

# THE TORCH



## From the Executive Director

Hello SHPA Families,

This winter season has presented some challenges of late, and I would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation as we monitored weather events and made decisions based upon student safety first and foremost. I am grateful for our Principals, bus providers, and main office personnel as well as our teachers and staff for their responsive communication and positive collaboration managing these weather situations. I also want to acknowledge our parents' cooperation in adhering to our established pickup and drop-off procedures as these are in place to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of all of our students.

February marks Black History Month and we will be honoring and celebrating the many contributions of African Americans to our communities, our country, and our world. We were deeply moved and inspired to continue our equity work following the wise and generous and courageous participation of our guests who served on our first equity conversation panel, and we look forward to future opportunities to learn and grow as more inclusive and just persons and professionals. As the great writer, James Baldwin, reminds us, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Thank you!  
Carl Schlueter

### CIVITAS FAIR

This is a new event for Seven Hills families to share & celebrate their traditions and cultures with the rest of the Seven Hills Richfield Campus Community! Civitas Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 26.

If you would like to operate a booth or host a demonstration at the SHPA Richfield Campus, please fill out the attached form and submit to Seven Hills Richfield Campus, Martine Walker, no later than February 14, 2019.

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Feria de Civitas: un evento para que las familias compartan sus tradiciones y culturas con el resto de la comunidad del campus de Seven Hills Richfield.

Si desea operar un puesto o presentar una demostración en la Feria de Civitas SHPA Richfield Campus el martes, 26 de febrero, complete el formulario y envíelo a Seven Hills Richfield Campus, Martine Walker, a más tardar el 14 de febrero de 2019.

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We will also be host a Book Swap during Civitas. Please bring a book to swap for a new book.

If you have additional questions after reviewing the attachments, feel free to contact Martine Walker, our Kindergarten Teacher, at [mwalker@shpamn.org](mailto:mwalker@shpamn.org).

## DATES AHEAD

**February 9**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**4:00 – 8:00 pm**  
**Fat Lorenzo's**

**February 11**  
**Board Meeting**  
**(rescheduled)**

**February 18**  
**No School**  
**Presidents' Day**

**March 1, 2019**  
**No School**  
**Teacher Workshop**

**March 7**  
**Board Meeting**



