

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

October 2, 2009

Responsibility is our Core Value for October.

Save the Date:	
Oct. 2: World Smile Day; Spelling Bee Study Guides Distributed (The Bee will be in November, during MA Family Literacy Month.) Oct. 6: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM Oct. 7: Grade 1 to Southwick Zoo	Oct. 8: Grade 3 to Plymouth Plantation Oct. 9, 12: NO SCHOOL Oct. 13: Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 Oct. 15: Family Conference & High School Gear Up Night Oct. 23: JA Dance 6:30 - 8:30
Mon. = Day 5 Tue.= Day 6 Wed. = Day 1	Thurs. = Day 2 Fri./Mon. = No School Tue. = Day 3

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

In 1963, Worcester artist, Harvey Ball, designed the Smiley Face. That image went on to become "the most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet." In 1999 Harvey promoted the very first international event devoted solely to celebrating smiles and kind acts throughout the world, World Smile Day. In preparation for tomorrow's event, let's think about how we can make the world a better place through spreading our own smiles and acts of kindness. When we brighten someone else's day, ours becomes brighter as well so SMILE!



Sincerely,
Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Students Devin Shaw, Chairaliz Diaz, Luis Martinez, Kelly Akuffo, Nicholas Ashley, Kelisha Johnston, James Zick, Francisco Vasquez, and Cassandra Robles

Rainbow House News The winner of last week's "la frase secreta" is Sebastian Ortiz.

Heath Department News The nursing department will be pulling students from PE classes this month for height, weight and vision and hearing screenings. Please contact Nurse Yang if you have any questions.



Parent Partnerships October 15th is family conference night. Please be sure to schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress and to learn more about things you can do at home to help them learn in school.

Spelling Bee Study guides are available on the website and in the office. All grade level finalists will compete at our Annual Spelling Bee at the Worcester Public Library in November.

Community Connections Thank you to the Seven Hills Show Choir for spreading your World Smile Day cheer!

Reminders:

- Once you receive your child's MCAS results, please review the MCAS questions online at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2009/release/default.html>
- **The National Junior Honor Society tutoring and homework help program still has room for more participants on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please notify the main office if you'd like your child to stay after for extra help.**
- Please join us on our school fieldtrips! Remember, all chaperones and volunteers must come in once a year to fill out a CORI form and show identification at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event.
- Please only drop off and pick up students on the school side of the building on Eastern Avenue. Please do not cut off buses or block intersection or driveways. Your cooperation is critical to ensure the safety of all students.
- The winter uniform starts October 31. Please review the policy with your children and ensure that they are in compliance. Now that the weather is cooler student should wear a school uniform sweater.

Primary and Elementary Academy: Grades K-5

Long or short sleeve plain (or with school logo) polo shirt that is white, navy or powder blue. (A solid navy sweater may be worn over your polo as needed.)

Navy uniform jumper or uniform slacks with belt.

Junior Academy: Grades 6-8

Long or short sleeve plain (or with school logo) polo shirt that is white, navy or powder blue.

Tan or black uniform skirts or uniform slacks with belt.

(A solid blue, cranberry or white sweater may be worn over your polo as needed.)

Reminders:

- All clothing must be fitted. No oversize shirts, pants or undershirts are permitted.
- Slacks must be uniform style pants. Jeans, cargo pants, capri pants (except May – Oct.), bells, overalls, etc. are not permitted. Pants with belt loops should be belted at the waist.
- The only uniform shirt is a polo shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. Undershirts may not be viewable.
- Shorts that are no more than 2 inches above the knee may be worn in May-October.
- Sneakers must be worn at all times. (Winter boots are permitted.)

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

SHCPS Weekly Challenge

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

Grades K, 1: Choose 9 letters of the alphabet. Write a letter in each box and draw (or cut out and paste) a picture of something starting with that letter.

Grades 2-8: Go to <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html> and review MCAS test items (grade 2 should look at the grade 3 test). Pick out three questions from each subject and answer them in the space below.
