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Taking Time to Remember, by Kevin Deane, Principal

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." **Joshua 4:4-7**

Hello, Friends of Hunting Park Christian Academy!

Remembering is a good thing – it can keep us humble, thankful, and joyful. It's funny, when I think about God parting the waters, I usually think of Moses with his arms stretched out over the Red Sea. But in Joshua, we see God's mighty hand again. This time, God asks Joshua to make a memorial out of stones so that future generations will know the power and might of the Lord. Our God is a God of remembrance.

Here, nearing the end of HPCA's 2010-2011 school year, I want to take time to remember. I would like this letter to hold some "Stones of Remembrance," so that we may see and know the strength of God and His work in Hunting Park.

- **The Lord has been so faithful.** He has provided energy and strength to faculty, staff, administration, parents, and students, especially when most needed. He has also provided for our needs in multiple ways.
- **Our students have continued to grow.** A large majority of our students are achieving and/or advancing above the national levels in both reading and math, which is a testament to the students' and teachers' hard work.
- **Jen Deane has finished her time here as HPCA's Director of Development.** God has used Jen over the past three years to clearly cast our school's vision to many people. We are so thankful for her belief and devotion to the mission of HPCA, and we will miss her.
- **Our partners have been dedicated.** Thank you for your continued and trustworthy support!

The Lord has been at work here, and I believe He is not finished. While the school year is ending, our operations continue through the summer months. Typically, summer months are when we require additional help financially. **At this time, as we remember this year and look hopefully and in anticipation toward the next, would you consider supporting our school with prayer, time and talent, or a financial gift?** Thank you again for your unfailing partnership and your willingness to help provide stones of remembrance for our school community. I truly look forward to what the Lord will continue to do in the Hunting Park community and specifically at HPCA.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- Help us reach our goal of raising a remaining \$40,000 in general operating funds by making a financial gift.
- Send us your used ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling.
- Use goodshop.com when making online purchases. A percentage of your purchase will go to HPCA.
- Join our prayer team. We have a group of people committed to pray on a specific day each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
June 16th, 10:00 AM

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION
June 17th, 10:30 AM

Mission Statement: Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality, Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL!

By Katharine Oswald

On May 25th, our new student council officers were installed. When I sat down with them shortly after the election results were announced, it was evident that they are looking forward to their leadership roles at HPCA next year.

President Travis ran at the encouragement of his friends. Vice-President Adianez saw running for student council as an opportunity to give back to HPCA. Our new secretary, Samara, wants to keep the council organized and our treasurer, Janiza, plans to help by keeping track of funds and assisting with school fundraisers, because she “knows how important they are to the life of the school.”



From left: Adianez, Samara, Travis, Janiza

This vibrant group of young leaders want younger students to enjoy HPCA as much as they have. They will accomplish this through creative and educational student activities, and by making sure all students have a say in what goes on in the school. By sitting with them over our brief interview, I can tell that this group of friends and visionaries will contribute greatly to the school next year!

JOY IN SERVICE

By Claire Johnson

The Lord is good to meet our needs. Retirement brings time to reach out in new directions. I asked the Lord for part-time work in an evangelical ministry. I agreed that if needed, traveling over half an hour would be ok. His answer was a drive down Roosevelt Boulevard to HPCA to tutor fourth and fifth graders in reading.



Reading and math are all-important to the learning experience. I enjoy teaching children and learning from them. It is an awesome privilege helping children grasp a new concept and put it to use. Some of the children's reading disabilities have made me realize what a tremendous gift God gives with the ability to read and understand the written word.

Knowing that HPCA students are growing spiritually through prayer, Bible reading, Chapel, and being able to experience God working through these young ones is extremely gratifying.

Claire, a member of Langhorne Presbyterian Church, has been volunteering three days per week at HPCA. We so appreciate her faithful service and dedication to the school.

RACE FOR EDUCATION 2011



On May 5th, 2011, HPCA held its 6th Annual Race for Education. Grades Pre-K through 8th each ran for one hour with the support of their sponsors.

This year, we also had 13 “special runners,” adults who ran alongside our students and raised money for HPCA. Together, participants ran a total of 2,854 laps and we have reached our goal of raising \$25,000! Thank you!

Many thanks to our business sponsor and volunteers, including Chick-Fil-A in the Gallery at Market East, a group from Langhorne Presbyterian Church, Navy representatives, our special runners, and the many parent supporters.

Check out the video at www.hpcaphilly.org/mediagallery.cfm.