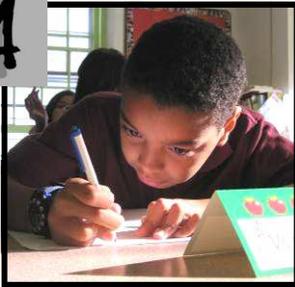


# HPC HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Transforming Hearts and Minds

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### HELLO, FRIENDS OF HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!

I am sitting at my desk, writing to you on the eve of HPCA's annual International Night. For the past few weeks, students have been hard at work learning about ten countries from six different continents and creating various artifacts, displays, flags, and more. It has been a blessing to see and hear the students as they learn about a diverse set of countries and cultures.

This eclectic mix of nations reminds me of HPCA. It all begins with our single, yet multi-faceted, Lord. And the diversity continues – not just in the students and families, although they are diverse. Not just in the faculty and staff. And not just in the various social and academic curricula to which students are exposed. These are all significant parts of the diversity that makes up our school community, but it is not a full view.

**To complete the true picture of HPCA, I think of you.** Our supporters uphold the school, and I am so thankful. You are more than an extension of the HPCA body; **you are vital, active members.** What a beautiful picture of the Word of God being lived out on Earth!

There are many instances I could reference to highlight your support, from your prayers, to your time, to your gifts. One example is our scholarship fund. Last summer, HPCA appealed for help with our scholarship need. Over the past six months, we received scholarship support in many different ways, including special gifts, an increase in monthly donors, and church-led drives. **Due to your support, HPCA has reached its scholarship goal for the current year!** We know that raising scholarship funds each year is a challenge, and will continue to be, so we thank you for your support!

We raise money for our scholarship fund to support many of our families, but this fund is in addition to the general costs of operation. Altogether, HPCA must raise about 50% of its budget each year. We thank you for your support. At this time, we are asking you to consider continuing (or beginning) your partnership with HPCA. **Would you be willing to be an active member of HPCA by supporting the students and entire school community with your prayers, time, or a financial gift?** We still need to raise about \$87,000 to meet our goal by August 31, 2011. I thank God that He has provided such a diverse body of supporters for Hunting Park Christian Academy! Thank you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CAREER DAY**  
Wednesday, March 2nd

**EASTER PROGRAM**  
Friday, April 15th - 7:00 pm

**RACE FOR EDUCATION**  
Wednesday, May 4th

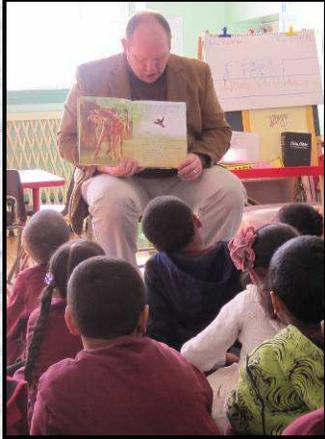
### WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- Help us reach our goal of raising \$184,000 in general operating funds by making a financial gift.
- **Run in the Race for Education on Wednesday, May 4th.** (see enclosed paper for details)
- Send us your used ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling.
- Use [www.goodshop.com](http://www.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.

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# Children's Author Visits HPCA



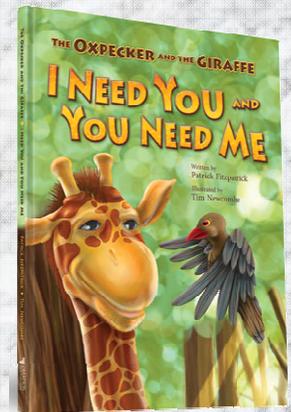
This month, we had the pleasure of having Patrick Fitzpatrick, author of I Need You and You Need Me (The Oxpecker and the Giraffe Series), visit our pre-kindergarten through 2nd-grade classrooms to read his book to our excited students.

This delightful story tells of the reciprocal relationship between the oxpecker and the giraffe and how God designed them to need each other. Ethan, a first-grade student, noted, "That book was not just about animals. It was also about God."

In addition to reading his book, Mr. Fitzpatrick also answered questions about his process of writing.

Angie, a first-grade student, asked, "How did you think of all those rhymes?" Mr. Fitzpatrick responded by encouraging the students to expand their vocabulary so that they will be able to think of rhyming synonyms. When asked how many days it took him to write the book, he shared that he originally wrote the book eight years ago as a poem to his sons. Friends and family encouraged him to turn it into a children's book. Mr. Fitzpatrick exhorted all the students to go home and write down their own stories.

We are very thankful for the opportunity that our students had to meet a published author and be challenged to continue in their own learning.



## ALUMNA RETURNS TO HPCA

For the past few weeks, Adrianna Gonzalez, an alumna from our first graduating class of 2004, has been observing our kindergarten class. She is currently an early childhood education student at Penn State Abington and requested to fulfill her observation requirements at HPCA. We are thrilled to welcome her back!

Adrianna feels that HPCA prepared her to be a self-motivator and an independent person. She felt very prepared for high school and college because the teachers at HPCA always had very high expectations for their students and encouraged them to succeed.

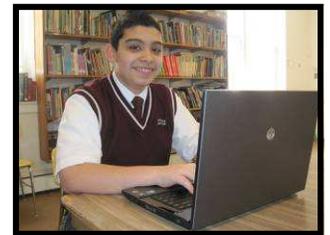


Adrianna is interested in early childhood education because she enjoys working with children. She wants to make a difference in our future leaders and impact the lives of the children in her community. After graduation, she plans to find a position teaching in a private school.

We are excited to see what the future holds for Adrianna and delighted to be a part of her continuing education.

## NEW LAPTOPS!

In January, thanks to gifts from generous individual donors and Doylestown Presbyterian Church, we were finally able to purchase 10 new laptops to complete our computer lab! Praise God!



For the first time ever, we were able to simultaneously test an entire class using the NWEA MAP, our standardized test given three times a year.

We are excited for our students to begin utilizing the new laptops and increase their computer literacy.

**Many thanks to our donors who made this possible!**