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Dear Silver Hill Families,

Today, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Emmaus House will be holding an Information Fair at Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White Street with tables set up for all non-profit organizations that provide services to Haverhill families. We will have a table and will be sharing our brochures and applications, and would love the support of Silver Hill families and staff. If you can help at the table for just 30 minutes or more it would be greatly appreciated! We'll be setting up at 9:30 and the fair is from 10 am until noon. We can head on over to STUFT after for some amazing Mexican food to support the PTO restaurant night! :)

Sara Sanchez has been making calls to families to be sure that we have accounted for all siblings who wish to attend Silver Hill beginning in the the 2017-2018 year. The number of siblings waiting to enter determines the number of openings we will fill during the lottery process, so it is critical that we have everyone accounted for before the February 10 lottery. Please contact Sara at 978-374-3448 if you are not sure that we have your sibling information. Thank you!

The spring MCAS 2.0 schedule for grades 3-5 is posted on our website. Part of the formula for determining a school's MCAS level status is based on participation. We request that you do not plan any vacations or medical appointments for your child/children during these dates. More information will be coming home as we get closer to the dates.

It was brought to my attention at the last PTO meeting that people may not be aware the Silver Hill has it's own Facebook page! It can either be accessed through our web site or directly through FB. Sara Sanchez is our webmaster, and the site is updated frequently with upcoming events, classroom activities, all school happenings, and reminders from our Foundation and PTO. We also have lots of great photos of our students!! Like us at **Silver Hill Horace Mann Charter School!**

Our last two Open Houses brought out many prospective new families! We had wonderful volunteers representing our school, and the students did a job of answering questions, giving helpful information, leading families on tours of the school, and showing everyone what amazing students we have at Silver Hill! One parent commented how impressed she and her husband were with "the passion the students showed for their school". It's moments like that when I am ESPECIALLY proud to be the principal of Silver Hill! Many thanks to our volunteer parents and faculty, Helen Zbitnoff, Judy Tracey, Sara Sanchez, Mandy Bentley, Kerry Heusser, Rosanna Antonelli, Paul Corriveau, Kerri Alves, Jillian Herbert, and Jennifer Russell. Special thanks to Angie Estevez from the Mt Washington Alliance, who attended both Open House dates to share information about the Alliance and the importance of families having access to local resources. And a huge ROAR to our student ambassadors, Mason

Holmes, Anushey Zahid, Diana Moreira, Jazmin Castro-Rocha, Nicole Thellen, Abby Lancaster, Laney Santomassino, Olivia Jones, and Wilco, Spencer, and James Zbitnoff! You did the school proud!

This month's Coffee with the Principal is Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be an informational presentation about our new online math program, STMath. Dan Rosson, our STMath representative and Daniela Murphy, our math coach and interventionist, will share facts and let you try out this fun and engaging program. Dan has asked that for this session, we only invite parents/guardians of the grades 2-5 students who are currently using the program. Please RSVP by tomorrow, January 17, so Dan knows how many handouts he will need.

Our first AppleSeed Literary Magazine Launch of this year is Thursday night, January 19. The AppleSeed is AppleSeed is a regional literary magazine showcasing the creative talents of third, fourth, and fifth grade students from the 19 elementary schools in the communities served by the CREST Collaborative's Enrichment Partnership: Lawrence, Andover, and Methuen, Haverhill, St. Augustine School (Andover), Spofford Pond School (Boxford), Sacred Hearts School (Haverhill) and Saint Michael School (North Andover). Silver Hill participates through a grant. Thank you to Suzanne Hickey and Paul Corriveau, our AppleSeed School Advisors. Congratulations to Mikayla DeFrank, Lila Dion, Nathan DiVincentis, Neishyaley Gomez, Chloe Lawson, Taylor Lewis, Myan Pham, Cayla Ngunu, and Sophia Smolar for having their writing/art work chosen for this magazine!

There is still time to donate to SHHMCS Foundation's Annual Campaign and if you do so before March 1, Home Care Specialists, Inc., a local business, has generously offered to fully match all donations to our Annual Giving campaign up to \$5,000--double the value of your gift to our school just by donating once! Please remember to also check with your employer offers to match your charitable contributions. Thank You!!

Many thanks again to Richard Sadek and Laura Nephew who will be our basketball coaches for grade 5 students. Be on the look out for information to be sent home soon!

Thank you to all of you who have donated copy paper....truly appreciated!

Have a great week,

Margaret

... *I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.*

*I have a dream today.*

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963, Washington, DC