

# Seven Hills Charter Public School

## Save the Date:

- Nov 5: Show Choir and STOMP AIDS Benefit at Mt. Carmel 6pm tickets are \$20 at door
- Nov 8: Trimester 1 ends, Parent Guild Meeting 5pm
- Nov 11: NO SCHOOL
- Nov 14: Roll on America Night 5 to 7pm
- Nov 15: SAC Meeting 5:30
- Nov 17: Family Literacy Night 6pm to 7:30
- Nov 17, 18 and 21: Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 22: SLC's go home, Model Citizens, Staff vs. Student Flag Football Game at East Park
- 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,

Happy reading! Governor Deval Patrick has declared November as Massachusetts Family Literacy Month. He says "An early love of reading is key to a child's development. We use this celebration each year to recognize the important contributions that families make all year round in helping children develop strong literacy skills." Please join us throughout the month for a variety of activities to celebrate this great event. We're excited to host poetry performances, guest authors and our ever so popular Book Fair and Family Literacy Night (November 17th). The MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education suggests the following activities that you can do at home to promote a lifelong love of reading:

- Set aside time each day for literacy related activities, i.e., reading for 30 minutes
- When you watch a video or movie, read the book version and discuss the story
- Share and discuss current news, sports, cultural, or school events
- Host a reading, science, art, dance, or music activity at your home and ask neighbors to take turns as hosts
- Create family portfolios reflecting pictures, stories, poems, and drawings with captions
- Support schools in coordinating family literacy and learning hours before and/or after school
- Develop a family action plan for wellness, i.e., nutrition, stress management, exercise, etc.
- Make regular visits to the library
- Use everyday activities to incorporate literacy, i.e., develop shopping lists, read signs and labels at the grocery store, count money, measure and read recipes when cooking, count and read street signs when traveling, etc.

Enjoy!

Krista Piazza Superintendent

## 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 Monday, November 21st.

## Primary Academy - Ms. Ambroise

Primary Academy students will host a Gallery Walk to showcase their hard work. Please look for more information to come regarding this event. 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.


Have you ever played "I Spy"? Try the activity listed below with your child to give clues about a number and guess what the number is.



**Math @Home**

**Guess If You Can**  
Let your child think of a number between a stated range while you try to guess the number. Ask questions such as *Is it more than 50?*, *Is it an even number?*, *Is it more than 20 but less than 40?*, or *Can you reach it by counting by 3's?* After you guess the number, give the child a chance to ask questions for your secret number.

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**Parent Pointers**  
Promoting Understanding In Math

- ▶ Point out ways you use math in everyday life. When you are shopping together, have your child compare prices and choose the best buys.
- ▶ Give your child the opportunity to handle dollars and cents. Have him or her find the correct amount to pay for a meal or calculate a fair tip.
- ▶ Show your child how to divide a cake or pie into similar pieces for a number of guests. This is fractions at work!

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Congratulations! Last week's Primary Academy Weekly Question Winner was **Clevonne McCloud!**

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!

Read the sentence in the box below.

He reached into a wooden box and handed Father some paper money.

Which of the following words in the sentence is a **noun**?

reached

wooden

handed

money

### Elementary Academy - Mrs. Nelson

November will begin a celebration of learning about poetry and we are fortunate to have visiting Teaching Artist Ilene Miller to kick things off with a poetry workshop in each fourth and fifth grade classrooms. She brings many years of teaching experience as well as a passion for poetry. Ilene will help set the stage for students to discover the richness and variety of language that quality poetry brings. Highlights of the workshops will include powerful images, figurative language, use of senses, rhythm and pattern, connections to students' lives and symbolism. We ask you to support these learning opportunities by talking with your child about what he/she is learning and perhaps sharing a favorite poem!

The end of the first Trimester is just a few days off! You'll shortly receive detailed information about the end of the term. Our Model Citizen Assembly for the Elementary Academy and we encourage one and all to attend!

Please continue to communicate with us through the daily agenda, e-mail and telephone. We value your feedback and partnership!

### Junior Academy -Mrs. Wright

I hope you all fared well in the recent storm and didn't experience too many issues with the loss of power. We were happy to get back to our academic routine and see the eager faces of students on Wednesday morning.

Eighth grade parents, the end of the year trip is booked and information is going home with students on Monday. Please review and send in your child's deposit as quickly as possible. We need to send in the security deposit to the ranch, and will need to know if your child is going. This is a dude ranch/resort that is run just like a horse ranch with all the horseback riding experiences, 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 is due by Friday, November 4th. We will need to fundraise throughout the remainder of the year to cut the cost of the trip for each student. Additional information will be going home next week about the complete cost of the trip and fundraising information. You're encouraged to visit their website at [www.rockinghorseranch.com](http://www.rockinghorseranch.com).

*Word of the Week:* Last week's word of the week was eccentric. The winner and person who best used this word in a sentence was **Kennedy Godwin**. His sentence was: People who pierce their noses, and have a big nose ring hanging from it, look eccentric. 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 egregious. Please research the definition and use this word in the most creative sentence possible, and place your responses in the envelope outside my office.

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

**Parent Guild Update:** Congratulations to Arianna Demoss she is the top seller school wide for our calendar raffle. She will receive a \$100 gift certificate. The following home-rooms were top in their academy and will receive a pizza luncheon: Ms. Slarsky, Ms. Flanagan and Ms. Kelly (tie for PA), Ms. Simon and Ms. Arnold and Ms. Stimpson and Ms. Cicciu. Thank you to everyone who participated in this years fundraiser, we raised \$5000 for future events.

**SKI CLUB:** It is that time of year again! Ms. Yang is organizing our student Ski Club. Lessons will begin in January 2012, every Wednesday afterschool. Please contact Ms. Yang at 508-799-7500 x1117 to sign up!

**Model Citizens:** Our T1 Model Citizens ceremonies will take place on **November 22**, in our gym at the following times:

**Grades 2&3 at 8am**

**Grades 4&5 at 9am**

**Grades 6-8 at 10am**

**Grade K&1 at 11am**