



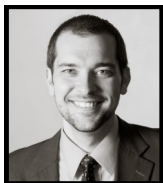
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Transforming Hearts and Minds



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Principal

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" - Revelation 21:5

When speaking of the end of it all, the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem, God says, **"I am making everything new!"** God's redemptive work, throughout scripture and history, leads us to this wonderful, complete restoration. One verse earlier, a voice declared, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, **for the old order of things has passed away.**" God's final restoration includes the world's polluted methods and unjust systems – He is going to change how everything operates!

HPCA exists to participate in similar restorative work in Philadelphia. We are trying change the way education operates in our community. It is no small task, and we rely on the Spirit of God. We, with hundreds of committed, generous partners, work to offer hope and holistic transformation for our students.

So, how are we doing? Each year, we take the pulse of our parents to learn about their perspectives and to discover what we can improve. Here are some parent quotes from a recent open-ended survey:

"I love the way parents and children are welcomed with such enthusiasm and love. I worked in another school system and was able to see firsthand how the lack of a Christian environment affected the children in every aspect."

"I love how it feels like one big family! I am continuing to choose HPCA because I love the culture and how happy my daughter gets when she walks through the school door!"

"My child was having issues academically. I emailed and in five minutes was contacted. My child was not put on a back burner but on a priority list."

"Last year, I had to put my son into another school. It was unsafe, unorganized, and unfriendly. My child's work and behavior began to reflect that. In February, my first priority was running to HPCA and re-enrolling my son. I plan to do so until he graduates."

"The love that is shown to our students is like none I have ever seen."

As in years past, parents most love our caring staff, our Christ-centered approach, and the quality of our education. This year, however, many parents commented that **their children love coming to school each day.** It is truly exciting to know that, while challenging students to grow and learn at a high level, they respond by loving it! That speaks volumes about our staff, students, and our HPCA family.

Restorative work will continue until the new Jerusalem comes; the call of the Lord demands it. Next year, we have plans to continue to stretch and grow. We will begin to construct a reading intervention system tailored to our students. We will continue to develop our own Christ-based counseling. We have also committed to raise teacher salaries more than ever – a plan that we hope continues for multiple years. It is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing at HPCA! Thank you for the vital role you play as we all work together within God's restorative plan.

Upcoming Events...

Kindergarten Graduation
June 13th, 10:00 am

8th-Grade Graduation
June 14th, 10:30 am

Back-to-School Work Days
*Saturday, August 12th
& Saturday, August 19th*

WAYS TO HELP

- Make a financial contribution to support the work of HPCA
- **PA Business Owners:** Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC and receive a 90% tax credit (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Join our e-mail prayer team
- Include HPCA in your estate planning
- **Participate in Back-to-School Work Days (see above)**
- Send us your Box Tops for Education and used ink.
- Organize a donation drive for Good Stuff Thrift Store
- Organize a donation drive for back-to-school supplies (see website or e-mail us for a list of needed supplies)

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.

Congratulations

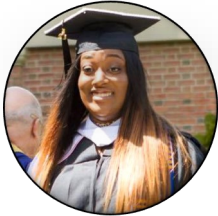
We are so proud of our HPCA alum who just earned their degrees. Here are a few recent graduates:



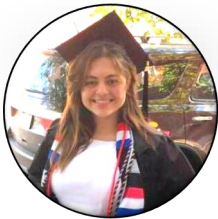
Jonel Gibson
West Chester University
Bachelor of Science in
Communications Disorders



Joliza Gibson
Penn State University
Bachelor of Arts in
Psychological and Social
Science



Marquita Jones
Wesley College
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal
Studies (concentrations: History,
Psychology, and English)



Anissa Mejias
West Chester University
Bachelor of Arts in History
(American) with a minor in
Deaf Studies

2017 BASKETBALL TEAM



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAM FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON REPRESENTING HPCA.

MANY THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED COACHES, MR. MOORE AND MR. RIVERA, FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND TIME!

THANK YOU, DOYLESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are so thankful for members of Doylestown Presbyterian Church who organized their own Race for Education, right after services, to benefit HPCA! Thank you to everyone who walked or donated funds!



≡ 2017 RACE FOR EDUCATION ≡



On April 26th, HPCA held its 12th Annual Race for Education in Hunting Park. Our students and special runners ran/walked for one hour with the support of their sponsors.

Together, participants ran a total of 2,756 laps (689 miles). The total amount of contributions (including pledges) is \$43,600, making this our most successful Race for Education, by \$10,000! This funds will go toward replacing all our classroom doors this summer. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support!

Many thanks to our volunteers and business sponsors, including Chick-Fil-A at Northeast Tower Center, Coca-Cola, our special runners, parent supporters, and a generous donor who blessed us with awesome Race for Education shirts.

Because we beat our goal, our principal, Mr. Deane, had to get a pink mohawk, shave his beard, and ride a baby T-rex! Check out pictures of this (and more Race for Education pictures) at: www.hpcaphilly.org/2016-2017.cfm.

