



# Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2009

Respect is our Core Value for November.

## Save the Date!


Nov. 1: Turn Back the Clocks 1 Hour  
 Nov. 2: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM  
 Nov. 9: Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 PM  
 Nov. 10: Half Day for Students; Staff vs. Student Flag Football Game  
 Nov. 11: No School  
 Nov. 16,17,18: Bookfair  
 Nov. 17: Family Literacy Night 6:00 PM  
 Nov. 19: School Advisory Council 5:30 PM  
 Nov. 20: Last Day of Term 1  
 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,

November is Massachusetts Family Literacy Month! There is no greater gift you can give a child than the  gift of reading. Reading to and with your youngsters can build habits that will last a lifetime. Once a child is hooked on reading, s/he will never be bored again. A whole world of adventure, mystery, intrigue and drama is at his / her fingertips! To learn more about how to unlock this wonderful world, join in our Seven Hills Literacy Challenge.

This year's challenge will run from November (Family Literacy Month) to March (Read Across America Month). Each month will have a special theme. Select books about that theme and go to [think.com](http://think.com) to engage in online conversations with SHCPS staff and students about the books you are reading. The theme for November is "Teams and Teamwork."

Happy reading!

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

**Star Students** Congratulations to Katherine Rodriguez,

**Rainbow House News:** Star students for this week are Michelle Mont, Luis Ortiz and Chairaliz Diaz Reyes.

### **Parent Partnerships Come One, Come All ... to our annual Family Literacy Night and Scholastic Book Fair!**

Shop at our Scholastic Book Fair and listen to a story read by one of our staff members. Everyone come in your pajamas and bring a blanket. Junior Academy will be treated to a reading by our very own, Ms. Hinds. Parents will attend a Parent Workshop, Shop at the Book Fair and be treated to coffee or hot chocolate. Every child will receive cookies and milk and a Pajama Pass; this will entitle them to wear pajamas on Friday, November 20th. Members of our National Junior Honor Society will assist you at the door. So, preview the available books by reading over the Scholastic flyer and we will see you in your pajama's.

**Date: Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 - Students must be accompanied by a parent!**

### **Reminders**

- Spelling Bee Study Guides are available in the Main Office or through the school's website. Study well!
- Nurse Yang is still accepting signups for the SHCPS Ski/Snowboard Club. Contact her at x1117 for details.
- Mr. McGann is still collecting recyclable cans to raise money for instruments.
- **Riding the school bus is a privilege!** The school bus is an extension of the classroom and students are required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the schools Code of Conduct - Be safe! Be Kind! Be Responsible!
- **Going Trick or Treating? Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.**

1. **Only** trick or treat during designated hours.
2. **DO NOT** cut through back alleys and fields.
3. **Stay** in well lighted areas.
4. Small children should **never** be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
5. **DO NOT** eat any treats until you are home

- and an adult examines your candy/treats.
6. Never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
7. Always carry a flashlight, glow stick or have reflective tape on your costume to be more visible to cars.

## **Consejos para leer con su hijo/a**

### ***¡Anime a sus hijos a leer! Encourage your children to read!***

Construir destrezas fuertes de lectura y un interés en la lectura es una de las cosas más importantes que un padre puede hacer para el desarrollo académico de sus hijos. Hay muchas maneras de ayudar a sus hijos a desarrollar interés en la lectura.

- Permita que el niño escoja el libro para leer. Ficción está bien, pero no ficción, biografías, ciencia e historia son gran tópico también.
- Demuestre que le gusta leer. Aparte tiempo cada semana para leer un libro de su preferencia mientras su hijo/a está leyendo.
- Lea un cuento a su niño/a. Trate de leer un capítulo cada noche en el tiempo de acostarse como una rutina nocturna.
- Visite su biblioteca pública. ¡Es el mejor entretenimiento de verano!
- Permita que su hijo/a construya su propia biblioteca separando un librero para sus libros "especiales".

***¿ Tiene un lector renuente?*** Estas estrategias pueden ayudarle:

- Mire el libro antes de que su hijo/a comience la lectura. Adivine que puede suceder y quienes podrán ser los personajes. Cuando el niño/a termine el libro permítale contarle que usted estuvo acertada o no con sus predicciones.
- Construya el vocabulario de su hijo/a. ¡Introduzca nuevas palabras cada día y úselas!
- La música y rima ayudan a su joven hijo/a a desarrollar destrezas fuertes de lectura, especialmente cuando en voz alta.
- Anime la lectura con una tabla usando etiquetas u otro indicador para el progreso de su hijo/a. Recuerde también, que no hay sustituto para elogiar el éxito en la lectura.

### **Grades K-2**

Para más ideas visite <http://www.teachersandfamilies.com>

Duck in the Truck - (ISBN: 978-1933605760) by Jez Alborough

Zinnia and Dot - (ISBN: 978-0670830916) by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Swimmy - (ISBN: 978-0394826202) by Leo Lionni

A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog - (ISBN: 978-0140546118) by Mercer Mayer

### **Grades 3,4**

Let the Games Begin - (ISBN: 978-0881060683) by Maja Ajmera

Arthur Makes the Team - (ISBN: 978-0316115513) by Marc Brown

Two Heads are Better than One - (ISBN: 978-0689823428) by H. B. Homzie

When Picasso Met Mootisse - (ISBN: 978-0811811217) by Nina Laden

Frog and Toad are Friends - (ISBN: 978-1559942294) by Arnold Lobel

### **Grades 5,6**

Mission Control, This Is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon - (ISBN: 978-0670011568) by Chaikin

Granny Torelli Makes Soup - (ISBN: 978-0439649315) by Sharon Creech

The Wheel on the School - (ISBN: 978-0064400213) by Meindert Dejong

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution - (ISBN: 978-0698116245) by Jean Fritz

### **Grades 7,8**

The Other Half of Me - (ISBN: 978-0385734462) by Emily Franklin

Freak the Mighty - (ISBN: 978-0439286060) by Rodman Philbrick

Wrestling Sturbridge - (ISBN: 978-0679885559) by Rich Wallace

Bat 6 - (ISBN: 978-0590898003) by Virginia Euwer Wolff

## **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.