

HPC HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

CA Transforming Hearts and Minds



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A Note from the Principal, Kevin Deane

Greetings and Blessings, Friends of HPCA!

Through the Lord's strength and provision, many exciting improvements and additions are taking place at Hunting Park Christian Academy. We are nearing the end of the winter session of MAP, the computerized standardized testing which our students take three times each year.

I am very excited by the results so far; a large percentage of our students are improving at a rate faster than the national average. Also, many students' scores are higher than the national average!



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We are also beginning a computer literacy program, K to the 8th Power. The students will become familiar with hardware, software, and using the internet – all within reading, math, and writing lessons based on national educational standards. Best of all, the lessons are fun. (Even the teachers had fun during our hands-on training!)

One way we have seen God working out His plan and future for us is the planned construction of a full-size gym and a few classrooms HPCA will be able to utilize nearby. A short time ago, HPCA planned on renovating a building near the school. Recently, Esperanza Health Center, a community-based ministry, was presented with a wonderful opportunity. They were selected as one of only 85 recipients nation-wide to receive a grant which will enable them to construct a large health and wellness center in the same space HPCA had planned to renovate. We felt that health care would be a great asset to our community and school. Esperanza offered HPCA use of the full-size gym and a few classrooms in the new building! Praise the Lord!

Our work continues and the Lord continues to provide for us day by day. That is why I am so thankful for all that you have done and given. Your support makes you co-laborers with us. You are enabling the work of the Lord to impact the lives of children and families in Hunting Park, and for that we are grateful.

There are many ways that you can continue your support of HPCA. One way is by considering giving to the school at this time. Another great way to help HPCA is by telling others about our mission and the work being done here. Would you consider supporting us at this time to help us continue providing a quality, affordable Christian education? Thank you and God bless you!

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.

Scholarship Need

This year, we still need to raise \$45,000 in scholarships for our most impoverished students, in addition to the \$190,000 we need to raise for general operating costs.

To contribute to the scholarship fund, please make a check payable to HPCA, with "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- ▣ Support the mission of HPCA with a financial gift. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.
- ▣ **Run in the Race for Education on Wednesday, April 21st.** (see enclosed paper for details)
- ▣ Send us your used ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling.
- ▣ Donate a new or gently used laptop. We need **12** more for a complete class set.

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"Blessed are the Peacemakers" by Katie Mansfield, Art Teacher at HPCA



"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also... You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies."
 Matthew 5:38-39, 43-44a

In January, Langhorne Presbyterian Church took a "Peace-Making Offering" for Hunting Park Christian Academy. In response to this offering our art classes discussed and created art that portrays peace instead of violence.

We first studied the prevalence of violence in action movies, video games, television shows, and in our neighborhoods. Together as a class, we discussed ways to respond peacefully in difficult situations. We talked about Jesus and how His whole life was a Way of Peace. Even to the cross, Jesus remained peaceful.

When I asked students why we should be peaceful, they responded that it was what Jesus said to do...we are supposed to love each other.



Congratulations Award Recipients!

On Wednesday, February 3rd, honor roll and diligence awards were given to students in first through eighth grades. To the right, some of our recipients shared their thoughts on why doing their best in school is important.

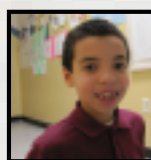


Honor Role and Diligence Award Stats:

- 28 students made honor roll, earning all A's and no more than 2 B's and showing good effort and behavior.
- 22 students earned the diligence award by showing excellent effort in all subjects.

Isaiah, 1st Grade

"I like to learn a lot. I like to learn about adding vowel sounds in words. It's important to do all our classwork and homework. If we don't try hard, we won't make it to second grade."

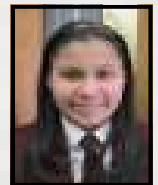


Geno, 3rd Grade

"It's important to get good grades. It's fun to learn new things everyday that you didn't know before about math, English, and science."

Isamar, 6th Grade

"I told myself the I was going to try to get all straight A's this year. I haven't gotten honor roll a lot and wanted to try hard to get it for all four quarters."



Kayla, 8th Grade

"School helps you get where you need to be in life. I want to go to college and have a career so that I could do something that I like to do, like be a doctor. It's important to focus and not procrastinate."