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Transforming Hearts and Minds



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Principal

STANDING FIRM

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

- Psalm 27: 13-14

A student and his father walked into my office in mid-July this past summer, inquiring about re-enrollment. The family had moved the student to a new school after the end of the 2011-2012 school year. I asked them what sparked their desire to come back, and the father said that his son had repeatedly asked to return. When I asked the student what made HPCA so different and special, he quickly gave me two reasons. First, he could learn without worrying about fights or constant classroom disruptions and with his second reason he humbled me and made me proud of our students and faculty. **He said that he is free to be himself at HPCA. He said, "I can just be me."** What a testimony of hope!

The father testified that the student asked often, even daily at points, to return. This student stood firm in his desire. (And, yes, he is enrolled in HPCA and doing well.) Our school theme this year, coincidentally, is "Standing Firm." The staff and students of HPCA are examining and practicing what standing firm on God really means. We have asked, *What is at the bottom of everything?* When you dig, get rid of the mess, the stuff, the clutter, the good works, when you get to the bottom, what is left? As with everything in life, it all begins with God our Rock and the foundation of His Word. As a school community, we are choosing to stand and build on His foundation.

This year marks HPCA's 15th year! Praise God for keeping us and growing us! We are so thankful that students have been able to find hope and a strong learning community. And we are thankful to you, for bearing the burden of educational justice along with us. As we build on a sure foundation in this, our 15th year, I am reminded of the encouraging imperative from Psalm 27 (*above*). It is only in the Lord that standing and building happen simultaneously with waiting. I invite you to wait on the Lord with us, to stand firm on God's foundation with us, and to build with us this year.

FALL GATHERING STANDING FIRM

Friday, November 15th
6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Desserts, Silent Auction, Giving Tree, and Program Celebrating 15 Years! **We will also be premiering our new video, showcasing the lives of two HPCA students.**

at Langhorne
Presbyterian Church
125 E. Gillam Ave.
Langhorne, PA 19047

Please RSVP to Jen Deane
at 215-324-9180 or
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WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$319,000
- **Business Owners:** Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Join our Acts 2 Legacy Circle by including HPCA in your estate planning
- Join our monthly prayer team
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges
- Designate HPCA on your Target REDcard (ID #126627)
- Donate items to GoodStuff Thrift (see back)

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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New Faces of HPCA



Megan Adams, Kindergarten Teacher

Megan majored in Elementary Education at Indiana Wesleyan University and obtained her master's degree in Educational Methods. She has spent three years teaching second grade in the Dominican Republic. As soon as Megan walked through the doors, she could feel God's presence at HPCA and wanted to be part of the school and impact the community for Christ. This year, she's excited to see her students grow drastically in their knowledge.



Bradley Gee, Office Assistant, Gym Teacher, Coach

Bradley is a Mission Year volunteer originally from Ohio. He is a graduate of Malone University, with a degree in Bible and Theology, and he joined Mission Year after hearing Tony Campolo speak on Biblical justice. He has had various experience with children as a Children's Ministry Coordinator and a camp counselor. He is extremely passionate about teaching and sports and is excited to get to know the kids and let them get to know him.



Meredith Soto, Art Teacher

Meredith completed her undergraduate degree in Art Education at Messiah College, then received her Master's of Education from Tyler School of Art. She has taught art in Philadelphia public schools for 10 years and also has her own pottery business, Dandelion Pottery. She is a member of Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church and wanted to teach in the community where she attends church. Meredith is excited to teach at a Christian school where she can freely share about God and His creation. She also loves being surrounded by Christian coworkers.

PRAISES

- Thanks to your support, we were able to meet our budgetary goal and raise about \$314,000 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Thank you!!!
- Many thanks to New Hanover United Methodist Church's VBS, who raised nearly \$5200 for 54 new desks and 8 new nap mats for Pre-K.
- We received nearly \$1900 in school supplies donated by NHUMC, Cornerstone Presbyterian, Langhorne Presbyterian, and Supplee Presbyterian.
- We are at capacity with 204 students and families on the waiting list.

Our 2013-2014 HPCA Staff



Good Stuff Thrift is now open in Doylestown! A portion of the profits goes directly to Hunting Park Christian Academy.

Drop off donations at 3633 N. Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA 18902.

They are accepting items in great shape, such as clothing, household items, jewelry, books, CDs, toys, electronics, sporting goods, furniture, pianos, large appliances, etc. Donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, or to arrange pickup for larger items, call 267-454-7951.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

This year, we are excited to award special scholarships to three students who have shown strong leadership potential and/or academic excellence.

Lisa Weidman Scholarship, Alena and Justin (6th grade)

This scholarship was created by the Weidman family in honor of Lisa Weidman. She loved helping people use their gifts to serve God, so the award was given to students who displayed potential in this area. Justin hopes to be an example to younger grades by encouraging them to be leaders, not followers. Alena wishes to pray for students who are going through tough times and encourage them to not give up.



Andrew Heyer Scholarship, Adrian (8th grade)

This scholarship was created in honor of Andy Heyer, a board member who recently resigned. Andy was on the board since the inception of the school and has served as both Treasurer and President. This award was given to the top performing math student in this year's eighth grade class. Adrian has attended HPCA since pre-kindergarten. In addition to being strong academically, Adrian also participates in basketball, soccer, chess and math clubs and is the Student Government President.

