

THE TORCH



From the Executive Director

APRIL 2019

SHPA Parents!

You will soon receive an email containing the annual parent survey, which we hope you consider taking the time to complete. Each year, we invite our parents to provide us with constructive feedback on what we are doing well and where we need to improve. The results of the survey are then reviewed by the Board and administration and used to guide actions and initiatives going forward. This year, we are pleased to offer a survey that will enable parents to access the survey in multiple languages. Please watch for the parent survey email next week and thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us!

We received some very good news over the break. The Minnesota Department of Education has recognized SHPA as 1 of 29 High Quality Charter Schools, placing our school among the top 15% of charter public schools in the State of Minnesota! The eligibility requirements to receive High-Quality Charter School status include academic growth and proficiency as well as progress toward closing the achievement gaps in addition to proven performance in the areas finance and compliance.

Kudos! The credit goes to everyone—from our tremendous teachers and staff, to our dedicated administration, to our strong board of directors, and, of course, our wonderful students and families—this is a community-wide achievement to celebrate!

Warmly,
Carl Schlueter

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is next week!

Our last book fair of the year is next week, Thursday and Friday. See below for additional details. All kindergarten-3rd grade students will visit the book fair during the day with their media class. Students are allowed to bring money in a ziplock baggie on those days to go book shopping. This sale is a BOGO so it is a great way to stock up on books for the summer! Parents are also invited to shop after school on Thursday. New this year is the e-wallet. It lets parents go online ahead of time and set the limit for spending on a credit card. Check out the link for more information!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sevenhillsprepacdrichfield>

SHPA-Richfield Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, April 11th, 8am - 7:30pm
Friday, April 12th, 8am - 4pm

DATES AHEAD

- April 8
Governance Committee
5:00 pm
Bloomington Campus
- April 8
PR Committee
6:00 pm
Bloomington Campus
- April 11
Kindergarten Round Up
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Richfield
Campus
- April 11
Annual Special Education
Advisory Council Meeting
6:00 pm
Bloomington Campus
- April 30
Finance Committee
6:00 pm
Bloomington Campus
- May 2
School Board Elections,
Online
- May 2
School Board Meeting
6:00 pm
Bloomington Campus
- May 3
Makeup Day Due to
Weather with 1:30 pm Early
Release

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL March VIPs

Kindergarten: Khaylan, Yasna, Amelia, Allan

First Grade: Lucy, Aeris, Kerin, Dani

Second Grade: Sofia, Allison, Cypress, Glenn

Third Grade: Ja'Mondre, Bea, Nolawi, Dania

OUT of UNIFORM DAY

Students can buy a pass for our next out of uniform day on Friday, April 12. Flyers have been sent home with students. You can also [link to the flyer](#).

PTA UPDATE

Spring Book Fairs: We need volunteers to help cover the Scholastic Book Fair at both campuses on April 9th - 12th! Sign-up at <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com>. Invitation Code: 7HillsMMVI. Reminder-- you need to have a current background check because we will be working with the students. Please email Krista Hong at volunteercoordinator@shpamn.org to see the status of your background check or to fill out paperwork for a new background check.

Spring Dine-to-Donate: Join the PTA in a fundraiser to support SHPA at Culvers on Monday, April 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. SHPA will receive 10% of ALL sales during this event!

PTA Meeting: The next PTA meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Bloomington Campus. Remember that there is free child care for all potty-trained children.

Boosterthon Fun-Run: It's that time of year again to start getting ready for the Boosterthon Fun-Run. Events start with a Pep Rally for the students on Wednesday, May 8th, with the Fun-Run happening on Friday, May 17th! Look for more information in the coming weeks.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Seven Hills Preparatory Academy invites you to join us at the Bloomington Campus for our Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meeting. Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. Read [this letter](#) for more details.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Next School Board Meeting
Thursday, May 2 at 6 pm, Bloomington Campus

School Board Elections for open positions will be held on Thursday May 2, 2019. Please stay tuned for further information regarding the candidates and the electronic voting process.

SHPA School Board Meeting Minutes

<http://sevenhillspreparatoryacademy.org/about-our-school/board-of-directors/#executive>

Meet a Board Member

Jeffrey Miller, Parent Member

Current term: 2018—2021, Committees served on: PR, Governance and Facilities Committees,

Connection to SHPA: 3 children enrolled at Bloomington Campus: Kindergarten, 2nd grade, & 5th grade

Fun Fact: I've lived, studied, vacationed, and worked in over 20 countries.

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