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The searchable student directory is now up and running with 2011-12 family information.

Please click here to go to the front page of the school website (left side) and find your friends!

Thanks to Melanie for doing all the hard work!

Calendar

- 9/26 7/8 Volleyball at Longfellow
 Jags Football vs Orinda @ Seven Hills
- 9/27 [Parent Lecture Series](#) - Christine Carter
- 9/28 7/8 Volleyball at Stanley
 Disaster Practice Day Postponed to a later date
- 9/29 5th Grade to Lesher
 Free Zumba Class for Adults - 415pm, Tenvold
 MS Mid-Quarter Progress Reports
- 9/30 1st Grade to Ardenwood Historic Park
- 10/3-7 6th Grade Outdoor Trip
 7th Grade Civil War Week
- 10/4 PIA Meeting 830am
- 10/4-7 8th Grade Ashland Trip

School Calendar

MS Calendar

Hunt Hall Construction Progress

Here's an update from the construction site:

Concrete for the raised seating was poured and forms were stripped. This concrete echoes the detailing of the administration wing and will soon receive wood framing on top, where it is exposed to the building exterior.

Four columns were set as part of the concrete pour, in order to accept glue lam beams which support the structure of the front of the building and its window system.

Exposed wood trusses which will be visible in the 2nd floor classrooms arrived on site and are being assembled.

School Notes

Notes from Lower School Head: Please check out [Karen Malin's new web page](#) for her reflections on our Lower School program. Each month, Karen will write about areas of interest to Lower School parents and educators. If you have questions or ideas for future missives, please [drop Karen a line](#). Happy Reading!

Zumba: Ditch the workout and join the party! On Thursday, September 29th, 415pm to 515pm, we are holding an adults-only Zumba demonstration class in Tenvold. If we see lots of interest, we will plan an 8-week class this Fall. Please [click here](#) to let us know you'll join us.



Renee's Reflections: Two weeks ago, you received a note from Renee Ramig, Director of Technology. Each month of the school year, Renee plans to send a note which 1) addresses questions she's hearing from the Seven Hills community, 2) highlights academic projects which have used technology in an innovative way and 3) looks up and out at what's at the next intersection of



technology and education. We will archive Renee's Reflections on a dedicated webpage; please [click here](#) to keep up on Renee's Reflections.

Lower School Art Program: Alyssa Gangemi, Seven Hills' new LS art teacher, has just posted a syllabus for each grade, K-5. Please [click here](#) to get a sense of your child's experience in the LS Art program. Also, be sure to check out the new art gallery in the Admin Building - Seven Hills 2nd graders recently completed a project called, "Lines and Landscapes" and 3rd graders just finished "Powerful Patterns." Please don't hesitate to [contact Alyssa](#) with any questions or kudos you'd like to send her way!

Community Service Opportunity: Whether you're a Middle School student in search of community service hours, or a Seven Hills family looking for a way to give back, here's a great event for you: the City of Walnut Creek is hosting a Community Service Day on October 1st. [Click here](#) to find the right opportunity for you. From animals to arts, from libraries to landscaping, there's something for everyone.

Instrumental Music Program The Instrumental Music Program is just beginning its lesson program for the year. If you have not yet contacted Norma Bristol for lessons and are interested in having your son or daughter participate, please [email Norma](#) or call the music office at ext. 4918. We offer piano, strings, band instrument, guitar and drum instruction to the students of Seven Hills School. The program has a new guitar and drum teacher, Matt Scrabis. The students met him last Thursday in an instrument demonstration. If you have a 3rd - 5th grader interested in playing, please let Norma know.

MS P.E. Uniforms: If you've ordered a P.E. uniform and haven't yet received it, never fear...the shipment is late but should be distributed to students on Wednesday. Please contact [Audrey Kaune-Smith](#) with any questions.

PIA - Stay Informed. Get Involved. 100% Participation!

Next PIA Meeting Tuesday, October 4th
8:30am
Please join us!

Please [click here](#) to read the minutes

from the September meeting.

Parent Lecture Series - Tuesday, September 27th 645pm: We're sold out for the first of three speakers as we hear Christine Carter speak on "Raising Happiness: 10 Simple Steps for More Joyful Kids and Happier Parents." Christine is a sociologist and happiness expert at UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center and focuses on happiness, emotional intelligence and resilience in her work. If you're interested in attending one or both of the next two lectures, please [click here](#) for more information.

Campus Work Day: Please join us Saturday October 15th, from 9am to 2pm, as we spruce up the Seven Hills campus. Organizers will have a list of mini-projects that need your attention. Whether you've got your own tool belt or get nervous at the sight of a socket wrench, we've got the project for you! This initiative is especially good for working parents and Middle School students in search of community service hours. Seven Hills needs YOU! Please [RSVP to Michael Chamberlain](#) if you can join us.

Halloween Festival: It's coming up on October 27th and we are looking for volunteers to run the boo-ths! If you or a friend are interested please [click here](#) to see the current Boo-th Captain list and [email Amy Cupples-Rubiano and Tony Benavides](#). If you don't have the time to volunteer on the day of the event, we have lots of other ways that you can help out, just let us know that you are interested and we'll let you know what fun things are on our wishlist! Questions about the Festival? Please feel free to [email us](#) at any time!

Thanks: 384 student photos in one day?? No problem if Audrey Kaune-Smith, Kris Earle and their troops are running the show! Thanks to these wonderful parent volunteers, Picture Day went off without a hitch. If your child needs a re-take or missed the opportunity, there will be a follow-up on November 2nd. -----

Submit [volunteer hours](#) here!

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Find what you need on the [Seven Hills website](#)

Offer [suggestions](#) that would make
Seven Hills
a better school and community!

Overheard at a 4th grade science observation of local habitats, at a Heather Farm pond: "I had no idea there was so much life here!"