

March 19, 2017

Dear Silver Hill Families,

Thank you to the Board members of our Foundation, Beth Gomes, Kristin Murphy, Helen Zbitnoff, Devan Ferreira, Donna Kelleher, Steve Chmielecki, Maureen Stillwell and Danny Richer, for organizing another fun filled fundraiser at The Barking Dog Ale House! All funds raised by the SHHMCS Foundation, Inc. help financially support our school's yearly operating expenses* (*expenses such as an annual audit, state mandated data entry etc. and not included in our annual budget funds from HPS) which usually total \$25,000; in addition to raising funds for technology. It's quite a challenge to meet these financial needs, but the SHHMCS Foundation is working hard to make sure that our school can continue to meet its mission and provide an exceptional education for our children! The SHHMCS Foundation is a non-profit, 501c3 organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. If you'd like to be involved with the Foundation, reach out! shhmcsfoundation@gmail.com

Tomorrow, March 20th, 6:29 AM is the March equinox, the official First Day of Spring! You can even visit the Old Farmer's Almanac web site for a live streaming of a telescope show starting at 4:30 PM. *CELEBRATING THE MARCH EQUINOX:*

*Watch the equinox show below on March 20 to celebrate the arrival of spring! With our friends at Slooh (and their giant telescopes!), we'll hear from Almanac editor Janice Stillman, who will discuss this season of rebirth, and Almanac astronomer Bob Berman, who will tell us all about the phenomenon that makes this possible while gazing on live views of our Sun. Plus, witness one of the most amazing sights in the night sky—the **magical Northern Lights** live from the arctic circle. Slooh will explain this amazing natural spectacle as we watch high-energy particles from the Sun rain down and light up Earth's upper atmosphere! <http://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>.*

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you during our Conference night this Thursday, March 23. You should have received an appointment time from your child's teacher. If Conference night is not a convenient time to discuss your child's progress, please be sure to contact your child's teacher either by phone (978-374-3448), or via e-mail. Our web site has directions for e-mailing all staff. The partnership between home and school is so important for a safe, happy, and rewarding learning experience for your child! <http://silverhill.haverhill-ps.org/shhmcs-staff/>

The snowed out Coffee with the Principal to learn more about our Social-Emotional Learning has been rescheduled to April 5th at 5:30. Look for the RSVP flyer in your child's backpack.

Be sure to visit the Book Fair, running from March 22 through March 29. Lots of great reading!

Happy Spring!

Margaret

Planning Ahead:

April 4 – Grade 4 Trip to Lowell Mills

April 4 – Board Meeting 5:30

April 5 – Coffee with the Principal - SEL, PBIS 5:30

April 10 – PTO Meeting 6:00

April 11 – Grade 4 Trip to Lowell Mills

April 12 – New Student Kindergarten Information Night 5:30 – 7:00

April 13 – ROARS Assembly (Responsibility)

April 13 – Kindergarten – New England Aquarium – In school field trip

April 14 – Good Friday – No School

April 17 – 21 - Vacation

April 29 – Mount Washington Alliance Health Fair – Held at Silver Hill – More details to come!