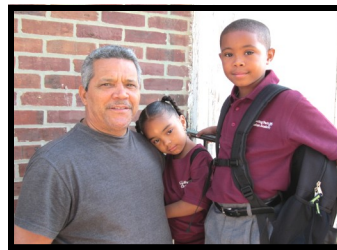
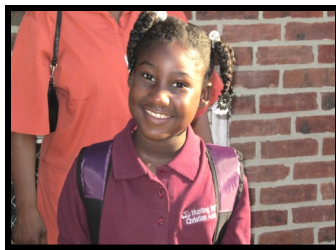




HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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God's Presence in His Process at HPCA

By Kevin Deane, Principal

Hello, Friends of Hunting Park Christian Academy!

Today was HPCA's annual whole-school picture. Each student and staff member walked three blocks to Hunting Park, stood on the side of a hill, and our photograph was taken. 200 students, ten teachers, two aides, tutors, and administrators, all unified for one big photo. It is an invigorating event.

When we receive the print in a few months, we will see a still-frame of all of us together. We will all be looking at the camera, smiling. What will not be visible, however, is the work involved in achieving that photo – organizing the day and classes, middle-school students helping walk the younger grades to the park, and the numerous “keep your hands by your side” commands uttered by the photographer.

So often in life, we give most of our attention to the result, the photo. It makes sense. After all, it is what we are working toward, and it is the evidence of a job done. **But I am reminded that the Lord is also at work in the process itself. He has called us to work in His field, to till the ground and plant and care for the seed. At the end of the season, we will see the fruit. But in the middle of the work, God is with us.** He does not just show up at the end when the work is done and the crop is ready. And there is a lot of work being done.

HPCA's theme this year is “**One Body in Christ.**” We want to see the end result of the work – a school body that displays unity. But if we were able to take snapshots throughout this year, much more would be revealed. We would see what unity, as well as education, truly costs. We would see children struggling with right vs. wrong, teachers counseling students through conflict resolution, and students sacrificing their own gain to help others. We would see our Student Government Association planning events and activities for the students, teachers preparing our new Math Club, and parents leading charges to improve the school. We would see that God is at work in the process. He has brought all of these people together at this time for His children and His purpose.

When the school photograph is framed and delivered to our office, we will see the 200 students, ten teachers, two aides, tutors, and administrators. But unseen in that picture will be all of those who support Hunting Park Christian Academy – those who volunteer, who pray, who donate, who spread the word. You are all part of the work behind who we are. **There is no picture without you.** Thank you for answering God's call to work for His Kingdom!

I want to encourage you to continue (or begin) working with us at HPCA. Your partnership is such a great part of our “One Body.” There are many ways to get involved, from joining our monthly prayer team to sponsoring a student's scholarship. You could volunteer or become a monthly donor. I invite you to pray and consider how you might join the work taking place in Hunting Park. There is truly no contribution too big or too small.

Thank you again. Please pray for an effective year accomplishing our mission. God bless you.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year our scholarship need is \$53,000 to allow Christian education to be accessible to those who cannot afford it. Here is how **you** can help make HPCA more affordable:

- **Business Owners:** Use your tax dollars to provide scholarships to our students through EITC.
- **Join our Scholarship Club:** Become a monthly donor in the amount of \$50, \$100, or \$150 to provide one student a scholarship this year. You will also receive a quarterly update from a student who is benefitting from your gift.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Gathering

Friday, November 18
7:00 P.M.

Supplee
Presbyterian Church

Please R.S.V.P. to
Jamison Parker at
215-324-9180 or
dod@hpcaphilly.org

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.

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

As a new school year begins we would like to offer a genuine thank you to all those who have faithfully given of their time, talents, and ability to HPCA. The school year would not be possible without our many generous donors and volunteers.



This year, the students will be benefitting from new school supplies, building maintenance, and numerous volunteer hours. As we celebrate our unity in the body of Christ we feel blessed to know that HPCA is united with and supported by so many churches and individuals across the Philadelphia region.

Thank you again to all of the churches, individuals, and families who faithfully and cheerfully give to Hunting Park Christian Academy!

MAURICE ROMY GRANT

This year we are excited to announce that the Maurice Romy Foundation has awarded HPCA a \$10,000 technology grant! With this award we have been able to acquire some exciting new technology for our students. In addition to three computer carts and nine laptop computers, this grant has allowed us to purchase three Mimio Teach Boards and projectors. These Interactive "smart" boards give our teachers and students the ability to enhance their learning experience in creative new ways.

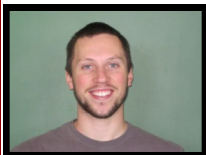
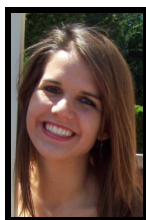


As you can see from our picture, the students are already benefitting from these new additions to the classroom. We are truly thankful to the Maurice Romy Foundation for gifting us with the ability to purchase these educational tools.

HPCA NEWEST TEACHERS

On September 1st, we celebrated the start of a new school year with three new teachers joining the HPCA staff.

Molly Baker is a recent graduate of the University of Delaware. She joins the HPCA staff as our new 2nd grade teacher.



Brandon Heitz joins us after completing two years in the Teach For America program. He will be serving as the 6th grade homeroom teacher as well as the Middle School Language Arts teacher.

Tom Strube, a native of Kennet Square, joins HPCA as our new 4th grade teacher. Tom brings great experience and enthusiasm to the classroom.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

It is always exciting to welcome new students to the HPCA community. This year we are excited to welcome many new students including Serenity who is in Ms. Gonzalez's 5th grade class.

Serenity is excited to be at HPCA and appreciates that "everyone is really nice to me." She told me one of her favorite parts about HPCA is "that we all pray together." Serenity said that her teacher, Ms. Gonzalez is "fantastic and helps me to learn a lot."



We are so blessed to begin the 2011-2012 school year with full classes once again!