

Seven Hills Charter Public School

Save the Date:

- Nov 21; Scholastic Book Fair
- 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 3 Placement Test for Holy Name, St. Peter Marion and St. Mary's at 7:45am. Call the school of your choice to pre-register
- Dec 14: Holiday Bazaar
- Dec 16: JA Dance

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our 2011 school report card is now located on our website at www.sevenhillscharter.org, if you would like a paper copy please contact our main office at [508-799-7500](tel:508-799-7500). This report contains information about enrollment and teacher qualifications, testing, and accountability. The report card consists of three sections, and each section presents data on the school as it compares to the district and the state as a whole.

Under NCLB, teachers must hold a Massachusetts teaching license at the Preliminary, Initial, or Professional level and demonstrate subject matter competency in the areas they teach. NCLB standards apply to the subject matter taught by teachers. For example, a teacher may be qualified to teach one subject but not another. With this in mind, we are doubling our efforts to make sure all teachers at our school are appropriately assigned to teach classes that reflect their qualifications.

Here at Seven Hills we are committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. The information in the enclosed report card contains information about the teachers in our schools as a whole.

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Square 1 Art! Students who participated in this school sponsored fundraiser received their free stickers and a brochure to order additional items this week. You can keep the stickers with your child's artwork. If you wish to order other items, please complete the order form and return to our main office with a check by November 28. 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! **All orders will be here by December 19, just in time for the holidays!**

Model Citizens Ceremonies

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.

8am-PA, 9am-EA, 10am-JA, 11am-ELA in our gym

STAFF VS. STUDENT FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

NOVEMBER, 22 AT 3PM AT EAST PARK

NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 23-25! HAVE A SAFE LONG BREAK!




*Be kind.
Be safe.
Be responsible.*

Primary Academy-Ms. Ambroise's staff would like to thank all of the students and their families for making our Academic Afternoon a great success. Our students enjoyed sharing what they have learned. It was a pleasure to see so many friends and families showing their support. We could not have done it without you!

Reading is an important part of academic success. Please read with your child every night. Also, the Book Fair will be going on until Monday, November 21, 2011. We encourage you to stop by and purchase some great books for your child(ren).

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. Let's encourage students to be responsible and to become Model Citizens.


Students must know the addition facts to increase math skills! Try the activity listed below with your child to practice finding sums.



Math @Home

Super Sums
Use only the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, and aces (1s) from a deck of cards. Each player writes the numbers 1-12 on a piece of paper. Then each player picks two cards and adds up the numbers on them. The player can mark off that sum on the paper or cross off the two numbers on the cards. Who will be first to cross off all 12 numbers on the list?

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Parent Pointers Encouraging Children to Read

- ▶ Introduce reluctant readers to nonfiction how-to or fact books that relate to their interests. You might include books about how to draw or how to make balloon animals and books about historical periods or other countries.
- ▶ Start your own private book club by reading the same book at the same time. Hold "meetings" to talk about the book.
- ▶ Use your child's favorite book or series as a theme for a birthday party or other gathering.

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Congratulations! Last week's Primary Academy Weekly Question Winner was **Naethan Mwangi!**

Primary Academy Weekly Question:

Answer the following question, cut it out, and return it to the envelope located outside of Ms. Ambroise's office. Grade 2 and 3 students who correctly answer the weekly question will be entered into a weekly drawing!

Read the sentences in the box below.

Laura began to cry. She hung on to Ma and sobbed, "Oh, will he eat Sukey?"

Which word in the paragraph helps the reader understand the word **sobbed**?

- A. began B. cry C. hung D. eat

Elementary Academy Mrs. Nelson-Below are some ideas to help you talk with your child about how things are going at school. A large part of your child's day is based at school and being able to communicate with him or her about how things are going is key to helping him or her succeed. Please let us know if your child shares concerns because their success is a team effort!

Talking with Your Children about School-By Amy Bizzarri

Between work and school, afterschool activities and errands, it can be difficult to find the time to sit one-on-one, parent and child, to talk school. Yet keeping in close touch on all school matters - social, emotional and academic - is one of the most important ways to be sure that your child is on track and getting the most out of the academic experience. Kevin Chung, a school counselor agrees, "Parents have the most influence in helping their children to make positive choices, in life and in school." Here are some expert ideas for staying in touch with your children about school.

- Focus on listening first, give your child, as well as yourself, time to digest what's been said, then offer your own thoughts and advice, if you deem them necessary. Sometimes kids just want a parent to listen, and nothing more. The key: Be a good listener above all.
- Be familiar with your child's teachers, classmates, and school personnel. Attend open houses and introduce yourself to other parents.
- Do your kids tend to clam up when you ask them about their school lives? Ask them their opinion on something to get the conversation going: Kids - especially pre-teens and teens - love sharing their opinions and having their voices heard.
- Never ask yes/no questions. Ask questions that invite thoughts, opinions, and long-winded answers.
- If your child is encountering a problem at school, ask the most simple question of all: How can I help? Sometimes parents tend to formulate their own solution strategies without the input of the key player in the situation - the child.

Get the Conversation Going on School - Some Questions to Ask Your Kids

- If you could change three things about your school, what would you change?
- Who is considered the friendliest kid in your class? Why? What qualities do you think make a good friend?
- What would you do if you saw or heard someone making fun of another kid in your school?
- Who has been your favorite teacher so far? Why?
- What qualities do you think make a good teacher?
- What qualities do you think make a good student?
- What have you done in school (or school related sport or activity) that you are most proud of this year?
- How much TV do you think you should be allowed to watch per day? How much time do you think you should be allowed to play video games? Do you think that watching too much tv/playing too many video games affects your schoolwork? Why or why not?
- Name three things we could do, as a family, to help you succeed in school.

Junior Academy- Ms. Wright- The 8th grade trip is next and we are booked to go to Rocking Horse Ranch in New York. This is a dude ranch/resort that is run just like a horse ranch with all the horseback riding experiences, also with a water park, indoor and outdoor sporting activities, arcade, water sports and swimming/boating as well as scheduled night-time activities. The anticipated date of the trip is June 4-6, 2012 and a \$40 deposit to hold your child's spot to go was due on Friday November 10th. We have extended the deadline because we are still waiting for a large number of 8th graders to bring in their deposit. The final date that we can accept the money is Tuesday, November 22nd, as we must have it submitted by November 30th in order to reserve our spot. We will fundraise throughout the remainder of the year to cut the cost of the trip for each student. You're encouraged to visit their website at www.rockinghorseranch.com.

Word of the Week: Last week's word of the week was *heed*. The winner and person who best used this word in a sentence was **Kennedy Godwin**. His sentence was: *It's crucial for hockey players to heed their coach's directions*. This week's 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 falter. Please research the definition and use this word in the most creative sentence possible, and place your responses in the envelope outside my office.

The 8th grade student council officers have been elected! Here are the following winners and their role in the council. Congratulations to **Javier Torres** for being elected 8th grade class President. **Alexa MacQuaye** is Vice President, **Shyanne Temple** is the Secretary and **Willemai Dennis** is the Treasurer. Three class liaisons have also been elected, and their main focus is to go between the JA grade levels and discuss student interests and needs and bring that information back to the elected officers. Three substitutes have also been chosen and are in training in case any officer is not or cannot fulfill their duties as a class representative. Congratulations to you all and I look forward to the amazing work you will do as leaders of this school!

Remember to always be kind, safe and responsible and MAKE a great day!