



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Transforming Hearts and Minds



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HPCA IS NOW ACCREDITED BY MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS!



"Why I Just Can't Stay Away"

by Gabriel Wang-Herrera, HPCA Parent and Board Member

"I can't stay away from HPCA!" That should be my slogan from now on because I simply love the students, staff and even the building. I feel blessed to have been able to serve HPCA as a Kindergarten teacher, Director of Development and now as a parent, Board Member, and fill-in substitute teacher. It seems like I will be connected with HPCA in some way for the rest of my life, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I recently subbed in fifth grade and enjoyed every moment of it. Mr. Figueiredo had the lesson plans and the agenda very well organized and the material was very interesting, too. I was fascinated with what the fifth graders were reading on their own: space exploration and tornadoes. Moreover, they seemed to be enjoying it!



Gabriel with daughter, Mia

That's the clincher for me: the students. I love being around the students. These fifth graders (at least most of them) in particular were quite enjoyable, because six years ago I taught them as Kindergarteners. They are still as inquisitive and entertaining as years before! But they've grown so much. They are showing signs of academic, social and spiritual maturity. I pulled aside most of the students and asked them, "What was the most significant thing you learned this year in fifth grade?" Many of them referred to a Biblical principle or concept that stuck with

them. And that's what I love about HPCA, as well. **We are not simply raising up well-educated and civilized young urban youth, rather we are raising up disciples for Jesus Christ who know how to articulate and convey their thoughts well.** They are also learning the value of encouraging one another, looking out for one another, praying for one another and above all loving one another. It struck me how much they reminded me of a family – granted a huge family, but a family nonetheless.

I cannot imagine my life without HPCA. My oldest daughter, Mia, is now in Kindergarten there and my youngest daughter (and last child!), Juliet, will be entering Pre-Kindergarten next year. But more than that, I am personally invested in the lives of the 190+ other students who attend HPCA. I strongly believe that my family and many other families in the Hunting Park community would be adversely impacted if HPCA were no longer to exist. We must do everything we can to insure that that never happens.

This year, we must raise \$50,000 by August 31 in order to provide for the students of HPCA. We are very thankful for the support we have already received. We ask that you consider joining with us in this time, as the Lord continues to grow and develop our school. Thank you again. May God bless you.

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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.

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- › Highlights from our 4th Annual Race for Education
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FYI

- So far we have raised close to \$130,000! Thank you for the part you have played in getting us this far.
- Now we need to raise another \$50,000 to finish off this present fiscal year (which ends on August 31st, 2009) with a balanced budget! Please continue to pray for us and consider how you can help or inspire others to help.

4th Annual Race for Education



• Thank you to all who sponsored our students and/or donated supplies for our 4th Annual Race for Education held on April 30, 2009.

• Our students ran a combined 605 miles!

• So far we have raised over \$10,500!

• Thank you for your support!

You Can GoodShop for HPCA

If you shop online, you can GoodShop! Simply go to www.goodshop.com and enter "Hunting Park Christian Academy" in the box under "Who do you support?" Next click on any store where you wish to shop. The site will automatically take you to your favorite store's website. After your purchase, HPCA will receive a percentage of your total purchase price—up to 37%! GoodShop also has deals and coupons for some of your favorite retailers. Some of the most popular stores are shown below. Please keep HPCA in mind next time you shop online!



Other Ways YOU Can Help!

- Help us meet our goal of raising \$50,000 by August 31!
- Donate a laptop. We need an additional 16 laptops to complete a class set.
- Collect BoxTops, Campbell's Soup labels, cell phones, and ink cartridges
- Use your Target Visa for HPCA. Our school ID# is 126627.

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Sign up today!