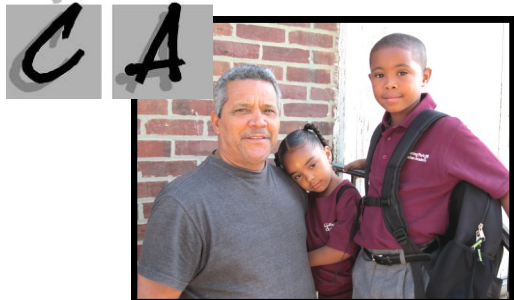


HPC HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Transforming Hearts and Minds



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Abundant Showers, by Kevin Deane, Principal

Psalm 68:9-10

*You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.
Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.*

Greetings, friends and family of HPCA!

I am so thankful! I am thankful that God has called so many people to the mission of Hunting Park Christian Academy, from on-the-ground workers to distant supporters, and everyone in between. I am also thankful that HPCA is not an isolated ministry in Hunting Park. So much is going on in our community, and these verses from Psalm 68 remind me of what the Lord is up to. I will not presume to add to the beauty and reality of the verses above, but I would like to show you how God is at work in Hunting Park.

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

In ways that we may never know, God has prepared this section of Philadelphia for His work. This world and city and neighborhood are God's creations, and He has used His Spirit and His people to pour revitalizing life back into the land.

Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

God placed His people in Hunting Park, and He is providing for us. God is rich, so there is no lack in His provision. Within a two-block stretch from the corner of 6th and Cayuga Streets, God has established:

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| +Hunting Park Christian Academy | +Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church |
| +Ayuda Community Center | +OKA (Orange Korner Arts program) |
| +Legal Clinic | +Simple Cycle (ministry through bicycle repair) |
| +Esperanza Health Center | +Joy In The City ministry and education center |

There are also many churches and other services dotting the surrounding blocks. God is at work providing for us here In Hunting Park.

I am thankful that you are truly a part of the provision and a part of the work God is doing here. HPCA's theme this year (our 13th year!) has been "One Body in Christ." God provides for the poor through all the different parts of the body, near and far. So thank you for your time, effort, prayers, and support of HPCA. **I would ask you to pray and consider how you can continue (or begin) supporting HPCA through the summer months and into the next school year.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Deane

UPCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
June 12th

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION
June 13th

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- Help us reach our goal of raising a remaining \$45,000 in general operating funds by making a financial gift.
- Donate Staples Rewards points to help us purchase supplies.
- 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.

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.

A Day in Washington D.C.

On Friday May 25th our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students took an educational field-trip to Washington D.C.



H.P.C.A. students at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Led by Miriam Nesbitt, the students and chaperones were able to see numerous historical landmarks and monuments such as the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial among others.

As you can see from the pictures, it was a great day for our students and staff in the nation's capital.



H.P.C.A. students (left to right) Gloria, Samara, and Elisa take an educational quiz at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Thank you Mr. Hubbard-Heitz



One of the ways God continues to provide for H.P.C.A. is by bringing great teachers to instruct and shepherd our students. Unfortunately, the end of the 2011-12 school year will also mark the beginning of a transition for Mr. Hubbard-Heitz, our middle school Language Arts instructor as he will begin work toward his Master of Divinity degree at Wake Forest University in the Fall.

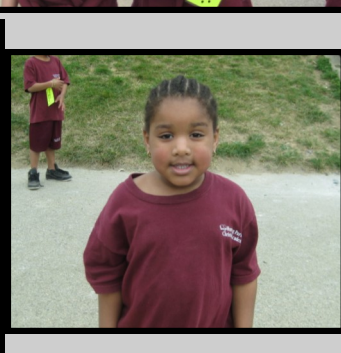
Looking back on the year, Mr. Hubbard-Heitz said one of his favorite memories was the collective reading of the gospel of Mark by the 6th grade class during morning devotions. He said that "as we read, we maintained a running list of answers to the question 'What is the good news of Jesus Christ?'" Once we finished the book, students formed groups to create posters answering that question for themselves. It was so rewarding to see and hear the students present what they learned about Jesus."

There is no doubt that we at H.P.C.A. will greatly miss the leadership and teaching Mr. Hubbard-Heitz brought to the classroom. More importantly though, we are thankful for the time and effort he gave to our students and families during the 2011-12 school year.

In closing, Mr. Hubbard-Heitz would like to offer this piece of advice for students at H.P.C.A.:

"Never doubt that you are loved by God. Never doubt that the person next to you is loved by God. And never doubt that together we are called to love all of God's creation."

RACE FOR EDUCATION 2012



On April 18th, 2012, HPCA held its 7th Annual Race for Education. Grades Pre-K through 8th each ran for one hour with the support of their sponsors.

It was truly wonderful to see over 200 students, 9 special runners, and 40 volunteers help to make this day successful. In total, participants ran a total of 2,359 laps. With the help of our donors, we have raised about \$22,000. 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.