly contest now, keep those sentences coming. This week's word is **heed**. Please research the definition and use this word in the most creative sentence possible, and place your responses in the envelope outside my office.

Keep your eyes peeled for information regarding the 8th grade student council that Ms. Chan will be heading up.

Always be kind, be safe and be responsible and MAKE a great day!